

## BOWLING CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS

Met at Hahn House Last Friday Night and Laid Plans for Coming Season, Which is Expected to Surpass Any Yet Enjoyed.

There was an enthusiastic gathering of the bowlers at the Hahn House last Friday night and, with a good crowd in attendance, and great interest taken, there is every indication that the local club in 1927 will enjoy the best season in its history.

During the season of 1926 the club had erected a fine new club house on their property adjoining the rink and this, it was learned, had been paid for with the exception of some \$300 still owing and it was anticipated that this would be paid off before next fall.

### Bowl Any Time

The matter of the time to be allotted to the ladies was discussed at some length, and finally disposed of by a motion which permits them to have the use of the green any time during the day or the evening. Of the ten greens, seven of these must be available at any time, and the lady members are to be permitted to bowl either in the afternoons or in the evenings.

The fee for this year has been set at the usual amount, \$5.00 for the men, and as the ladies' club is a separate one altogether, it is expected that they will call a meeting in the near future, outline their program and decide on the amount they will charge their members.

### New Officers Elected

When the time came for the election of the new officers considerable regret was expressed that Mr. R. Macfarlane, now in St. Petersburg, Florida, had, owing to continued ill health, intimated that he would not entertain the idea of continuing in the office of secretary-treasurer, a position he has filled with much ability for some years. The members assembled would have liked to have seen him retain his old position but knew that there was no use in asking him to reconsider his decision to resign. He was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks for past services, with the hope that he would soon regain his old-time vigor and assist the club on his return from the south as he had in the years gone by.

Following are the officers elected: President, Dr. J. L. Smith; Vice-President, W. R. Alder; Secretary-Treasurer, R. M. Sparling. Grounds Committee: W. Calder, W. Brigham, J. S. McElraith. Membership Committee: R. Macfarlane, Rev. J. H. Whealen, J. McKechnie, W. Calder. Tournament Committee: T. Henderson, W. S. Hunter, W. Calder. Auditors: A. H. Jackson, S. MacBeth.

## PAROLE SYSTEM EFFECTS SAVING

Another Reformatory Would be Needed in Ontario Otherwise.

In view of criticism which the Chief Constables' Association has voiced during the past year of the present policy of paroling prisoners, particularly interest is attached to the annual report of the parole board.

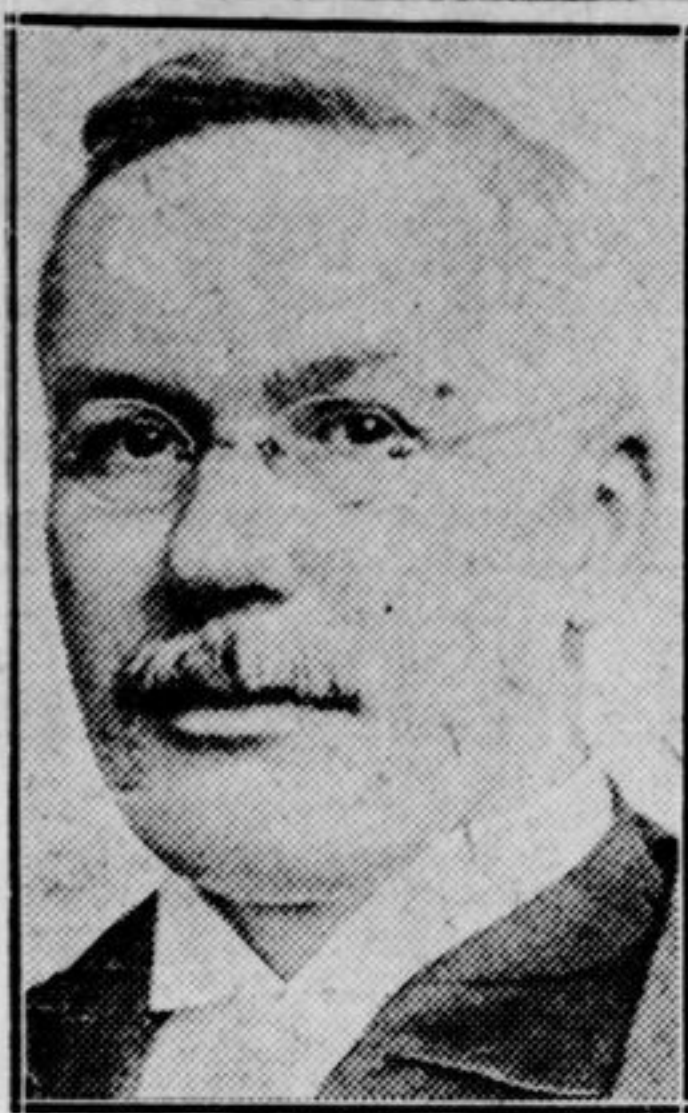
The report showed that during the past year the cases of 1926 prisoners had been considered, 473 paroles granted and 16 prisoners recommended to the federal minister of justice for tickets-of-leave. Of the total number paroled 24 are declared to have been convicted of crimes while thus released, 41 to have disappeared altogether, and 39 to have disappointed the expectations placed in them and to have been returned to serve the remainder of their sentences.

