

INTERESTS OF SMALLER HOSPITALS ARE TO BE PROTECTED

Minister of Health in Provincial Government Gives Assurance Re Legislation Proposed That Will Affect Standing.—Hon. Dr. Jamieson Addressed Legislature Last Week in Defense of Smaller Town Hospitals.

Since the first shot was fired some months ago by the Incorporated Association of Nurses in their effort to have legislation passed that would make impossible the operation of hospitals in the smaller towns and villages throughout Ontario, these smaller institutions have had no better champion than Hon. Dr. Jamieson, of Durham, the member for South Grey. At the time the campaign was launched, Dr. Jamieson placed himself or record as wholly opposed to any such high-handed measure and has at every opportunity advocated the cause of the smaller hospitals, one of the best things to be established in rural Ontario in years.

The legislation asked for by the Nurses' Association demanded that every hospital in Ontario be compelled to have both a night and day matron, and other demands, if acceded to, would have automatically closed the doors of easily ninety per cent of the hospitals located outside the larger cities. The legislation meant, in short, that institutions like the Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital, which is doing as good and often better work than many of the larger ones, would have been closed for no other reason than that the nurses had banded together and framed the drastic demands that would place in the hands of a few that which belongs to the many.

Following is a verbatim report of what Dr. Jamieson said in the Legislature last week when he devoted a few minutes to discussing the question of small country hospitals in his speech on the report of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee. It is of interest to those who want to see our small-town hospitals fairly

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MRS. GAGNON PRESIDENT METHODIST LADIES' AID

Annual Meeting Held Thursday in Methodist Church.—Missionary and Red Cross Quilts Completed.

The Sunday School room of the Methodist Church presented a busy scene on the afternoon of Thursday, April 2nd, when the Ladies' Aid held their annual meeting. Two quilts, one for the Red Cross Hospital, and one for the missionary bazaar, were stretched across the room, and nearly all the women of the church were soon at work plying their needles. The hum of the voices kept pace with the busy fingers for three or four hours, when a halt was called by the president to attend to a few items of business before proceeding with the election of officers for the new year.

The proceeds of the concerts given by artists from the White Bureau, Boston, and several sales of home made cake and socials enabled the ladies to purchase a rug for the dining-room, to varnish and grain some of the rooms of the parsonage, to paper the walls and to provide some rugs for one of the bedrooms, also to purchase a stove and some much needed aluminum utensils for the kitchen in the church.

Many calls were made on the sick and shut in members of the church, and flowers and fruit were distributed amongst them and the sick in the hospital.

The election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Gagnon; Vice-President, Mrs. McCrae; Treasurer, Mrs. George Moore (all re-elected); Secretary, Mrs. Yaris; Committee for visiting hospital for April, Mrs. (Dr.) Wolfe and Mrs. Sparling; Committee for preparing the sacrament, Mrs. Sparling and Mrs. Aljoe; Decorating Committee, Mesdames Moon, Wilson, Hugill; Flower Committee, Mesdames Hay and Glass; Parsonage Committee, Mesdames Aljoe, Knechtel and Wolfe; Ways and Means Committee, Mesdames Gagnon, Glass, Hugill, Hay and Moon; Visiting Committee, East Ward, Mrs. C. Moore and Mrs. Whitmore; West Ward, Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Knechtel; North, Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Milburn.

BUS AND DRAY BUSINESS CHANGED HANDS

Mr. Albert Livingstone Took Over George McMeeken Business Yesterday.

The deal was closed yesterday afternoon whereby Mr. Albert Livingstone purchased the bus and dray business of Mr. George McMeeken, conducted by the latter for the past five years. Mr. Livingstone took over the business yesterday. Since acquiring the business here, Mr. McMeeken has made many improvements by the purchase of good trucks, until today it is as good as bus and dray business as can be found in any of the smaller towns. We are not informed as to what Mr. McMeeken's future plans are.



HON. DR. JAMIESON, M.L.A., Chairman of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee, who spoke in the interests of the smaller hospitals of Ontario in the Legislature last week.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON DURHAM'S HALF-HOLIDAY

During May, June, July, August and September.—Good Discussions at Meetings of Merchants Last Week and This.—Stores Open Wednesday Nights.

Durham's half-holiday, as in former years, will be Thursday afternoon during May, June, July, August and September, regardless of whether or not a holiday occurs in any particular week. The stores will be open Wednesday nights, and the usual band concert given.

