

## LOCAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION FAVORS CONTRACT SYSTEM

Many Features of Co-Operative Marketing System Were Discussed at Annual Meeting Held Saturday Afternoon.—W. A. Amos of Palmerston, Principal Speaker.

Durham U. F. O. Livestock shipping association held their regular annual meeting in the A. Y. P. A. rooms on Saturday last with possibly the largest attendance of members for many years. The fore part of the meeting was devoted to the hearing of and discussion on committees' and auditors' reports. The auditors' report showed the Association had had a very prosperous year and a great deal of satisfaction was shown toward Shipper Lawrence, who also gave a complete report of the year's work. The association distributed \$58,790 amongst farmers during the year and handled some 60 cars, consisting of 352 cattle, 127 calves, 674 sheep and lambs and 1,590 hogs. Losses were only \$87.85, leaving the reserve fund in a satisfactory condition.

At the close of the meeting all officers were re-elected for 1928 as follows:

R. A. Lawson, president; Chas. Kennedy, vice-president; Chas. Wepler, secretary-treasurer; Wilbert Blyth, Thos. Bell, auditors; James Lawrence, shipper.

### W. A. Amos Addressed Meeting

The feature of the meeting was the presence of W. A. Amos, of Palmerston, director of the U. F. O. co-operative, Toronto. Mr. Amos is a clear speaker with a vision and knowledge of his subject that go a long way towards drawing out an audience in a controlled discussion. He was speaking for and in the interest of contracts in Live Stock shipping, and values to farmers from the same. He expressed himself as strongly in favor of same because of past methods in handling of live stock. He outlined the past purely competitive principles and then followed by describing the present association idea as being group competition rather than truly co-operative. He explained how the abattoirs were able to keep in Palmerston, Thomson, and Livingstone in Harrison, to care for incomplete cars and supervise the shipments through Palmerston junction of all stock consigned to them, eliminating waste freight. Asking why we could not do this and control our own produce, Mr. Amos advocated the contract because it carried the weak brother or farmer, linking in unison the new farmer or not so strong, with the strong. He also contended that a five year contract and placing of stock on open market spread over a period of five days would be better for the farmer than a one day market as at present. A permanent grading basis was favored and in showing how to compete with flat rates, the speaker paid the Ontario Government a compliment for passing enabling legislation last week which they are about to put into practice, that every farmer must be paid on grade basis and grade returned to him.

Many questions were asked of Mr. Amos and the general outline was that the contract was favored by abattoirs, consumers and producers. The only objection was raised by the middlemen who feared for his position. The contract, which is a legal document similar in appearance to that of the wheat pool, will stand law since the enabling legislation recently passed endorses it and gives farmers unlimited privileges so far as local consumption, butchers and young or light pigs are concerned. Its object is to eliminate speculation and stabilize markets on a graded basis by a systematic method of handling.

A vote of appreciation was extended Mr. Amos at the conclusion of the meeting.

## SAME BOARD TO FUNCTION THIS YEAR

Annual Meeting of Maplewood Cemetery Plottolders Was Held Last Saturday Afternoon.

The Trustees of Maplewood Cemetery held their annual meeting February 4 in U. S. S. No. 1, Egremont and Normanby, with a goodly number present. D. McIlvride was appointed chairman and he handled the meeting well.

After much discussion over the various problems brought up, including the new fence built the past summer, caretaking and annual fee, R. J. Eden gave a very satisfactory report on behalf of the Trustees. J. J. Wilton had the honor of being re-elected Trustee, and the same officials as the past year are now in office, namely, Palmer Patterson, R. J. Eden and J. J. Wilton.

The auditors' report showed the books in good shape with a substantial figure on the right side. The Secretary-Treasurer gave a brief report of the year's financial business, which had to do mostly with the erection of the fence, but which is a great credit to the trustees and thanks was tendered A. J. Corbett of Mount Forest for interest shown and help at the annual fee. Before the adjournment the trustees expressed their appreciation to those present for the interest shown by the unusual number present at this meeting.