"Were it not for the parole and extra-mural permit systems looking after about 600 prisoners," the report states, "there would be a need for another reformatory at once at no small expense to the province."

### Parole Conditions

The report expatiates upon the requisite conditions of the obtaining of a parole, namely, the assurance by the prisoner of regularity of employment, the profession of intention to conduct himself honestly and to abstain strictly from liquors or drugs. It goes on to state, then, that for every one of those who are admitted failures of the system and who "obtrude" themselves upon public notice, it is important to remember that there are 15 making their way back into society and shunning their past and maintaining those of their families by honest industry. It is emphasized that no prisoner is paroled until he has a clean medical sheet.

The indeterminate sentence comes in for strong advocacy from the board, which states that "without in the slightest degree presuming to criticize judicial sentences, it is noteworthy that frequently these for apparently the same sort of crime, differ greatly, some being very long, and others being stand-while sentences cannot be standardized, one gets the greater unit that there should be greater uniformity and adequacy of sentences." The board "defends the indeterminate sentence as the one which enables it in some degree to bring about the desired equalization.



JUDGE H. A. ROBSON

Who has been chosen to take the place of Hon. T. C. Norris as leader of the Liberals of Manitoba. Hon. Mr. Norris retired from that position several months ago.

## ORANGEVILLE LOST IN DAMAGE SUIT

Mr. Justice Logie Decided Against Town in Suit for Damages Due to Faulty Sidewalk.—Town Covered By Insurance.

Three weeks ago The Chronicle referred to an action brought against the County of Bruce for damages allowed a complainant whose car took to the ditch on account of a faulty roadway. The decision of Judge Spotton allowing something like \$1,800 damages, was appealed, but the appeal was not allowed. We publish this in an effort to show that a municipality, urban or rural, is responsible for the condition of its streets.

Last week at Orangeville, another case was tried that will show that a municipality is also responsible for the condition of its sidewalks. In a recent case at Belleville, damages were also awarded a woman who slipped and injured herself on the sidewalk, the water having run in at a low point and frozen there.

In the action that was tried at Orangeville on the 29th of March last before Mr. Justice Logie of the Supreme Court at the sitting of the assizes without a jury, the town was muled \$1,750 and costs.

Mrs. Joseph Irwin of Orangeville, while walking with her daughter on Falconer street on the 11th of last November, on her way home after shopping, was seriously injured due to the defective condition of the sidewalk.

The sidewalks in the town of Orangeville are almost entirely cement walks. On Falconer street opposite a lane two small culverts about one foot in width were constructed through the sidewalk, over the top of which a plank was set in and supported on either side by the wall on the sidewalk. This condition had existed for some time. To anyone walking on the sidewalk appeared to be perfectly safe, but if one stepped on the plank at a certain point it would tip up.

On the occasion in question the daughter stepped on the plank and it flew up and tripped her mother, pitching her forward on the sidewalk and severely spraining and fracturing her ankle joint. In consequence of the accident she has been laid up for the past four months with the possibility of some permanent injury.

After the hearing of the evidence Justice Logie decided that the sidewalk was out of repair as well as being faulty in construction and entered judgment for the plaintiff, Mary Irwin, for \$1,500, and for her husband, Joseph B. Irwin, for \$250, together with the costs of the action. W. D. Henry of Markdale appeared for the plaintiff and H. B. Church for the defendant's corporation.

With this and recent actions, it would appear that it is up to municipalities to keep their sidewalks in condition, take out heavy insurance for protection against accident, or put up with heavy costs if an accident were to occur.

## CAPTURED WILD GOOSE GOES TO WILDER'S LAKE

The wild goose captured by Mr. Alf. McCabe while on his way from Windsor to Durham, of which mention was made in The Chronicle of three weeks ago, has been presented by him to Dr. Jamieson and will be taken to Wilder's Lake as soon as the weather moderates, where it will join the rest of the wild animals in the local zoological garden.

