

COUNTY COUNCIL DID BIG WEEK'S WORK

(Continued from page 1.)
Children's Hospital, Toronto, was granted \$500, the grant to the Salvation Army was cut down from \$425 to \$100, and the Institute for the Blind was denied any grant at all.

Outside Auctioneers Pay Double.
Auctioneers from outside the county will have to pay \$50 for the privilege if they wish to do business in Grey County, provided that they live in counties where the rates are higher for Grey County auctioneers. Auctioneers who live and operate within the bounds of the county will still pay the annual \$25 fee. Such was the decision of the Council committee of the whole on the matter when it was brought up in a report of the Finance Committee.

The report at first recommended that all outsiders be charged \$50 but this was objected to by Deputy Reeve John Lockhart of Osprey, who stated that in his township an auctioneer was often secured from Dufferin County and that those holding sales would have to pay extra if the license were paid. He pointed out that Dufferin did not discriminate against Grey County men.

Reeve John T. Miller thought the idea of doubling the fee for outsiders a good one, since it protected the Grey County men from outside competition.

Reeve Taylor of Osprey hit a happy medium when he suggested that where other Counties discriminated against Grey County men, Grey County should discriminate against men in those counties, and this was what was agreed to. Since County has doubled the rates for outsiders, and one auctioneer wrote the Council asking that Grey County do the same against outsiders. He also suggested that the rate for Grey County men be reduced five or ten dollars, but this was not entertained by the Council.

Ex-Reeve Hunt Makes Report.
Ex-Reeve H. W. Hunt of Bentinck, who last year was chairman of the County Property Committee, and chairman of special committees in connection with the county property sent in four reports on the work of these four committees, which were read by Reeve Calder of Durham. These reports dealt with the laying of the floor in the North Grey Registry Office, the repairs to the Children's Shelter, the changes to the South Grey Registry Office heating system, and the attempted sale of the old Children's Shelter property at Owen Sound.

In the case of the floor for the North Grey office, a cement floor had been laid and a composition asphalt had been laid on top of the cement at a cost of \$275. The report recommended that the floor be finished with a coat of shellac or varnish.

The committee had advertised the old Children's Shelter building for sale, but there were no tenders.

The heating plant in the South Grey Registry Office had been changed, at a cost of \$110, and it is estimated that the plant will save enough fuel in two years to pay for the change.

The tender of A. R. Lundy was accepted for the fire escape at the Children's Shelter at \$426, and the company will be paid this amount when its work has been passed by a competent inspector. Mr. Trout was given authority to have necessary repairs made.

These reports were all adopted.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

Big Lot of Work Done.
No less than ten by-laws were given two readings and were considered in the committee of the whole at the Friday session. A deputation was heard as well, and committee reports were presented. The County Treasurer, County Crown Attorney and Sheriff also addressed the Council briefly on matters of importance and the entire afternoon was one filled full of business in an endeavor to get the business of the county cleaned up after a late start on account of the weather.

The Council was appealed to by Mrs. Down, President of the Grey County Women's Institute, and Mr. H. H. Burgess, President of the Grey County Children's Aid Society, to make a grant this year toward the work which would obviate the necessity of having to make appeals for assistance to the public.

Mrs. Down was introduced by Mr. Burgess, who spoke of the work of the society in saving children who were neglected, or abused, or in other ways did not have a normal chance in life. The work of the agent of the society, Mr. Trout, he felt sure was well known to the members of the Council. The society

had hopes that the Council would put it on the same footing as the home in Markdale. It required about \$4,000 per year to meet the expenses of the work, and he explained the sources from which the funds came. It is necessary each year to raise from \$1,500 to \$2,000 by collecting in small amounts. With the voluntary contributions falling off, the society was finding great difficulty in meeting the expenses of the work. He felt that the amount asked, \$2,000, would be only one-fifteenth part of a mill on the assessment. The money is spent entirely among the dependent children of the County.

