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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil, or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with truth. -WATSON.

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THE PUBLIC PAYS

The destruction of the County bridge on the Durham road near the cemetery Sunday morning has set a lot of people wondering just how much it costs this country as a whole to have amateur road superintendents and bridge building supervisors. Like other municipal bodies, the County Council (and Grey County is possibly not one whit different than any other) get together the first of the year, appoint the chairmen of the various committees, and start out on a twelve-months' cruise of extravagance and misdirected energy. While there is no manner of telling whether or not the Durham Road bridge would have stood the strain if built differently, still the people would feel a whole lot more satisfied were they sure that everything human had been done in the building of the structure to prevent just such an occurrence taking place as happened last Sunday.

In our opinion, this bridge could have been built to withstand any flood of which the Saugeen River at this point is capable. Our reason for making this statement is that larger and more important bridges have been and are being built in much worse spots than this, and when completed, they are there to stay.

It is the same old question of the amateur vs. the professional. The amateur may get away with a lot of stuff for a time under certain conditions, but when the time comes that something out of the ordinary happens, then is where the professional, with his better experience, rises to the occasion, changes his plans to suit the changed conditions and erects a structure equal to every strain that will be placed upon it. The amateur, on the other hand, blunders along on his original plans, wastes a lot of time, does a lot of guessing, and if he does com-

There is no one in particular to be blamed for under instructions. There is no use blaming the County Roads Commissioner; he was not a bridgebuilder, and possibly did the best he knew how. There is no use in blaming the engineer; he is hired by the day by the Council, was not on the job enough to keep in touch with it as he should, any radical changes without consulting the members of the County Council, who knew possibly less about it than he did.

The proper place to rest the blame is on the whole County Council. They are the ones who should have seen to it that a proper and competent man, a man fully qualified in the art of bridgebuilding, was in charge of the building program, and with the authority to change as deemed necessary, any of the plans, to suit the changed conditions as they arose. It is about time that the citizens of the County made a protest against members of the County Council voting themselves into positions which they are not qualified to fill. It costs too much money.

There are other phases in County work, too, that, to our mind, are run fast and loose. There is a law in effect now requiring all County Road Superintendents to possess certain qualifications along road-building lines. But do they? There is only one man who should hold such a position, and that is a man who has had a thorough training in the work, knows the game from start to finish, and one who can, if the necessity arises, provide the plans, specifications and other data necessary for the carrying on of County work of any kind. This kind of man could be employed at full time and would save the County a lot of money. Of course the County Councillors, some of them, at least, would lose a fat job, but the County would be the gainer in the end. The ordinary County Councillor, unless he is a civil engineer, or has had exceptional road and bridge training under one, is no more fit to superintend the building of roads or bridges than a printer is to fill prescriptions in a drug store. The mere fact of being the Reeve of a municipality does not make a man know any more, nor does it make him proficient for a job for which he has had no training.

One citizen on Monday told THE CHRONICLE | them "go." that he thought it would save the counties of the province a mint of money if the Government would insist on supplying the plans and overseeing the erection of all bridges costing over a certain figure. The Government could supply the engineers at a nominal figure, and, with their knowledge at the disposal of the various municipalities, a more substantial job would be secured that would in the end cost a lot less money.

cost a lot of money to take the "remains" out of the river. A new structure will have to be erected this summer. When the contract is let, we hope to see somebody in charge who will give us a good job, one that will stand for years and not be in danger every April when the spring freshet comes. It may cost a few hundred dollars more at the time, but even that is better than building a new bridge every five or six years.

EARLIER ELECTIONS

Durham Town Council make this year, and that is one in the direction of holding the annual elections on the first Monday in December rather than on the first Monday in January. This, to our mind, is one of the sanest pieces of legislation that they could pass and one which, we feel safe in saying,

would meet with the approval of the electorate almost INITIAL MEETING OF

Just why elections were ever intended to be held on the first Monday in January we fail to understand, nor have we ever heard any person give a reasonable reason. Along about the New Year, the weather is cold and often not fit for the older electors to turn out and register their approval or disapproval of matters municipal. This is also the holiday season, or shortly after, and nearly every householder is too tired of the hustle and bustle of the festive season to want to bother about turning out to vote. The same may be said of the business men. By holding the election in January, the tail end of the holiday season as a rule sees many of with a large attendance from the Mr. and Mrs. Bradley left Monday troit are visiting the latter's sister, the business men tied up in straightening up their stock and in anything but the mood for turning of the representatives present from by way of Detroit, Chicago and out to cast their ballots.

