

1928 SCHOOL FAIR EXPECTED TO BE BIGGER THAN EVER

Closing Hours of County Council Dealt Mostly With Report of Agriculture Committee.—Warden Calder's Vote Gave Championship School Fair to Durham.

The Grey County Council brought their January session to a close on Saturday afternoon, and it was one of the busiest first sessions of the year held in some time, the Reeves of the various municipalities having but little time for leisure or recreation. When the Council was not in session there was committee work which required attention, and the order during the week. The 1928 County Council, while it has in its personnel a dozen new men, is rated as one of the best in recent years, and much good work is anticipated during the year.

The most important report presented at the closing session on Saturday morning was that of the Agricultural committee. This is practically a new committee of the council, having been started only a couple of years ago, but with the advanced ideas along agricultural lines becoming more and more brought to the attention of the rural population a greater interest is being taken, and this committee is one of the busiest in the council. Deputy-Reeve Alex. Stewart, of Holland Township, is the chairman this year, and he is keeping in close touch with Mr. T. S. Cooper, Agricultural Representative of the county, and good results are looked for.

The grand championship school fair has been awarded this year to Durham, but several other places were after it, and it was only after Warden Calder made his appearance in the committee's room that Durham was awarded the event, as up to that moment the committee was in a deadlock, with Owen Sound, Hanover, Markdale and Durham all having a chance. It is expected that the fair this year will be even greater than in 1927.

The Agricultural committee succeeded in having a grant of \$500 made to their committee to enable them to assist Mr. Cooper in his work throughout the county, and the grant of \$150 each was made to the Agricultural Societies in the county. It was decided that the finals in the public speaking contest would be held in connection with the championship school fair.

The committee announced that the Better Seed Train will be in Grey County sometime in March and urged that all members of the County Council and all township councils assist in broadcasting the news when the dates and places the train will stop at become known.

The report of the Warden's committee was presented before the close of the session, but there were no recommendations, the committee concurring in the remarks of the Warden as contained in his inaugural address. Congratulations were extended to the Warden on his election and hearty co-operation was promised in the work of the year.

The members of the council all left for their homes during Saturday afternoon feeling that the session had been a profitable one in every respect.

MR. CHAS. BROWN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Well-known Resident Has Been Unconscious for Past Week and Seems Weaker.

We regret to report the serious illness of Mr. Charles Brown, one of the oldest residents of the town, who lies in a critical condition at his home here. Mr. Brown, who is in his 89th year, has been failing for the past year or so, and for the past few days has been confined to his bed, where he lies in an unconscious state.

Mr. Brown has no particular ailment and suffers no pain, and it is thought it is just a wearing out of his hitherto rugged frame. His two daughters, Mrs. Ball in Winnipeg, and Mrs. Stinson of Indian Head, Sask., were notified by telegram of his condition and both are now on their road home and expect to arrive Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown celebrated their golden wedding anniversary

REPORTED DEMPSEY IS GOING BLIND

This Is One of Reasons Given for Recent Defeat by Tunney.—Will Likely Stage Last Fight This Year.

Jack Dempsey is reported to be going blind. Trachoma of the eyes which is understood to be the malady which is attacking his vision, although much secrecy is being thrown around his condition. The disease is gradually destroying his vision and it is doubtful if it will permit his engaging in any more bouts this year.

As a result, it is said that his third bout with Tunney will be moved up to early in the summer and that it will be his final engagement in the ring. Tunney, originally, was scheduled to meet another opponent before the Dempsey bout, but this plan has been tossed into the discard and he will be matched with the former champion as soon as practicable in order that the latter won't look like too much of a set-up.

It is said that distorted vision was one of the real reasons why Dempsey failed to dispose of Tunney in the seventh and eighth rounds of the Chicago fight. Tunney evidently was aware of the defect, for it is declared that he studiously kept out of the line of Dempsey's restricted vision, and that half of the time Jack didn't even know where Gene was, which, seemingly accounts for the floundering of the former champion when he had the opportunity of going in and finishing up a groggy foe.

