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Editorials

GREY'S NEW WARDEN

The Chronicle has more than a passing interest in the new Warden of Grey County, Reeve Neil Calder of Egremont. While this paper picked him as the logical candidate for the position, and advocated his election, we are not egotistical enough to imagine that we had very much influence with the County Council representatives in elevating him to the highest position in their power. Now that he has been elected we have little hesitation in predicting that he will fill the chair with honor to himself and his township. It is thirty-two years, we are told, since the Township of Egremont has had the honor of having the Wardenship, the last holder of the office being the late James Allan, who was a member of the County Commissioners. Previous to that, it is over fifty years since the township was similarly honored, the late J. Murdock being Reeve at that time.

Egremont, Bentinck and, we are told, Thornbury, where the three municipalities in line for the honor, and it is to be hoped that the latter two will be considered in the course of the next couple of years.

Warden Calder is a bachelor, 45 years of age, and the second bachelor Warden the county has had, the other being the late David McNichol of Bentinck, who died a few months ago. Warden Calder lives on the 21st concesion of Egremont, where he runs 150 acres of land, and lives on the homestead on which he was born. Miss J. Calder, a sister, resides with him, and together their home is known far and near for its hospitality and the genuineness of the welcome extended to the passing traveller. Mr. Calder has always been interested in municipal affairs and for the past ten years has been a member of the Council Board. His municipal life life, up to 1928, has been spent in a unit of "threes". He was three years Councillor, three years Deputy Reeve, and three years Reeve, and now in his Wardenship year, has entered on his fourth team as chief official of his township. In the County Council he has occupied important positions on numerous committees, and for the past two years has served on the most important committee in county affairs, the Good Roads Committee.

Warden Calder has always been a popular official in his township, is a member of the Fairbairn Presbyterian church, is Secretary of the Egremont Agricultural Society, and is also a director of the Ontario Ploughmen's Association. He it is who is responsible for the holding of the annual ploughing events in Egremont, which each year attracts more entrants and spectators.

We look for great things from Warden Calder this year, and have no hesitation in saying that under his guidance the deliberations of our County Council will be conducted in a sane and sound manner and in the interests of the county as a whole.

We congratulate Egremont Township on the honor bestowed this year, and hope for a most successful year's business activities under the guiding hand of Warden Calder.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

We would respectfully call attention to the following from the Arkansas Gazette: A certain Arkansas road is said to be "in good condition as a whole." Many a road is all right as a hole.

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Somehow we can't help thinking of him as Santa Claus, says the Dallas (Texas) News. To which a good many people in Durham will answer, "Amen".

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It is now said that a movement is to be started in Chicago to outlaw prize-fighting. Evidently Big Bill Thompson has just discovered that the Marquis of Queensbury was a British subject.

COUNTY TO VISIT SCENE IN A BODY

County Road Out of Meaford Again Causes Trouble, Despite Fact That Last Year's Council Thought They Had Settled It.—Council Advocated Government Taking Over Durham-Singhampton Road.

The case of the notorious 7th Line Highway in St. Vincent and Euphrasia Townships was again in the limelight at the session of the Grey County Council last week, and now the decision is that the Council go over this roadway in a body and see whether it shall be the 7th or the 9th lines that shall be designated a County Road.

This question seems to be a hardy annual at the yearly sessions of the Council, and despite the fact that last year's Council designated the 7th line, had the plans accepted and approved by the Provincial Department, the matter was re-opened last week. Briefly the 7th was the road selected some three or four years ago. Then a deputation and petition from the 9th was formed, and when the residents of the 4th saw what was going on they, too, got up a petition to have the road built along their line. They admitted that they were perfectly satisfied with the selection of the 7th, but if the matter was to be reopened they also wante d consideration. Last year the road selected was the 7th and it was thought everything was settled until it was brought up again last week.

The matter was brought to a head when Reeve Reid moved an amendment, in opposition to the motion of Reeve Pringle that the report of the County Roads Committee be adopted. The amendment was carried 22 to 12, and as a result no more work will be done on the 7th until next spring, when the council will go over the road in a body.

Reeve J. A. Pringle, chairman of the County Roads Committee, reviewed the whole case very briefly pointing out that the government had wanted the 7th line all the time, that the question had been settled at a special meeting of the County Council, and that even if a change was made there was no guarantee that the government would consent to it. Mr. Pringle stated that he had stopped the work on the 9th line in order to save the county money.

Reeve Buchanan thought the suggestion of Reeve Reid was a fair one as no one would be hurt except St. Vincent and Euphrasia, and also pointed out that the 9th line road could be constructed at a cost of $50,000 less than that of the 7th line, which was worthy of consideration.