The representatives present from by way of Detroit, Chicago and Minneapolis. They expect to arrive Mrs. Warnock. returned to her

On the other hand, what a difference an election in December would make! The holiday season has R. R. Catton and Miss Myrtle Koch; ing for a couple of weeks with his daughter, Mrs. R. M. Sparling, here, not yet commenced, and with a better assurance of from Queen Street Church: Rev. daughter, Mrs. H. S. Griff. good weather, it is reasonable to suppose that a and Mrs. Peters, Mrs. P. Gagnon, Mrs. James Hopkins returned a at present visiting Mr. Sparling's greater number of the electors would feel more interest in the result and turn out in greater numbers to record their ballots.

No matter what arguments may be made for or against the December elections, the proof that those municipalities which have adopted the plan are enthusiastically in its favor should count for places, singing with the congrega- ports a good trip, an excellent time Tuesday, where she will take radium

LET THE CITIZENS HELP

The time is nearly upon us when the grass will soon be growing and with it the weeds. Would Sound, assisted by twelve ministers and family. it not be well to start now in a campaign to clean J. E. Peters of Durham. Then came from Tuesday to Saturday of last up the town this summer by keeping the grass along the roll call, followed by the ap- week visiting her sister, Mrs. Wilthe streets in good condition and the weeds eradi- pointment of committees, the nom- liam McPherson. cated? A clean-town is a progressive town, and it is marvellous how soon the tidiness habit grows upon a person or a municipality.

This year we think we have a Town Council that will go at least half way with the citizens in an endeavor to make Durham the cleanest looking session was opened by the singing Toronto after spending the winter town in this section of the country. They cannot of a hymn, followed by the scrip- months at their homes. work alone, however, and to succeed, must have the ture reading by Mrs. (Rev.) Smith | Miss Ina Burnett is visiting friends "What about Johnson's pigs," asked whole-hearted support of the citizens. The work, too, must be commenced with the first appearance of growth and kept up till the frost next fall kills session followed. it. The practice of waiting until the burdocks and other weeds have smothered out the grass and then cutting them down is not a good one. Burdocks are an eyesore, but if taken in time are easily killed, Bylaws, by Mrs. Young, representa- Miss Eula Burnett, of the Univerand the improved appearance of the place will amply tive of the Interim Committee of sity of Western Ontario, London, repay any trouble or expense incurred.

The citizens of the town can, with little effort, be of inestimable assistance to the Council in the Owen Sound gave an excellent solo, University, Kingston, is home visitplete a good job, it is attributable to good luck more work. If we but keep the front of our own premises and prayer was offered by Mrs. ing his father, Mr. H. J. Snell, for in spic and span condition by cutting the weeds and raking up the stones, we do not think it will take the collapse of the Durham Road bridge. It is very much persuasion to have the Board of Works folly to blame the inspector; he was there to work | see that the debris is hauled away to the dump. On the front street, especially, the business men could work wonders by looking after the fronts of their own premises, raking up the stones and other accumulations in neat piles, when a man with a team and wagon could soon haul it away. This will not take much time, will be good exercise, and and it is questionable anyway if he could have made | will as well help to keep down the tax rate. If all this work is to be paid for and the Council has to hire men by the day, it will most decidedly cost money, and this outlay we will feel in our tax bills.

It is not only in the matter of the expense that this will prove of great help to the Council. The knowledge that the citizens of the place are behind them will move the Council to greater efforts toward town cleanliness and by next midsummer, we shall scarcely know the place. Let's all try

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The professor-lecturer isn't the only man who brings things home to you that you've never seen before. What about the laundryman?

A newspaper dispatch from Chicago says that one murderer in 110 is executed in the United States. From the number freed during the past year or so, we did not think the percentage was so high.

Now that the Ferguson Government has made known its redistribution bill and has done away with the riding of Centre Grey, what will The Toronto Globe find to yap about?

Road conditions are the most changing things just now and hardly safe for a weekly paper to comment upon. A road that is blocked tight today may be open for traffic tomorrow.

Just wait and see. The fellow who has done the most kicking about the "cold, backward spring" will be the first to do likewise in the hot weather next July and August.

The two Meaford editors are staging a scrap at present. As soon as the roads get fit for travel, we intend running over some afternoon and watch

Miss V. George, a London scientist, says that the human skull is changing in shape. Our faces are growing longer and narrower, she says. No ited time at our disposal, the inwonder, with seven months winter and the price of coal soaring.