Mrs. Down made a strong appeal for the society, and she explained the aims and objects of the Women's Institutes. She stated that there was not a township in the county which had not been benefited by the work. The donations help, but they are not satisfactory. She pointed out that other counties in the province were maintaining their Children's Shelters in this way. Warden McTavish promised Mrs. Down that the appeal would have the consideration of the Council.

The County Treasurer, Mr. John Parker, gave a brief review of the present financial standing of the County. In compliance with the rule of the county, the taxes of the county have all been collected in advance. The total tax is \$234,710.28, all of which has been collected, at the rate of 8 mills on the dollar on an assessment of 29 million dollars.

The amount expended on County Roads in 1923 was \$179,654.88; on Suburban Area Roads, \$43,787.76; on Provincial Highways, \$26,426.25. Mr. Parker pointed out the increase in the amount of money spent on education. This year the County spent approximately \$46,500 on education, while in 1903 only \$9,000 was spent, and in 1913, \$24,000. These figures do not include Government grants. The total debt of the County at the present time is \$335,000 against which there is a sinking fund of \$70,000. Mr. Parker gave other figures indicating the county's financial standing.

County Crown Attorney Dyre addressed the Council on the matter of the County Constabulary. Since the High Constable of the County had ceased to operate, the Sheriff had become the High Constable. It is not the duty of the sheriff to do more than supervise the work of the County Constables. There are about one hundred of them in various parts of the County, and he regretted to say that many of them had ceased to be as efficient as they once were. He suggested that each municipality send in to the Sheriff a list of two or three good men who could be appointed as constables. He pointed out that the municipal councils can appoint these same men as officers under the Ontario Temperance Act, and that any fines collected through their work would go to the municipality instead of to the province. His object in having the office brought up to the mark is to cut crime down as low as possible in the County of Grey.

Sheriff Wilson stated that the present list of constables was of very little use, since many of them had moved away, died, or had grown past the active years of life. He mentioned the instructions book, which was compiled by Crown Attorney Dyre, and he suggested that a gathering or gatherings be held at which the newly-appointed men could gather and receive instructions so that they would know their duties.

Speaking on the matter of trout fry for streams, Sheriff Wilson stated that application forms for trout fry could be filled in between now and March or April. The County History was making some progress also, and the committee in charge had decided to make it into one good sized volume. A canvass of the County is to be made for subscribers to the book.

The report of the Roads and Brid-

ges Committee, dealing entirely with accounts, was presented by Reeve Miller of Euphrasia, and adopted. The Printing Committee reports presented by Deputy Reeve Hogarth, also dealt with accounts and recommended that the Clerk advertise for tenders for the printing of the minutes and of the promotion examination papers. The report gave the clerk and the chairman power to award the contract. The report was adopted.

The Communications and Memorials Committee report was read by Mr. Neil Calder. It recommended that the Council take no action in the matter of the request from the Council of Ontario County asking the Grey Council to concur in memorializing the Provincial Legislature in connection with Hydroelectric Power and Transmission.

The report appointed the members to the Advisory Board of Agriculture for the County and recommended that action be deferred to the June session on the request of the representative pending further information and consideration. The report also recommended that a resolution be passed concurring with the request of the Hastings Council that action be taken to have the Provincial Legislature amend the Act that municipalities will be relieved of liability in connection with accidents on graded roads.

There was some discussion on the matter of the Advisory Board of Agriculture, but the report was finally passed without being amended.

The Warden's Committee report was presented by Reeve Bothwell. This was used as a reply to the Warden's address. The report complimented the Warden on his elevation to the high office, and the municipality from which he came. The committee were satisfied that the heartiest spirit of co-operation would be manifested. It was noted with pleasure the remark in the report regarding the spirit of co-operation which was springing up between rural and urban centres, and the increasing interest which is be-

ing taken in matters of agriculture which, the report stated, would hasten the day when all Canadians would be co-operators in the highest sense of the word. The report advised caution in the maintenance and construction on the plan of ability to pay, in the County Roads system. Other clauses in the Warden's comprehensive address were commented upon favorably. The report was adopted without discussion.