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## VICE-PRESIDENT C. P. R. DIES IN MONTREAL

I. G. Ogden Succumbs At Montreal at Age of 84.—Had Been With Railway 45 Years and Was Last Surviving Officer of Company At Time of Organization.

I. G. Ogden, vice-president in charge of finance of the Canadian Pacific Railway and for over 45 years in the service of the company died Saturday night at his home at Montreal. Mr. Ogden had been ailing for some time.

Mr. Ogden, who was in his 84th year was the last surviving officer of the C. P. R. who was with the company at the time of its organization in 1882. For the last month he had been confined to his home and died in his sleep.

Isaac Gouvenir Ogden was born in New York in 1844 and educated in local schools of that city. He entered business with a New York mercantile house in 1860 and later took a position with a banking firm. He began his railway career as paymaster and accountant of the Chicago & Pacific Railway in 1871, and was auditor of that road from 1876 to 1881. He joined the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1881, and was made auditor of the Western division, with headquarters at Winnipeg, remaining at that post until 1883. After having been promoted senior auditor at Montreal in 1887, he rose to the position of comptroller in 1901 and was appointed third vice-president. In June 1910, he was appointed vice-president.

Mr. Ogden was largely responsible for the accounting system at present in use by the C. P. R., and noted for his broad knowledge of financial affairs, generally. The Calgary shops of the railway were named in his honor and, long after he had reached the age at which most men retire, he was an active figure in the management of the railway system.

## ROUGH HOUSE WAS STAGED AT AYTON

Nice Friendly Fight Reported in One of the Village Stores Last Saturday Night

One of our good Normanby friends was in our office the beginning of the week and told of a small-sized riot that occurred in one of the stores in Ayton village on Saturday night, and of which the last has not yet been heard.

It seems that one of the citizens living either in or near the village got into an argument with the proprietor, was using some language not to be found anywhere in the Shorter Catechism, and when the proprietor attempted to eject him there was a scuffle and eventually a broken plate glass window.

The police force was sent for, but for some reason could not be found, and anyway, there was no one with the authority to make an arrest and up to the time our informant had any information the guilty party was still at liberty.

The case is being taken to Owen Sound, we were told, and the Provincial Police were to be given the handling of the case.

## REV. B. D. ARMSTRONG IMPROVING IN HEALTH

Pastor of Presbyterian Church Has Been Ill For Some Time, But Is Making Good Headway Toward Recovery.

Friends here of the Rev. B. D. Armstrong, pastor of the Presbyterian church in town, will be pleased to learn that he is slowly recovering from his recent illness and it is expected will soon be able to take charge of his pastorate once more.

Mr. Armstrong has been ill for the past six weeks or so, and at one time it was thought his illness was more serious. He went to Toronto for treatment, and returning to town, has been slowly convalescing in his home here. His trouble is thought to be from the effects of an old ailment contracted while on duty in China.

During his illness his pulpit here has been generally taken by students from Knox College, Toronto, the services last Sunday being taken by B. L. Walden, who preached most excellent sermons and made a very favorable impression on the congregation. Mr. Walden is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Walden of Markdale, and his mother is a former resident of Glenelg and Durham. It is expected that Mr. Walden will also supply here next Sunday at both services and at Burns church at the Rocky in the afternoon.

The young man is a powerful speaker and has a brilliant future ahead of him in the ministry.

## WILL CARRY ON BUSINESS

We have been informed that the coal and insurance business of the late Mr. W. Calder will be carried on as before, the business having been taken over by Mr. M. A. Greig of Walkerton. Mr. Greig, who has been conducting a drug store business in the latter town, will discontinue this holding and devote his time to the extensive business built up in town and country by the late Mr. Calder. The business will be run under the name of the W. Calder estate.

## MR. CHARLES BROWNE DIED LAST WEEK IN HIS 89TH YEAR

Resident of This Town and Vicinity For Over Sixty Years, Slept Peacefully Away Wednesday Last About Midnight.—Funeral Was Held Privately Friday Afternoon.