The roof of the Gospel Workers' tabernacle final meeting, so far as the Durham at Clarksburg cayed in last week from the accumu-The Durham Road Bridge is down now. It will lation of snow, and the building is reported a total North Wellington Presbyterial of wreck. We don't know what they said, but under the circumstances, we have an idea of what some other people would.

CRISP COMMENT

Our idea of an egotist is the man who thinks his wife ought to call him "Colonel" just because he parts his hair with military brushes.-St. John Times-Star.

Some of the chiefs in the Riffian army have as There is one move we would like to see the in the war, it creates a horrible amount of widows. -London Advertiser.

We are informed that the silk stocking was invented in the sixteenth century, but it is glaringly apparent that not all of it was discovered until quite recently.-Ottawa Journal.

GREY PRESBYTERIAL

ed Churches Attended Opening Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bradley of

Church: Rev. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. home this Saturday night.

J. S. McIlraith, Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. Mr. R. Hunter of Exeter is visit
spending a few weeks with her Mrs. A. C. Kinnee, Mrs. William week ago from a seven months' trip mother at Cargill.

Church's One Foundation." This was health from her extended visit, | daughter, Mrs. Renwick of Toronto, followed by a communion service Mr. Ward Koch of Queen's Uni- came up to see her last week, and of the Lord's Supper conducted by versity, Kingston, is visiting his with Mr. Aitchison, accompanied the Rev. T. Elmer Kenny of Owen parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Koch the patient to Toronto. including Rev. W. H. Smith and Rev. Mrs. W. C. Vollett was in Toronto TO ATTEND CHURCH inations and resoultions. The clos- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown will ham Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F., will ing prayer of the morning session celebrate the golden anniversary of be held on Sunday evening, May 9,

The meeting adjourned for lunch their friends from 3 to 6 p.m. at 12.30, following which the after- Misses Belle Ray and Mary Mor- garding the ravages of the flood that noon session opened at 2 o'clock. This rison of Dornoch have returned to had played havee in the district, of Durham. Mrs. Rutherford of Owen in Toronto. Sound then led in prayer. The read- Mr. C. B. Lawrence left Tuesday Tamson's?" "Aye." "Humph, it's ing of the minutes of the morning for Toronto and expects to be ab- no sae bad as Ah thocht it wis."

Owen Sound; the Constitution and of town this spring. Conference Branch, Toronto and a visited at her home here over the missionary address by Dr. Jean Dow | week-end. Dowkes of Owen Sound.

New Officers Elected

The report of the nominating committee and election of officers fol- week on business. Prayer for the officers was offered Girr were in Palmerston last Thursby Mrs. J. B. Fraser of Owen Sound, as delegates from Knox United

annual meeting were discussed, and M. S. convention of North Wellingthe date and place of meeting left ton presbyterial.

Fraser, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Gardiner. all of Owen Sound; President, Mrs. Durbam church has so long been Mrs. S. H. Breese, Chatsworth; Sec- ciates of many years' standing. retary of Young People's Work, Miss Evans, Owen Sound; Secretary Mission Band, Miss Stevenson, Holstein: Secretaries of Financial Committee, Mrs. Gallagher, Meaford, Mrs. Witson, Owen Sound, and Mrs. (Rev. Latter, Hanover; Strangers' Secretary, Mrs. (Rev.) McCormack, Priceville: Supply Committee Secretary. Mrs. Louis Long, Owen Sound.

The delegates to the Conference Branch were to consist of the officers and three others to be appointed from some of the remote centres who were unable to be present owing to the impassable condition of the roads. The afternoon session closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The evening meeting opened at 7.45 p.m. with the singing of a hymn by the assemblage, followed by prayer. The evening's musical program was provided by Mr. George King in solo, with a selection from a male quartette. The larger portion of time devoted to this session was taken up in an address by Rev. D. C. McGregor, minister of St Andrew's Church, London. Following the singing of a hymn by the congregation, and a prayer of thanksgiving, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Offerings were taken at the afternoon and evening meetings, and we understand a most generous response was the result.