Dempsey no longer holds the illusion that he can defeat Tunney. His closest friends won't wager a nickel on his chances. But Tex Richard still believes the matching of the two is the biggest money-maker of the season for New York and the lure of the coin is certain to attract Dempsey back to the ring for another whipping, which, this time is more than likely to be more decisive than the last.

COUNTY SCHOOL FAIR HERE THIS YEAR

Grey County Championship School Fair To Be Held in Connection With South Grey Fall Fair

To the directors of the South Grey Agricultural Society and the citizens of the Town of Durham has fallen the honor of entertaining the competitors in the 1928 County Championship School Fair, the County Council last week designating this town as the place where this big event will be held some time this fall.

The School Fair, held last year at Owen Sound, will be held in connection with the regular South Grey Fair, and as the school children and their friends from all over the county will be present it will be no small job to see that they are properly entertained and looked after.

While there were several towns anxious to have this big event this year, the motion to award it to South Grey Fair went through with practically no discussion last Saturday morning.

The holding of the County School Fair in connection with the regular Fall Fair will mean possibly that the dates of the latter will have to be run into October, as there are in all 19 school fairs to be held, but this matter was taken care of at the annual meeting of the South Grey society, when the dates were left open. With good weather the fair days this year should prove banner ones from an attendance standpoint, though it is going to mean a lot of extra work for both the directors and the citizens if the affair is to be the success it should.

We have heard no comments from the officials of the local Fair Board but have no doubt that now they know what is in front of them they will waste little time between now and fair day in providing the proper attractions and entertainment to amuse the big crowds from all over the county who will be in attendance at the combined fairs.

BORN
Aljoe—In Durham Hospital, January 29, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Aljoe, a son.

a couple of years ago and are among the most esteemed residents in the town.

KNOX CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS

Annual Congregational Meeting Was Held Monday Night, When Regular Business of Year Was Transacted.

The annual congregational meeting of Knox United Church was held in the church on Monday evening and was well attended by the members of the congregation. This year's meeting, though designated an annual meeting, was in reality business that had been transacted over a period of nine months and the various reports were very encouraging.

The meeting opened with a congregational supper served by the Ladies' Aid. Following the supper the meeting was held in the auditorium, commencing at 8 o'clock.

From the reports presented the nine months ending December 31 is said to have been the best nine months in the history of the congregation. In the United Church the financial year has always ended on the 31st of March, but this was found a disadvantage in different ways and this year it was decided that the annual financial year should end on the 31st of December. This necessitated the adoption of a period of nine months for 1927.

At the time of the change in date, the officials of the church in Canada asked that the various congregations raise in the nine months the allotments apportioned for them over the twelve month period. The Durham church allotment for the year to the Maintenance and Extension fund was \$1,600. It will be good news to the congregation that they had been successful in raising that amount in the nine-month period. Additional evidence of the church's prosperity was shown in the reports of the various auxiliaries, all of which show a substantial surplus. The amount raised for all purposes during the nine months' period was \$5,773.78. Besides this the indebtedness on the manse has been wiped off and the church enters 1928 free of debt.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Board of Managers—Thos. Young, J. C. Adams, J. J. Smith, W. J. Ritchie (Bentlineck), J. A. Rowland, J. Smith, J. McGirr, Dr. A. M. Bell, Dr. D. B. Jamieson, H. McKechnie, J. Mather, W. R. Alder.
Trustees—D. Leith, H. J. Snell, C. A. Lauder.
Auditors—O. S. Hunter, R. M. Spurling.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Walkerton and Durham High school boys engaged in a game of hockey on the rink here last Friday night, the Durham lads winning 4-3. The game is reported to have been quite fast and a fair crowd was present. Following is the Durham line-up:

Goal, G. Lavelle; defence, W. Wilson, K. Wilson; centre, R. McGirr; wings, N. McIlraith, N. Blair; subs., F. Vollett and F. Murdock.

After the game lunch was served in the High school building.