Last week we referred to the serious illness of Mr. Charles Browne, a respected resident of this town, and while we understood at the time that his condition was critical and no hope held out for his recovery, we little thought he would pass away before the announcement of his serious condition would become generally known.

The late Mr. Browne was in his 89th year, was a man who enjoyed remarkable good health all his life, and even in his last illness he had no ailments or complications, and his passing was the wearing out of his robust frame and his inability at his advanced age to recuperate. Taken to his bed only ten days before his death, he slept away without a struggle.

Mr. Browne was one of our oldest residents. He was born in Rossie, N. Y., near Ogdensburg, on the 5th of October, 1839, and in 1865 came to Canada, settling in the neighborhood of Owen Sound. He was engaged with the late J. P. Coulson of that place for about a year, coming to Durham in 1866.

### One of the Old School

Mr. Browne knew Durham practically from his infancy. He was one of the old school of pioneers, and assisted more than can be told in the early development of the country. Durham in the early days was an important centre, for it was here that the relays of horses were changed in the stage journeys to Owen Sound, Guelph, Kincardine and Collingwood. A lover of horses, Mr. Browne's whole active life was spent in and around them. In the early days he was a stage driver, and later, always found employment where he could be near and attend to his equine friends. He was employed by the well-known transportation men of the early days, J. P. Coulson of Owen Sound, H. J. Middaugh of Durham, and in his time was one of the best known stage drivers of his day. With the advent of the steam railway he retired from the stage and stable business and conducted a draying business in Durham until he retired some seventeen years ago.

Mr. Browne was twice married, first to Miss Anne Cook, about 60 years ago. His first wife died about 58 years ago, and 51 years ago the first day of last May he was married to Miss Sarah Ferguson. The golden wedding was quietly celebrated nearly two years ago, when the venerable couple were the recipients of the congratulations of friends, whom they met quietly in their home.

Since his marriage he has been a continuous resident of the town, a man much respected, and his death even at the great age of nearly four score and ten years, is much regretted. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Browne, and two sons and three daughters, Messrs. James A. in Glenelg and Archie, in Hartney, Manitoba; Nettie (Mrs. H. Ball), Winnipeg; Ada (Mrs. W. Harding), Hamilton, and Bessie, (Mrs. G. H. Stinson), Indian Head, Sask. With the exception of Mrs. Stinson and Archie, all were present at his bedside before he passed away. Mrs. Stinson arrived the day after his death, but Archie, who has a business in Manitoba, was unable to be present at the funeral.

The funeral took place from the family home on Garafraxa street on Saturday afternoon, and at the request of Mrs. Browne, who felt that she could not undergo the ordeal of a public funeral, was held privately. The service was in charge of the family pastor, Rev. W. Spencer of the Baptist church, who conducted a comforting burial service at the home and grave. Interment was made in Durham cemetery. The pall bearers were all old friends and relatives, Messrs. D. Allen, John Ferguson, Arch. Ferguson, A. Ferguson, Neil Ferguson and M. McGillivray.

Those in attendance from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson of Swinton Park, the former a brother of Mrs. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, Swinton Park, the former also a brother of Mrs. Browne; Mr. and Mrs. N. McGillivray, Yeovil, the latter an only sister; Mrs. P. McEachern, Yeovil, a niece; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Snell, Yeovil; Arch. Ferguson, Cedarville; Neil McEachern of Hopeville, and Mrs. Miller of Mount Forest.

### CONVEYANCING OFFICE OPENED THIS WEEK

Mr. P. F. McArthur, for some years a resident of this town, and until seriously injured a couple of years ago an employee of the Durham Stone & Sand Company, has opened a conveyancing office in his residence on Garafraxa street and is prepared to look after any work entrusted to his care as outlined in his advertisement appearing in this issue.

When in Priceville, Mr. McArthur was similarly engaged in connection with his general store there, so is not a new man at the game, and solicits a share of the public patronage.

This is a mighty big world for an honest man and a pretty small one for a crook.—Kitchener Record.

## LEAP YEAR PARTY HELD SATURDAY

Home of Mr. William Thompson Invaded by Friends and Neighbors and Pleasant Evening Spent.