This was the decision arrived at on Tuesday night of this week at an adjourned meeting from last Friday, when the vote was a tie.

At Friday's meeting, several voiced the opinion that Durham should adopt the plan of other towns and hold their weekly half-holiday on Wednesday afternoon with no open night during the week except Saturday, but after a thorough discussion of the matter, the business men considered that the increased business and hand concerns on Wednesday nights had justified the policy to change, especially as the surrounding country evidently appreciated the mid-week open night and the entertainment provided by the Citizens' Band. With the Band in better shape than ever this year, it was felt the town would have even more to offer to Wednesday night shoppers.

At Friday night's meeting, an interesting talk was given the business men by C. A. Beal, of the Retail Merchants Association, who spoke on the important subject of "Hawkers and Peddlers." Mr. Beal said that the present provincial law was not a good one, but that it was expected a new statute acceptable to the Retail Merchants Association and the public generally would be passed this session.

The Association five years ago had asked for legislation on this matter, an important one to the business men of the smaller towns, but nothing had yet been done. Premier Ferguson had expressed the opinion that it was only fair that mail order houses in the larger centres should contribute to the support of the towns in which they did business, and the Association is assured the matter will be taken up before the House closes and new legislation passed.

Regarding hawkers and peddlers, the bill before the House at present asked for a license fee of \$100 in towns and \$50 in villages. The Association had appeared before the Agricultural Committee and the Chairman, Hon. Dr. Jamieson, was greatly impressed with the justice of their demands. Six weeks ago, the Government interviewed a deputation from the Association, and at another conference on Tuesday last week, the proposed legislation was more fully gone into. By the new Act, while it would affect itinerant traders such as tea agents and certain peddlers, the expert salesmen of certain manufacturing concerns would be exempt. Another thing the Association asked for was the increasing of the transient trader's license from \$250 as it now stands to \$500 annually.

Mr. Beal said that the Association was carefully and efficiently looking after the interests of the retail merchants and that it even now receives a copy of every bill before the House. Manufacturers who sell to the retailer, and also to the consumer, would also be more efficient and less complicated system of egg grading was being asked for.

The following are the local officers for this year:

President, D. C. Town; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. McComb; Executive Committee, S. McBeth, T. M. McFadden, H. Cross, J. H. Hunter and J. F. Irwin.

RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

Mr. Charles Kennedy and Mrs. Walter Ewing of Bunessan received word this week that their sister, Miss Mary Kennedy, who underwent a serious operation Wednesday last week in the Toronto General Hospital, is doing nicely. Miss Kennedy, a former resident of this vicinity, is a resident of Toronto, where she has lived for several years, and is well known in Glenelg.

GREY LOSES ONE SEAT IN LEGISLATURE

Redistribution Committee of Legislature Not Yet Decided.—County Boundaries Generally Adhered To.

In the broad matter of the ridings which are to be affected, the redistribution committee of the Ontario Legislature has, with one exception, completed its work. It is announced accordingly, that in the map of Ontario, for provincial political purposes, the following changes are made: One of three ridings of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington is to be dropped; the two Durham ridings are to be merged; the same action is to be taken with the two Northumberland. Such is the disposition which is made of the eastern part of the province. In the western section, the two Norfolk ridings are merged, one of the Huron ridings disappears, also one of the Bruce Ridings, and one of the Wellingtons.

The one problem which now remains with the committee so far as the general matter of the constituencies to be affected is concerned, is whether South Simcoe, at present represented by Earl Rowe, or Centre Grey, at present represented by Colonel Dougald Carmichael, is to disappear. When this matter is settled, the composition of the next Legislature by constituencies will be definitely known.

In the eastern half of the province, county boundaries have been pretty generally followed by the committee. No rural riding, furthermore, has been left with a population of 15,000 with the exception of Algoma and Manitoulin, in which conditions exist, justifying some concession in the matter of the population unit to be applied to them. Speaking generally, however, 15,000 has been the population unit which the committee has worked and an attack has been made upon the ridings which fail to measure up to this standard, elimination or readjustment of their boundaries being undertaken.

The large problem remaining in the hands of the committee is concerned with city boundary lines. Just what lines shall be followed in cities to which increased representation is to be granted, is furnishing the committee with some dozen questions of nice difficulty.

Since the above was in type, Wednesday's dailies announce that the redistribution committee has decided that Centre Grey, represented by Hon. D. Carmichael, will disappear. Leaving this county two seats. The total number of seats is 111 as before.