It is the intention to try and keep the bird in this vicinity, when it is believed possible to attract other of its species to the lake on their semi-annual migrations. As there is plenty of wild rice and celery on Wilder's Lake, the goose should have an easy time picking out a living and, like some on Jack Miner's preserve, may decide to become a permanent resident with a good home rather than roam at will over the North American continent and be a target for numerous guns and hunters in its journeyings from the northern to southern climes.

## GOOSE HOLDS RECORD FOR LONGEVITY

Fowl on Farm of Mr. Duncan McQuarrie is a Veteran, Judged from Usual Age Attained.

We are not sure just how old a goose should be to be called "old", but Mrs. Duncan McQuarrie, in Bentinck, has one that can, we think, safely claim to be the oldest one in captivity in these parts, if not in all Ontario. This may not be any credit to the goose in question, as the most of these kind of farm necessities do not get much chance of showing their longevity before having their lives cut short to grace the thanksgiving or Christmas table.

Mrs. McQuarrie's goose, however, has seen twenty eight summers, and unlike some other femininity we know of, instead of setting back the calendar and trying to appear as "sweet sixteen," this old Bentinck girl seems rather proud of her age. She's a worker, too, and rather than lie around and complain of the rheumatism and other kindred ailments that unfit the human race for an active life she is this spring, as in many former years, preparing her nest with the intention of bringing out another fine flock of goosehood at the proper time. This goose and her mother, which was killed some years ago at a grand old age when the barn door slammed against her, have been steady workers on the McQuarrie farm for over fifty years, and we doubt very much if there is any other record of the like in Ontario.

If there is, trot 'em out. We would like to hear about 'em!

## QUEEN ST. LADIES HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Held in Basement of Church Tuesday Afternoon When Business of Year Was Reviewed and Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Queen Street United Church was held in the church basement on Tuesday afternoon, when a large number gathered and, along with other business, finished two missionary quilts, which the society was quilting. The Rev. J. E. Peters presided and after the business was over closed the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the treasurer's report received. This showed that during the year the receipts had amounted to \$268.58. The balance on hand after all expenses were paid was \$112.79.

Officers for the year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. P. Gagnon; Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Glass; Secretary, Mrs. G. Yiirs; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Moore; Sacramental Committee, Mrs. Aijoe, Mrs. Twamley; Church Draping Committee, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. D. M. Saunders; Press Reporter, Mrs. George Yiirs; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. A. McClocklin, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Wolfe; Hospital Committee for April, Mrs. Aijoe, Mrs. Wolfe; Visitors for East Ward, Mrs. A. G. Kinnee, Mrs. G. Moore; for West Ward, Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. R. Whitmore; North Ward, Mrs. E. A. Hay, Mrs. D. M. Saunders. The ladies had prepared a dainty tea to which all members and friends sat down, bringing a most profitable and pleasant afternoon to a close.

## LATE A. LAWRENCE BURIED LAST FRIDAY

Laid to Rest Beside Remains of His Daughter Who Died Some Years Ago.—Funeral Held Under Orange Auspices.

The funeral of the late Mr. Anthony Lawrence, whose sudden death was reported in our last issue, was held from his late residence on Lambton street last Friday afternoon. A well-known and highly respected resident of this community for nearly the whole of his long life, his funeral was very largely attended, numbers coming from the neighboring townships to pay a last tribute of respect.

An Anglican in religion, the service at the house and grave was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Whealen, and being also an Orangeman, the funeral was held under the auspices of this society, whose members performed the last rites of the Order at the graveside.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Phillip Lawrence, R. G. Hopkins, P. Patterson, A. Hooper, W. Porter, and Findlay MacCuaig, sons-in-law, and Messrs. John McGowan and A. Crutchley. Beautiful floral tributes were laid on the casket by the members of the family, the Anglican church, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bell.

The remains were laid to rest in Trinity church cemetery beside those of his daughter, who passed away in 1910.

The Boss: "Is it true that you leave your typewriter and go when the clock strikes five even if you are in the middle of a word?" The Stenog: "Certainly not! When it gets as near five as that I never begin a word at all."



"If you please, Mrs. O'Connor, Mother says, if you're not using both th' twins this mornin', would you kindly lend'er one to go begging with?"—London Opinion.