The pupils of the High school held a "Lid" on Friday afternoon of last week at which quite an extensive programme was given. There was a selection from the Glee Club readings by George Hay and Ned Burnett; a vocal duet by Marjorie Noble and Elizabeth Harding, and a piano duet by Florence Bailey and Eunice Moon.

The debate was a good one and was resolved, that a limited number of foreigners should be let into Canada.

The affirmative was taken by Caroline Mitchell and Bernard Clark; and the negative by Hazel Wilson and Nelson Lowe. The debaters showed much ability as they laid their arguments before the judges. Miss Weir and P. Ramage, who awarded the honors to the affirmative. The critic for the debate was Miss Fraser.

GAVE HOSPITAL DONATION

Through W. C. McLachlan, the secretary-treasurer of the Men's Bible Class, which was an active body here some two or three years ago, the local Red Cross Hospital was given a donation of \$24.50, the balance on hand from collections taken at the meetings held each Sunday afternoon in the Veteran Star Theatre.



NEW LABOR HEAD

Ben Turner, of London, England, newly elected chairman of the British Trades Union Council. He is considered one of the leading figures in the re-establishment of moderation in British trade circles.

TORONTO CHURCH PREY TO FLAMES

One of Leading Methodist Churches in Dominion for 50 Years, Totally Destroyed Monday Morning.

Fire which broke out about four thirty a.m. Monday, practically destroyed Metropolitan Church, Toronto, one of the leading United Churches in Canada. Only the walls and tower are left standing and the loss is estimated at half a million dollars. The origin of fire has not yet been determined. Rev. Dr. W. H. Sedgwick, formerly of Hamilton is pastor of the church.

This beautiful gothic structure was built about 50 years ago and for years was the centre of Methodist activities in Toronto. Situated in the heart of the Queen town section of the city at Queen and Church streets, Metropolitan stands on approximately two acres of ground. St. Michael's Cathedral being located immediately to the north, while on the west is St. Michael's Hospital. For many years the church has attracted some of Methodism's outstanding preachers, not only in Canada but in Great Britain, among predecessors of Dr. Sedgwick being Rev. Dr. Trevor Davies, now pastor at Timothy Eaton Memorial church, Toronto and Rev. Dr. Wardle Stafford, another eminent old country divine. Fire fighters report that the flames gained headway at a remarkable rate and it was impossible to do more than prevent the conflagration spreading. Some apprehension was felt for the safety of patients in St. Michael's but there was no wind and the sparks were confined to the church area.

The destruction of the church was achieved within about two hours. With intensity, the flames wrecked the entire interior of the church and totally demolished the roof, leaving only the charred beams standing across the top of the edifice. The walls of the church remain with a heavy coating of ice.

Firemen trained on the edifice probably the greatest volume directed at a fire in Toronto. Six high pressure lines were used, literally drowning out the fire, which, however had already done nearly its utmost.

Many of the fine memorial windows were smashed by the force of the water used and others were wrecked by the fire itself.

Sunday night a choir of sixty, under Dr. H. A. Fricker, who is also conductor of the famous Mendelssohn Choir, rendered Mendelssohn's "Elijah" to a crowded congregation, while, by a remarkable coincidence, Dr. Sedgwick preached from the theme "God, Who Answers by fire."

The great organ, one of the finest in Canada, was completely destroyed, but the carillon, installed a few years ago by the late Chester Massey, as a memorial to his wife, was saved.

Overheated Furnace was Cause

For a half century regarded as the cathedral church of Methodism in Canada, Metropolitan United Church was totally destroyed by fire Monday, and the cost of replacing it, if rebuilding is decided on, will be not less than half a million dollars at a conservative estimate. Starting from an overheated furnace in the basement, the raging fire within two hours totally demolished the interior and entirely consumed the roof of the edifice, leaving only two walls and the rear portion of the structure standing. In severe weather, huge volumes of water were poured into the blaze but it was so fierce that there was never much hope of saving the church.

MARRIED

Marshall-Kellar—At the Presbyterian Manse, Durham, on January 26, by the Rev. B. D. Armstrong, Lillian Mabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kellar, to Dawson Alexander Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall, both of Normanby.