MISSION CIRCLE ENJOYED SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Enthusiastic Reports of Work Done During Past Year Presented by Various Secretaries.—Miss E. Twamley Elected President For Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the Methodist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Roy Belfry on Thursday evening, April 2nd. There was a large attendance to enjoy a very fine Easter service, for the Resurrection was the subject prominent in the responsive reading and all the hymns.

Miss Kinnee and Mrs. Farrel had charge of the Study Class. Heralds for the mission fields reported as follows: China, Ada Metcalf; Japan, Elizabeth Kinnee; India, May pan, Elizabeth Kinnee; Italian, Traynor; Syrian, Stella McGrae; Austrian, Mary Saunders; Italian, Adeline Hewitt; Christian Stewardship, Violet Snell; Temperance, Phebe Wolfe.

Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer, which showed that the Circle had had a very successful year both spiritually and financially, with their Easter offering, it was found they had raised over \$100 for the year 1924-25. The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: Hon. President, Mrs. Peters; Vice-President, Miss E. Twamley; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Saunders; Treasurer, Miss Wolfe; Dept. Christian Stewardship, Miss V. Snell; Superintendent, Miss Kinnee; Pianist, Miss McCrae; Press Secretary, Miss Wolfe; Heralds for the mission fields: Japan, Waurita Holmes; China, Ada Metcalf; Indian, Mrs. Giles; French, Emily Smith; Italian, Ethel Hewitt; Oriental, Mrs. Sharp; Temperance, Mrs. C. Moore.

Miss P. Wolfe was appointed the delegate from the Circle to the annual Missionary Convention to be held in Woodstock the last week in May.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction, after which a pleasant half-hour was spent. Mrs. Belfry served a dainty lunch.

FORMER BENTINCK RESIDENT SERIOUSLY ILL IN WEST

Mr. George Morton of Aberdeen received a telegram Monday stating that his uncle, Mr. George Morton of Innisfail, Alberta, was seriously ill. Messrs. George and Alex. Morton and their sister, Miss Bella Morton, left on Tuesday for Innisfail. Mr. Morton has been living alone since the death of his wife, five or six years ago. The late Mrs. Morton was a sister of Mrs. George McKechnie.

Days We'll Never Forget



DIRECT TRAIN SERVICE WITH OWEN SOUND

C. P. R. to Inaugurate New System on Walkerton Branch Early in May.

Announcement was made last Thursday by C. P. R. officials of a new train service which will give direct connection between points on the Walkerton-Saugen branch and Owen Sound. R. McKillop, superintendent for this division, and W. Fulton, district passenger agent, are responsible for the new arrangement which will commence May 4th, or perhaps earlier.

The afternoon C. P. R. train, which leaves Walkerton at 3:50 and connects with the Owen Sound-Toronto to southbound train will, according to present plans, proceed north to Owen Sound, stopping at the various stations en route, arriving at Owen Sound at 5:45. On the return trip, the train leaves Owen Sound at 7:45, connects with the northbound Toronto-Owen Sound train at Saugen Junction, and afterwards makes its usual night run to Walkerton as at present. Full express facilities are to be provided with the new service, which is being tried out as an experiment and will be continued if sufficiently patronized.

Following the inauguration of the new service, the Owen Sound Board of Trade is holding a luncheon on the same date, to which representatives from the various towns along the line from Owen Sound to Walkerton will be invited.

HARDING'S HARDWARE HAS INSTALLED REST ROOM

For the benefit of his patrons and customers, Mr. J. H. Harding last week completed the installation of a ladies' rest room for the feminine portion of his customers who care to take advantage of it. The room is at the rear of the building on the main floor and besides tables, chairs and magazines, a thoroughly modern toilet room has been installed. Mr. Harding now boasts of one of the best-equipped hardware stores in the county and no doubt the public will show its appreciation of his progressiveness.

OCTOGENARIAN WALKED MARKDALE TO DURHAM

Markdale's Oldest Young Man Negotiated Trip Monday With No Bad Results.

Henry Wells, 81 years of age, of Markdale, walked over to Durham on Monday and arrived in town in a good deal better shape than almost any of our young men one-quarter the age would hope for. Tuesday morning the old gentleman took the C. N. R. out of here on a visit to friends at St. Marys.

Mr. Wells is a remarkable man in many ways, and while we have never spoken to him, we have been informed on the best of authority that he is in better shape physically than many around the forty-year mark. Though in his 82nd year, we are told that Mr. Wells is still able to do a good day's work, and when this is said, it means all that it implies—a good day's work.