No less than ten by-laws were given their first and second readings, and were considered in committee of the whole, with Reeve Smith of Shallow Lake in the chair.

Reeve S. H. Breeze of Chatsworth was re-appointed a member of the Judicial Board of Audit for 1924, with his remuneration fixed at \$4 a day and 10 cents a mile for distance travelled.

R. G. Chisholm was appointed a member of the Entrance Board of Examiners for East Grey.

A by-law was passed providing for an appropriation of \$28,000 plus the Provincial grant, to be applied by the County for construction, maintenance and repairs to the suburban area roads, which sum represents the amount required by the commission to be expended during the year. The by-law provides that the

city of Owen Sound shall pay half the cost, outside of the Provincial grants, and the city's share is not to run over \$14,000.

County Auditors were appointed, with a salary of \$150 each and 10

cents per mile one way for distance travelled, the County to pay for the typewriting of their reports. The appointees were W. R. Cole of Derby and Walter Hastie of Holstein. (Continued on page 7.)

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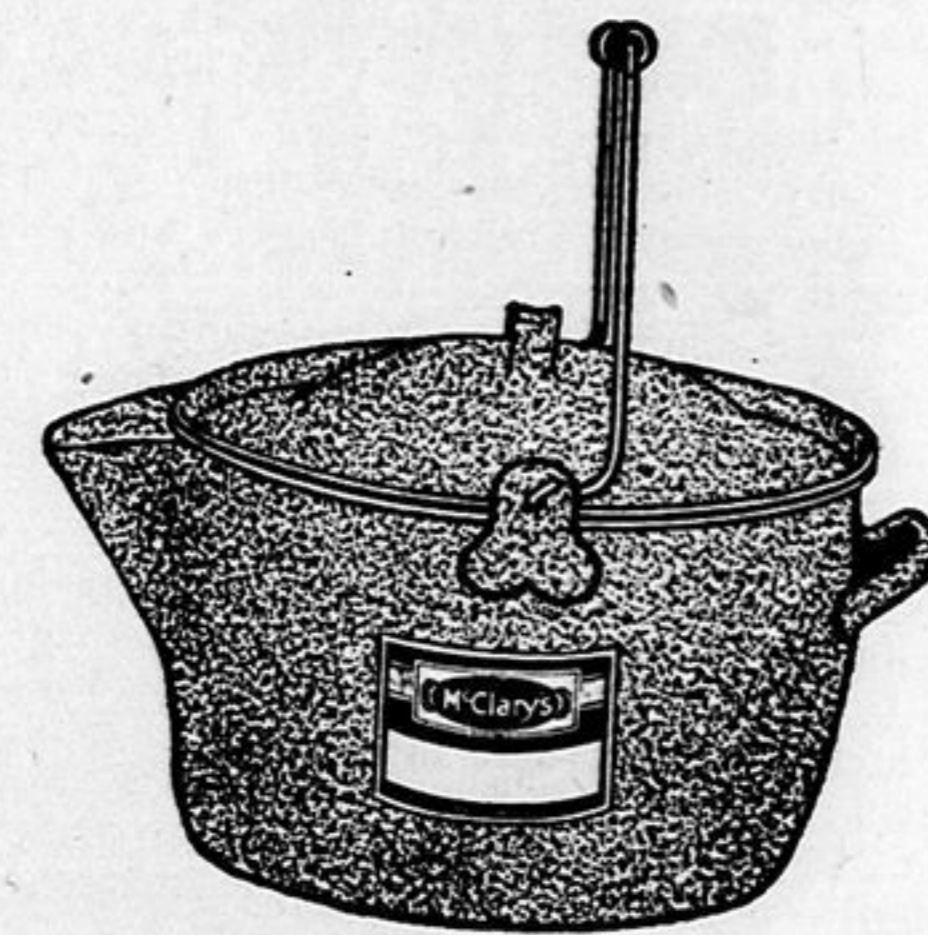
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