After some further discussion the vote was taken on the amendment and it was carried on a vote of 22 to 12.

The balance of the report was adopted without discussion.

The motion of Reeve Pringle asking that the committee report be adopted contained seven clauses, but the objection taken by Reeve Reid's amendment dealt with only Clause 6. Reeve Pringle's motion to adopt the report was as follows:

1. That the claim of William Tomlinson for damage to his car on the Meaford-Thornbury road be filed and no action taken.
2. That the communication from the County Clerk of Hastings County, re overloading of trucks, be filed.
3. That the communication with reference to the appointment of a traffic officer be filed.
4. That the County Engineer, County Road Superintendent, the Warden, the Chairman of the County Roads Committee and the County Clerk be appointed delegates to attend the Convention of the Engineers and Superintendents and the Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto on February 21st to 24th, 1928.
5. That the claim of Ezra Woelfle for bonus for wire fence on the County Road in Sullivan Twp. for $36.00 be filed until inspected by the County Roads Committee on their tour of inspection.
6. That the Committee take no action with reference to any change in the County Road between Meaford and Markdale until after hearing the delegation and that the question then be dealt with by all the members of the Council.
7. That whereas we have been informed that about fifty per cent of the 500 miles recently taken over by the Department of Provincial Highways from the Counties of the Province, is constructed, we would recommend that the County Roads Committee, the Engineer and Superintendent wait upon Hon. G. S. Henry during the Ontario Good Roads Convention and request the Department to take over the Road from Durham to the County Boundary line of Grey and Simcoe as a Provincial Highway.

WARDEN CALDER ADDRESSED COUNCIL

Referred to Work of Coming Year, Thanked Council For the Honor and Showed Comprehensive Grasp of County Work in His Address Last Wednesday Afternoon.

The Warden's address at the County Council last Wednesday afternoon left little doubt in the minds of the Council that Warden Calder of Egremont, has a full grasp of County Council matters, and will prove a most capable official as head of the 1928 Council. He referred to the importance of the agricultural industry to the country, dealt with financial matters, roads, bridgs, education, the House of Refuge and other questions, and gave conclusive evidence that he has a clear grasp of the situation throughout the County. The address, which was referred to the Warden's Committee, was as follows:

To the Members of the County Council of the County of Grey:

Gentlemen:

Allow me to extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me and also upon the Township of Egremont, which I represent, in electing me to the highest position which is in your power to give to one of your members, namely the Wardenship of the County of Grey. I assure you that I will strive to the best of my ability to merit the faith in me you have shown by doing my best to uphold the dignity and standing of our County, one of the largest in the Province.

Agriculture

Agriculture being our basic industry and, being of the farm, naturally I will speak of it first in my address. It is the mainstay of our County and in fact the whole of our fair Dominion, and we may truly thank our God for the blessings he has conferred upon us in giving us good harvests this last year, the result of which is shown in the growing prosperity of our County.

The Clerk informs me, that in answer to his correspondence with the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, in regard to tuberculin test for the County of Grey, that we may look for no such test for at least three years, owing to the scarcity of qualified Veterinaries and the great number of applications in ahead of us from Eastern Ontario and Southern Quebec, that the Department of Agriculture will be kept busy testing cattle for the restricted areas in that part of the country for the above stated time.

However the Minister is gratified for the interest this Council has shown in this question.

Finance

The Finances of our County are still in good shape and although we will have a report from our Treasurer showing a deficit of from $1,200.00 to $1,500.00, it is not as large a deficit as we had thought.

At this time I want to press upon the minds of you Members the fact that all Committees should not spend more than the amount set aside in our estimates for their expenditure. Try and show a surplus at the end of this year rather than a deficit.

Bridges

We are gradually replacing the old narrow bridges with new bridges of the regulation width now necessary for the increased traffic caused by the general use of the auto and truck as a means of transportation. At present I know of no extraordinary expenditure for bridges during the present year.

County Roads

Although we are spending considerable money each year on our County and Provincial Roads, yet I believe we are getting value for the money spent and the end justifies the expenditure.

I expect we will have deputations here this Session requesting changes in our County Roads System, but I believe if we make one change we will have to make many and we must not forget that, although we may recommend changes, they have to be approved by the Department of Highways before they can be made, and again if changes are made this year, requests for changes will likely be presented every year. However, this is for you to decide.

Education

The cost of Education is increasing each year and it is an expenditure over which we have no control. We cannot say that the education we received was good enough for us and should be good enough for our children. The Government says this is not a fact, but is working on the principle that a good education is the best asset we can give the youth of today to start out with, and looking at the question from this point of view, we must agree with our Education Department.