For a great number of years, Mr. Wells farmed on the 14th of Euphrasia, where by thrift and industry, he accumulated sufficient of this world's goods to insure a comfortable living in his declining years—if they ever come. Some nine or ten years ago, he retired to Markdale, where he lives and works and enjoys life much the same as do the other residents of that thriving village.

Something Worse Teacher (jocularly): "Do you know anything worse than a giraffe with a stiff neck?" Pupil: "Yes, sir." Teacher: "What?" Pupil: "A centipede with corns."

TOWN HALL REPAIRS HELD OVER FOR TIME

Considerable Difference of Opinion Among Councillors Regarding Repairing and Decorating of Town Hall.

The matter of repairing the Town Hall, the installation of a new furnace, and the decorating of Durham's historic municipal theatre was shelved for the time being at least at the Council meeting on Monday night, and a resolution of Councillor Croft to get estimates on the probable cost of a new building with a seating capacity of 500 was carried.

This decision was arrived at after considerable discussion pro and con, none of the Councillors, with exception of Councillor Hunter, being particularly in favor of spending the one thousand dollars required. Tenders for the installation of a furnace ran from \$451 to \$575, though in justice to those tendering, it must be said the higher tender was for a furnace of 100,000 cubic feet capacity, while the lower ones were for the 60,000 capacity heating plant.

Reeve Calder was opposed to spending anything on the old hall, and would agree only to the erection of a new one which could be put up for not more than \$20,000. It was finally agreed to shelve the matter for the present and call for some approximate tenders so that the members would have something to work on, there being too much difference between Reeve Calder's \$20,000 estimate and the \$35,000 suggested by one other member.

Quite a lot of discussion also took place over the street-oiling question, the Reeve contending it was no good and altogether unsatisfactory, suggestion the only remedy for the elimination of the dust nuisance to be the construction of a pavement on Lambton and Garafraxa Streets. Mayor Murdoch laid on the table a communication from an oil-spraying firm who wanted to do the work this year, but so far no action has been taken. In the meantime, the dust continues.

The auditors' report was adopted, and instructions will be given in a few days for the collector to call on all delinquents and make them pay up the 1924 taxes still out.

A loan, asked for by Mr. John McGowan, who is making changes in his milling business, was introduced by the Reeve and discussed, but will be dealt with at a meeting of the Council called for next week, when ratepayers will be expected to attend and go into the matter with the Council.

At the meeting in March, a petition was presented by some of the town teamsters, asking that a license fee of \$10 a year be charged all who engage in the business in Durham. On Monday night, a larger petition, signed by a greater number of teamsters, protesting against the license fee, was presented, and this too was left in abeyance.

The passing of the usual batch of accounts, and the reading of a number of communications, together with other routine business made the Council's April meeting about as lamb-like as departing March.

FORMER LAMLASH MAN INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Confined in Detroit Hospital From Injuries Received When Train Left Rails.

Mr. Thompson Boyd of Lamlash received a telegram Tuesday stating that his nephew, John Boyd, was admitted to a Detroit hospital with injuries received in a train wreck near that city.

Mr. Boyd was employed as a brakeman, and seeing that the car on which he was riding was about to leave the rails, he jumped. While he landed on his feet, he was so badly injured from the shock and otherwise, that his removal to the hospital was ordered.

The young man is a nephew of Mrs. Dan McLean of this town, and was raised by his uncle, Mr. Thompson Boyd of Bentinck.

Smilin' Charlie Says—



"A lot o' these fortunes that're been spent on our ultra-modern life were saved in th' little old fashioned screwed up pocket book."

C. N. E. EMPLOYEE BURIED AT WOODBRIDGE

Not Buried at Weston as Reported Last Week.

While substantially correct, our report last week of the death at Weston of Mr. William R. Turnbull, Jr., contained one or two errors. Mr. Turnbull died at Grace Hospital, Toronto. He was a son of Mr. William R. Turnbull of Thistletown and was born 27 years ago at Walkerton. The funeral on Sunday week from his father's residence was held at Hillcrest cemetery, Woodbridge. Mr. Turnbull was an employee of the Canadian National Electric Railway for five years, and the pall-bearers were mourners, who attended the funeral in uniform. Many beautiful wreaths from the railway company and other friends were placed on the casket as a tribute of respect. Mrs. N. Whitmore and Mr. Nassau Whitmore of Durham attended the funeral.