Mr. William Thompson who lives alone in single blessedness at his residence out on Lambton street was tendered a surprise party by a number of his neighbors and friends who gathered at his home on Saturday evening, when a most enjoyable couple of hours were spent. After a short programme, the "eats" were produced and another social hour spent.

There is a possible significance in this party which may not appear on the surface, but which might give our readers an altogether different outlook if the whole truth were known. As we have stated, Mr. Thompson is a most eligible bachelor, and this being Leap Year, there is a possibility that the eligible maidens of the vicinity may have had a hand in the affair in an endeavor to make Mr. Thompson see the error of his ways, take unto himself a life partner and live un-happily ever after.

Anyway, an exceptionally good time was had, and the next morning when the host of the evening visited his pantry he found, to his surprise and joy, that instead of taking after the well-known one of the Mother Hubbard variety it was filled to overflowing with delectable viands of all descriptions—another reminder of what he might expect if he were only to turn over a new leaf, join the ranks of the benedicts and become the life protector of some lonely damsel who is willing to swap a life of loneliness for the pleasure of filling the pantry shelves with the "best that is" in the culinary art.

## BEAR SAW SHADOW; SIX WEEKS' WINTER

Thursday Last Was Beautiful Day and Brother Bruin Will Den Up For Six Weeks More.

If there is anything in the old saw about Mr. Bear coming out on Candlemas day, seeing his shadow, and again denning up for six weeks more winter, then we up in this part of the country, are "it" for another month and a half.

Last Thursday was the 2nd of February and it was a beautifully sunny day. In fact, we do not think there was as much as an hour at a time that Old Sol didn't smile down upon us, and quite warmly, too.

There is little doubt that the bear, along with the rest of us, could not be held inside on a day like last Thursday and if he came out and didn't see his shadow he must have been suffering from snow blindness.

Judging from reports to the daily newspapers on Friday, we are going to have what might be termed a "checkerboard" legislation as regards a further term of six weeks' winter. Down Toronto way and in several other places throughout the country it was cloudy, and, of course, Mr. Bruin, not seeing his shadow, in those sections the winter is about over.

We are looking for six weeks' more winter in Durham, while in Owen Sound, possibly, and a lot of other places in the vicinity, the summer is already started and it is only a matter of time before the natives of these places will have to dig out the palm leaf fans while we will be digging down in our jeans once more for another ration of coal. And all because Old Eli did or did not see his shadow on Thursday of last week.

## ROUTINE WORK AT COUNCIL MEETING

Nothing of Special Interest Discussed at Monthly Meeting of Town Fathers Last Monday.—Will Try and Reorganize Band.

There was nothing out of the ordinary happened at the regular meeting of the Town Council last Monday evening, as it was mostly routine business that was disposed of. The Council rose about 10 o'clock after a busy, though non-important session. The first meeting of the year under which the Councilors drew down salary, all members were present when Mayor Murdock called them to order for business.

The principal and most important matters under discussion were the purchase of chairs for the Town Hall, the purchase of a modern snowplough, the calling in of the Band instruments and the rise in salary requested by the Treasurer, Peter Ramage.

Mayor Murdock told the Council that he had received a communication from the Dominion Road and Machinery Company at Goderich regarding a modern snowplough. The machine, all steel, and scientifically built, would cost \$100, could be operated by one horse, and was giving satisfactory service in many municipalities. Nothing was done in the matter.

The Mayor also reported having been in touch with a man in Sudbury about some second-hand chairs for the Town Hall. These were of the opera type, had been in use only two years, and he had received word that one of them was being shipped express for examination. (Continued on page 4)

## WOLVES, LIONS, BEARS ROAMING OLD GLENELG

Days of Early Fifties Recalled When Daily Press Gets Hold of Story of Wholesale Sheep and Cattle Killing.

That there are blood-thirsty and vicious animals of the semi-tropical and arctic variety roaming the swamps of Old Glenelg is the only conclusion we can come to after reading the accounts in the daily papers of the sheep- and cattle-killing of the past year, when the Council paid out over \$1,400 for "sheep killed by dogs".