PROTON BARN BURNED

The barn of Robert Lane in Proton, three miles east of Dromore, was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. We have not learned the particulars, but understand that the loss will be quite heavy with only a nominal insurance.

Sudden Death of Late Wm. Calder Shock to Town

Town's Most Prominent Citizen Expired Suddenly on Train at Palmerston From Heart Failure.—Had Long Municipal and Business Career.—Funeral Is Being Held Tomorrow to Durham Cemetery.

The sudden death of Mr. William Calder of this town while on the C. N. R. train between Listowel and Palmerston last Tuesday night was a distinct shock to the citizens of the town, as well as a crushing blow to his family. Mr. Calder had left Durham on the 2.35 afternoon train to go to Listowel, where he had some business to look after, and it was his intention to return on the north-bound train to Palmerston, take in the Palmerston-Durham hockey match and return home on the special arriving here about 12.30.

From what can be learned, Mr. Calder thought he was late for the train at Listowel and ran some distance, and it is assumed that the exertion brought on an attack of heart failure from which he failed to rally. Shortly after boarding the train he was taken ill, and passed away shortly afterward. Dr. Coleman of Palmerston was called after the train reached that town, but nothing could be done.

The late Mr. Calder was in his 70th year, had lived practically all his life in this town and vicinity, and was possibly the most outstanding of our citizens. A keen business man, he had many business balances and travelled extensively on business bent. For over 30 years he had taken a great interest in municipal affairs, and during the whole period had been a member of the town council in some capacity or other. He was Mayor for several years, and for many years more served as Reeve. In 1915 he was elected to the Wardenship of Grey County, and in 1910 unsuccessfully contested the riding of South Grey in the interests of the Liberal party.

Born in Hamilton

The late Mr. Calder was born in Hamilton in 1859, but came with his parents when a babe in arms to the well-known Calder home in Normanby. When a young man he came to Durham and went into business for himself. For years he conducted an implement and insurance business here, but in 1900 with the formation of the National Portland Cement Company, he went out on the road selling stock for this concern. He later had considerable to do with the establishment of the big plant at Hull, Quebec.

Mr. Calder later became president of the N. P. C. Co. here, and was general manager as well, a position he held for seven or eight years, and until the business went under, not being able to keep pace with the cheaper manufacturing costs of some of the larger and more advantageously situated companies. Some time later he entered the coal business in town which, with his extensive insurance interests, which he never relinquished, occupied his time fully.

Taken ill some nine years ago, the deceased went to Toronto and took treatment in one of the better hospitals there. He was given only a limited time to live, but recovered, and while he has ever since not been as strong as formerly, by care he kept himself in remarkably good condition and was an energetic business man to the end.

About 36 years ago he was married to Miss Margaret Graham of Paisley, who survives. The whole married period of their lives has been lived in Durham, where they are too well-known to need any further introduction at our hands. Besides Mrs. Calder there survives a daughter, Miss Marion, at home, and son, Melvin A., druggist, in Walkerton. A son, Roy G., was killed overseas in 1918, and another son, Wilfred, died in 1905. Besides his family he leaves three sisters, Misses Mary and Eliza in Normanby, and one brother, George Calder, in Holstein. To all of these the citizens of the town will extend sympathy in their sudden sad bereavement.

The funeral is being held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon from the family residence, interment being made in Durham cemetery.

In the death of Mr. Calder the town loses one of its foremost citizens, and though he had not been active in municipal life for the past couple of years he was always interested in the welfare of the town and his voice could always be heard on any question involving the welfare of the community. He was in truth the town's outstanding citizen and while The Chronicle did not always agree with him in some of his policies, we recognize that in his passing the town has lost a citizen who was intensely interested in its welfare and one who, in his long residence, had devoted many years of his life to its service. With the citizens, we regret deeply his tragic death and tender our sympathy to those left to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate husband, father and friend.

CHEMICAL HAD RUN

The chemical fire engine had its first run on Monday morning of this week on a chimney fire at the residence of Miss Margaret Edge. The fire looked dangerous for a time and an alarm was sent in but the blaze had been extinguished before the arrival of the engine.