## NONOGENARIAN SAYS HE STILL FEELS FIT

Mr. Henry Brigham Sends Word to Chronicle The He Has Recovered From Recent Illness, and Hangs Up Record for Much Younger Residents.

Mr. Henry Brigham of Allan Park is the oldest young man in Bentinck, and among the women, well, they'll have to "go some" to beat Mrs. Brigham's record. Some two weeks ago The Chronicle reported Mr. Brigham as being rather seriously ill, but this report, like that one telling of another famous man some years ago, was evidently "greatly exaggerated" if we are to believe a message sent in to the editor of this paper.

Last week-end Mr. and Mrs. William Brigham of this place went out to visit for a day or two, and when returning to Durham, Mr. Brigham, Sr., told his son to "tell that Frank Irwin that I am getting along fine and feeling well." Mr. Brigham will be 89 years of age next Tuesday. Mrs. Brigham is 86. During the past winter Mr. Brigham has been laid up with a cold, bronchitis, erysipelas and the shingles, enough to make even a much younger man wonder what was coming next.

During all his illness, covering a period of ten weeks, Mr. Brigham has been attended by his wife, who, in addition, last week finished up her spring house-cleaning. "If there is any couple of anywhere near our age in the township of Bentinck, or anywhere else, for that matter," says Mr. Brigham, "who can beat this record, we should like very much to hear from them."

We are pleased, indeed, to know that Mr. Brigham and his estimable wife are enjoying life so fully, and though both are nearing the four-score and ten mark, they still retain the spirit of youth.

## CALF WITH 5 LEGS IS ALIVE, HEALTHY

Richard Green and John Unwin Owners of Freak

A calf with five legs was born three miles from Chatsworth three weeks ago. Except that the animal has an extra leg, it is perfectly normal and even now runs about with the other cattle in the field. The freak calf was born on the farm of Mr. Richard Green, being owned by Mr. Green and John Unwin. They are very interested in their new addition to their farm, though they have not yet decided what will be done yet. The fifth leg hangs from the shoulder is long enough to reach the knee and has a hoof. It does not interfere greatly with the walk of the calf. This morning Mr. Green stated that he may have the leg amputated or he may keep it, possibly sell it to some amusement company.

## THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

If all our tasks were lightly done, we'd never know how sweet the sudden victory can be which crowns the long defeat. We'd never gain the strength that comes from toil's unresting hours, nor ever learn the force that lies behind our utmost powers. If all our goals were lightly won, too lightly would we hold whatever gifts were our reward, of love, or fame, or gold. Too little would we count the worth of all that life can give; and, heedless, miss the priceless boon, the joy it is and live! If all our budding hopes might flower, no bloom could be so dear as these we guard with patient care, through anxious year on year. And thus, though life be bitter-sweet, this ancient truth remains; dark hours of struggle and of strife enhance the prize man gains!

### A Touch of Realism

Old Gentleman: "Really, boys, I must congratulate you! That's the most lifelike snowman I've seen for a long time." Boy: "Yes, sir. We've got Bertie Briggs inside."

It Will Pay You to Advertise in The Chronicle.

## QUIET SESSION FOR TOWN FATHERS

Town Council Met Monday Night, But With Nothing Much on Dock- et, Not Much Business Was Done.

The meeting of the Town Council for April was not what could be called a busy one, and still it was not an idle gathering by any means. There was quite a lot of discussion on many subjects, but there seemed no ending to it for the aldermen seemed unable to get going properly. However, the apparent loss of time Monday will doubtless materialize into considerable being accomplished at some future meeting with even less labor than was expended at this.

### The Night's Business

Briefly, the most important things accomplished or arrived at were:

The purchase of traffic signs, one to be placed on Mill street at the Central Drug Store corner, and two on Lambton street at Garafraxa. The necessary bylaw declaring Garafraxa a "Through" street has not yet been passed but this will be done at the May meeting no doubt.

A permit was granted Clifford Howell to erect a gas tank in front of his property in Upper Town, providing it had the power so to do. Reeve Bell questioned whether the Council had any jurisdiction over the Provincial Highway connecting links, but of this there was a difference of opinion.

It was decided that the repairs to the Fire Hall should be gone ahead with.

The Property Committee was given the necessary authority to call for tenders for the decorating of the Town Hall, and were further to go into the matter of whether paper, paint, or other similar things should be used.