It is to be regretted that a more informative report could not be obtained this week, but with the limaugural meeting of the W. M. S. of Grey Presbytery will have to be passed over with this brief synopsis. congregation was concerned, of the the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at Palmerston. This meeting was the final winding up of the former Saugeen Presbyterial, with which the

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL port a pleasant winter. Though

Mr. George L. Reid, daughter Elizabeth, and son George, also Mr. Gilbert Buerger, all of Bayport, Mich. greeted them the morning after motored over and spent the first of the week with the former's aunt, Mrs. Currie has received word Durham Delegates From Local Unit- Mrs. J. W. Bogle, and Cousin Will, that her son, Russell E. Currie, who

Wiggins and Miss Margaret Law- to the West, where she visited her Mr. H. McCaslin is visiting friends sisters, the first visit they had had this week in Clifford. The Tuesday morning session together in forty years. While West Mr. Walter Dunbar of Detroit is opened with two streams of repre- Mrs. Hopkins visited in Vancouver, visiting at his home in Glenelg. sentatives of the uniting societies Victoria, Kamloops and other points Mrs. Thomas Aitchison, who has entering the church and mingling in British Columbia, as well as in been ill in the hospital here for in a procession to their appointed Alberta and Saskatchewan. She re- some time, was taken to Torontotion the processional hymn, "The and appears much improved in treatment for her trouble. Her

was delivered by Mrs. Logan of their wedding on Saturday, May to Knox United church. 1. They will be at home to receive

Mr. Willet Snell, attending Queen's a few weeks.

Owen Sound the first of the week, Mr. W. Calder is in Toronto this lowed, these latter being afterwards Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Smith, Mrs. R.

The arrangements for the next church attending the concluding W.

Honorary Presidents, Mrs. J. B. in Florida Tuesday night and re-

. Shaw, Owen Sound; Vice-Presi- connected, the transfer of Durham dents, Mrs. Packham, Owen Sound, United Church congregations to the Mrs. Logan, Meaford, Mrs. Peters, Grey Presbytery making this nec-Durham, Mrs. Staples, Hanover, and essary. It is safe to say that though Mrs. Langford, Owen Sound; Record- the members of Knox church here ing Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Douglas, enter the new Presbytery with un-Owen Sound: Corresponding Secre- bounded enthusiasm, it was with tary, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Durham; considerable regret that they sev-Secretary of Christian Stewardship, ered connections with the old asso-

sent for a couple of months. He Amongst the features of the after- motored down in his new Chev. noon session were a summary of coach, the first local motorist to Presbyterial by Mrs. James Shaw of attempt a trip of any distance out

Miss Mary McKechnie vistied in

installed by Mrs. Young of Toronto, R. Catten and Miss Margaret Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Brown Following are the officers elected: returned from their winter's sojourn

pleased to get back to their home here, they were evidently not much impressed with the snow-storm that

has been for some time in the Meeting in Owen Sound on Tues- Winnipeg were in town over the Champion, Alberta, was coming East day.—A Good Program Presented.

The initial meeting of the newly-created Grey Presbyterial of the United Church of Canada was held in Owen Sound on Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening of this week, afternoon and evening of this week, afternoon and evening of this week, and the product of the large attendance from the large attendance from the large and large attendance from the large and large attendance from the large and large large large attendance from the large large large attendance from the large large large large attendance from the large la various charges in the Presbytery. morning for Winnipeg, and returned Mrs. William Falkingham, Jr., for

Mrs. Sparling and two children are

WEEK FROM SUNDAY

The annual church parade of Dur-

An old Scotsman was moodily re-"Donald," cried a neighbor. pigs were awashed doon the burn." Donald, "They're doon tae," "And

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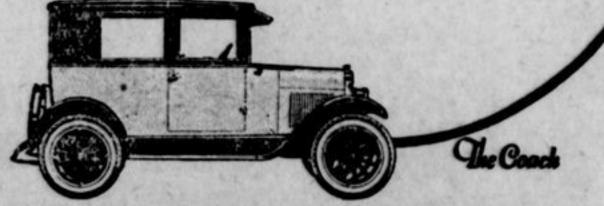
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The union resulted three daughters surv all of Durl years confined to be dness, will mourn loving husband and

Mr. Fagan was a B m religion and a Li ics. He was an inv and being possessed ble intellectual abilit well inform a general favorile W

being sung by his pa religious denomination gathered in a last tril to one whom they long and favorably.

At the close of the the mass, Rev. Father a few words of cons congregation from the Wages of Sin Is Deat ence of a hereafter is the speaker, and not he said, were of the the punishment for s was a weapon of th holding their congrega This was not so. Th merely Christ's emiss