DURHAM LOST GAME TUESDAY NIGHT

Palmerston Got All the Breaks and Locals Took Short End of 4 to 1 Score.—Palmerston Here Friday in Return Contest.

The Palmerston-Durham O. H. A. game at the latter place on Tuesday night was all that it was advertised to be, and proved one of the fastest games ever played in the Palmerston arena. The only fly in the ointment was that the Durhams were forced to take the short end of a 4-1 score after playing the Palmerstonians practically off their feet in centre ice for the full 60 minutes. It was certainly Durham's night off. They just simply couldn't do anything right, and while they carried the puck time after time to the Palmerston citadel they couldn't put the rubber past Kells. In the evening's play the locals had as much or more of the play than their rivals, but lacked the punch to get the disc into the nets. Kells, the Palmerston goaler, was up on his toes all the time, had his horse-shoes with him, and made many spectacular saves that looked like sure counters.

All the blame, though, cannot be placed on Lady Luck's desertion of the Durhams. Somehow or other the locals appeared off color Tuesday night. The defence didn't break in its usual manner, and the forward line, too, was less effective than usual. They simply could not get going, and that is about all there is to tell.

At that they had more than fifty per cent of the puck, but couldn't get anywhere. They were in on top of the Palmerston nets time without number, but the Palmerston goalie always cleared, the puck was turned into the corner, or else was shot wide of the net. It certainly was not Durham's night, and coupled with the Palmerston team getting the breaks, the locals had little chance to win. On two or three occasions the forward line missed the open net.

At that, it was about the best game we have seen this season. It was a fast, hard-checking affair, was played at top speed for the whole sixty minutes, and when the game was over the spectators admitted that they had seen something, and that the final score was absolutely no indication of the play.

Palmerston tallied the only two goals of the first period, in 12 and 16 minutes of play. The first goal (Continued on page 5)

NEW ERA IN POLITICS SAYS MONTREAL STAR

Lofty Tone of Hon. R. B. Bennett's Speech Draws Comment.

A new era in politics opens with the lofty tone adopted by Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader, in his Ottawa speech, says the Montreal Daily Star.

"Mr. Bennett," states the paper, "laid well the foundations of his career as leader at the great convention at Winnipeg when, in thanking those who had shown such enthusiasm in electing him, he lifted the whole tone of political controversy to a higher plane. He deepened this favorable impression when he travelled from coast to coast, preaching the new evangel of unity efforts. He completed the groundwork at Ottawa on Tuesday and showed himself sincerely anxious for the welfare of this Dominion. His terse phrases have a ring of truth and a blunt directness about them that command interest. The happy appositeness about a policy of immigration that beckons men through the front door and then lets them slip out through the back door will etch itself deeply on the minds of men and women of this Dominion. His unbounded faith in the British Empire will be a strong anchorage for Canadians, regardless of party ties.

Mr. Bennett shows a willingness to rise above the bickering of party strife. He will be a greater Conservative if he can convince his fellow-countrymen that the party is but an instrument in the achievement of a great end."

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.

	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.
Thursday	14	18	11
Friday	2	23	0
Saturday	5	22	3
Sunday	6	23	4
Monday	-5	19	-7
Tuesday	16	24	11
Wednesday	24	24	15
- Below Zero.			

Snowfall for Week

Thursday, fine	0.00
Fri., fine	0.00
Sat., fine	0.00
Sun., fine	0.00
Mon., fine	0.00
Tues., becoming stormy	0.00
Wed., quite stormy	1.87

ADVISORY BOARD ON TARIFF AND TAXATION
The activities of the Tariff Board are likely to be reflected by changes in the tariff to be announced in the House when the Minister of Finance presents his Budget Speech. Many applications for revisions were heard in the last few months. The board consists of (left to right) William H. Moore, Toronto, Chairman; Hector B. McKinnon, Toronto, Secretary; Albert Lambert, Montreal, and D. G. McKenzie, Brandon, Manitoba.