The Fire and Light Committee was requested to bring in a report at the May meeting as to the condition of the water tanks throughout town and as to how much water was in them. There was a rumor that some of them were empty. A similar rumor had got out a couple of years ago, but an investigation showed that all tanks in town were in good condition and filled with water. The Fire and Light Committee are also to investigate the request of Arthur McClocklin, in the East Ward and Robert McLean in the West ward, that tanks be built in these sections. There was no adequate fire protection now and the residents were entitled to it.

The Council decided to grant \$70, toward a fund to recognize in some manner the appreciation of the citizens to the players and management of the local hockey team. This was granted following the appearance of a delegation consisting of Rev. Mr. Whealen and Mr. H. V. Wilson, and the grant went through unanimously on motion of Reeve Bell and Councillor Hunter. Members of the Council decided to meet as a body and inspect the wall on Lambton street near the bridge. This has been in poor shape for a long time and is gradually toppling over. The sidewalk here has now been closed, and it is recognized by the Council that something will have to be done here this summer.

This in short tells about all there was accomplished at Monday night's meeting.

### Wants Celebration

Councillor Henderson thought that something should be done in town regarding the celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee next July 1. Nearly every town in the country would have some sort of demonstration and he thought Durham should have one too. There was little discussion over this as the idea was broached rather late in the evening for much debating.

The Finance Committee passed accounts amounting to \$395.23, and the Treasurer's report showed that there were still \$2,264.84 outstanding in taxes. As several of these have promised to pay "next month" the tax roll was extended to allow them to come across.

### Town Hall Repairs

The Council were one in the discussion of the doing of something in regard to the Town Hall. But what to do proved the stickler. Councillor Hunter brought the matter up and said that as chairman of the Property Committee he would like to know what the Council intended doing. They had talked of repairing it and nothing had been done. His principal reason for bringing the matter up at this time was to either get something done or stop talking about it. The Council as a body visited and inspected the "remains" after adjournment and have decided that a further request will be necessary. The Property Committee will prepare a work program, advertise for tenders and bring in a report at the next meeting in May.

### Threatens Legal Action

W. D. Connor had a letter before the Council, through Lucas & Henry Barristers, asking that something be done about the flooding of his property this spring. Connor claims that the tile where the creek crosses the road on Garafraxa street is not large enough, plugs up and allows the water to back up on his property. Mayor Murdoch had investigated the conditions and said that the cause for the Connor property being flooded was outside the town's responsibility. The letter was laid on the table until some other meeting.

## FRACTURED LEG ON SUNDAY LAST

Mrs. Flora Campbell Now Confined in Durham Hospital as Result of Accident Last Sunday Afternoon.

While moving about in her home last Sunday afternoon Mrs. Flora Campbell, who lives with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, was so unfortunate as to slip and fall to the floor, fracturing her leg. Mrs. Campbell, who was attended by Dr. Smith, was taken to Dr. Jamieson's office where an X-ray examination was made, which disclosed a slight fracture. She was taken to the Red Cross hospital where the injured limb was encased in a plaster cast, and will be confined to her bed for the next couple of weeks.

At the time of the accident, Mrs. Campbell's daughter, Mrs. Morrison, had gone out for a few minutes to a neighbor's, leaving her mother reading in one of the chairs in the living room. Mrs. Campbell, who is 82 years of age, arose to go to another part of the house and either slipped on a mat on the floor or took a weak spell, with the result that her leg was fractured.

We are pleased to know that her injury is not as serious as at first feared and that she will be able to leave the hospital and return to her home in the course of a couple of weeks.



REV. JOHN A. CORMIE, D. D.

of Winnipeg, who, after making a survey of the Port Churchill district at Hudson Bay, strongly urged the Home Mission Board of the United Church of Canada to have a Missionary at the port as soon as the first train pulls in this summer. Missionary at the Port as soon as the

## SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY RECEIVED COUNTY GRANT

Secretary J. F. Grant of the High school board received the county grant last week for the education of county pupils in the Durham High school. The cheque amounted to \$3,934.50. The county equivalent grant, amounting to approximately \$1,350.00 has not yet been paid and will be quite an addition to the local funds in providing the proper education for the young people of the town and surrounding county.

The payment of the grant toward the education of county pupils is usually not made until December, but this year Reeve Bell prevailed upon the council to remit it in March. The interest from now until December will amount to a considerable sum and the Reeve is to be congratulated on his foresight.

## TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours. The readings were taken at 5 o'clock each evening.

	Min.	Max.
Thursday	32	46
Friday	26	39
Saturday	28	46
Sunday	29	49
Monday	31	53
Tuesday	36	48
Wednesday	34	53