House of Refuge

The question is now before us, "What are we going to do about the enlargement of our home for the Aged and Infirm?" The Province is trying to force on this and other Counties those mentally deficient who are harmless but are still not capable of looking after themselves. If we have to take them, then we will have to enlarge our Home for the Aged and Infirm by building an addition so as to keep these patients separate from those who are only infirm.

There is a resolution from the County of Victoria regarding this question to which I would ask you to give deep thought.

In conclusion I regret exceedingly that only last week, Providence has seen fit to take away one whom we all respected, Sheriff James S. Wilson, one who had fitted into so many public places in the City of Owen Sound and County of Grey, and one who will be sadly missed by all, and I would earnestly express to Mrs. Wilson and her family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement on the loss of a loving husband and father.

Again may I say to you that I shall endeavor to extend to all the most sincere and courteous treatment, so that when the year is over you may have no regret for having elected me as your Warden.

FEWER WORKLESS NOW IN CANADA

Returns from 6,177 firms in Canada employing 15 persons or more each, show that unemployment on January 1 declined from 886,836 to 826,737, as compared with December 1, 1927. Reflecting this contraction the index on January 1 stood at 99.5 in comparison with 106.8 on December 1, and with 94.8 on January 1, 1927. Manufacturing, construction, transportation and logging reported pronounced seasonal contractions, while coal mines register improvement.

A Great Convenience

Clancy stopped his friend Sweeny on the street one day.

"I hear you've moved, Sweeny. How do you like your new place?"

"Well, Mike, it costs a lot, but there is a lot goes with it. An' then thim new conveniences are great things. Sure we've been livin' a month there now and the first day we lit the gas range in the kitchen and it ain't out yet."

MAID: "There's a policeman downstairs, ma'am, says the dog bit him."
MISTRESS: "Tell him we're sending it to bed without any supper."
—Happy Magazine, London, Eng.

SOCIETY

Miss Magarret McDonald, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. McDonald, left Toronto on Tuesday for Montreal, to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mackenzie, before leavng for New York to take a course of training in Grasslands' Hospital. Mrs. Mackenzie will accompany her to New York.

Mr. William Firth of Detroit is visiting for a few days with his sister, Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Wright.

Miss Bella Ray came home from Toronto Monday night to attend her mother, Mrs. Ray, at Dornoch, who has been ill. Mrs. Ray's sister, Mrs. A. Richardson of Proton Station spent the past week with her, but returned home on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Maud (Muffy) Kelsey has returned to town after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Yake, in Egremont. While out driving in one of the heavy storms a week or so ago, the horses got off the road and got down in the heavy snow and Miss Kelsey, while assisting to get them back on the road again had her limbs quite severely frozen which kept her indoors for several days.

Mrs. J. Crutchley returned Saturday after a two weeks' visit wih her niece, Mrs. Wass, in Ford. Mrs. G. Moore left last week for Ford and will also visit for a time with her niece.

Messrs. Herb Cross and George Campbell are visiting with Bentinck friends for a week and will spend part of the time hunting.

Miss Eula Burnett was home from London over the week-end.

Mr. Archibald MacCuaig, Priceville, Ont., announces the engagement of his daughter, Islay Barbara, to Mr. Henry Alfred Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker, Priceville, the marriage to take place early in February.

Mrs. Isaac Hooper of Egremont spent last week with Mrs. T. Atchison. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, who recently sold their farm and had an auction sale of their effects, are at present visiting with relatives at Listowel and will leave shortly for the West to take up residence.

Mrs. W. Firth of Glenelg, is reported very ill this week, and fears are held locally that her ailment may be serious. Mrs. Firth is a sister of Mrs. G. McDonald of town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schutz returned from Milverton Tuesday, where they have been visiting a sister of Mr. Schutz, seriously ill and not expected to recover.

Miss Mary Hamilton of Guelph visited from Friday to Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. MacArthur, in Bentinck.

Evensong

Overheard in a restaurant: Soup.

A little girl was once told that polite people did not talk about their ailments in company or outside the family. So when a visitor asked her if she was well she said: "Well, in the family I have a stomach ache, but in company I'm quite well, thank you."

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Breakfast Bacon, per lb.	.29
Gunns' pure Lard, per lb.	.20
New Lemons, per doz.	.34
Large Prunes, 5 lbs.	.55
New Figs, 2 lbs.	.25
Rolled Wheat, 3 lbs.	.25
Cream of Wheat, 3 lbs.	.25
Pie Crust Pastry Flour	.95
Purity Minute Rolled Oats, pkg.	.30
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Heinz Tomato Catsup, large bottles	.28
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