The Owen Sound Sun-Times started it a couple of days ago, and the Owen Sound correspondent of the Toronto and London papers picked it up with elaborations. Yesterday it was broadcast over the radio from Toronto that Glenelg was being overrun by wolves and other vicious animals that were devouring the live stock and making life miserable for the stock-raisers of the township.

The latest is from the Toronto Star, which heard that the "natives" were staging an animal hunt to get rid of the monsters that were prowling the woods and swamps and the whole Star photography outfit and a couple of feature writers wanted to be informed as to the date so that the former could come up and shoot the pictures and the latter shoot the bull about the big event and place the old township on the front page for a day.

The situation is pitiful. We can picture Bob Edwards, on getting up in the morning, first-kissing his family good-bye, and then starting out to feed his stock. Loading up the old shotgun and, peering cautiously out of the heavily-barred windows, he would first be called upon to dispatch a couple of dozen wolves, a few bears and a hundred or so bob-cat in order to make the world safe for democracy, and at the same time give him an opportunity to sneak out and throw in a few forkfuls of straw to his frightened-to-death stock.

There is no doubt the death from unnatural causes has been too high among the sheep of Glenelg during the past twelvemonth, but it is a long way from being as bad as some of the newspaper dispatches would lead one to believe. We have heard some talk that it is thought the animal responsible for the killing is something bigger than a household dog, but further than that we cannot go. It takes a newspaper reporter with a Baron Munchausen imagination to give the affair real color.

In the meantime the residents of Glenelg can bask in the sunshine of their undeserved publicity while the newspaper photographers pack their cameras and wait for the day when the big killing is to be made.

## LADIES' NIGHT WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Annual Gathering of Durham Masonic Lodge Was Held Tuesday Night, When Record Crowd Was Present.

One more successful "Ladies' Night" must be credited to the local lodge, No. 306, A. F. & A. M. This annual affair was held on Tuesday night and this year the numbers in attendance surpassed those of any previous year.

The lodge room was arranged to accommodate the big crowd, a sufficient number of chairs being placed in the main room to afford ample seating accommodation. The first part of the evening was the programme, and this was good. Piano duets by the Misses Fursman, solos by Mr. Charles Lang, a reading by Miss Elsie Willis, and selections by the Masonic Orchestra composed of Messrs. A. C. Clements on banjo, D. C. Town on mandolin, and Mrs. Town on piano, were some of the features. The Masonic trio, Messrs. Buschlen, Lang and McKechnie, also gave an excellent number.

The chairman for the evening was Mr. E. D. McCloekin, who introduced himself in a humorous manner in a unique chairman's address and later favored the audience with an original humorous reading on "Fate". Speakers on the programme were Revs. E. Hayes, S. G. McCormack and W. H. Smith.

Following the programme the usual good Masonic lunch was served and this proved fully as popular as the programme, and following the remainder of the evening was spent in cards and dancing. The evening was a most enjoyable one, fully lived up to all expectations, and will be long remembered as one of the most enjoyable affairs of its kind ever held here.

## TORONTO'S DURHAM CLUB HAD PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

Met at Home of Dr. and Mrs. D. Jamieson, Toronto, Last Week.

The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Jamieson, Roxborough Road, East, Toronto, was the rendezvous for members of the Durham Club and their families on Thursday evening, February 2. Progressive euchre was played in the early part of the evening, and later a sing-song was enjoyed.

Refreshments were served and a most enthusiastic vote of thanks was given the host and hostess for their kind hospitality.

"What sort of show was that you went to last night?" "It was a musical tragedy."—Life.

## FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY OF LATE WM. CALDER

Impressive Service Held at Home at Two o'clock After Which Remains Were Laid to Rest in Durham Cemetery.

There was a large attendance of citizens of the town and surrounding country at the funeral services of the late Mr. William Calder last Friday, whose sudden death was reported in The Chronicle of last week, a fitting tribute to the close of a life, nearly half of which had been devoted to service in the municipal life of this town. The Town Council, of which he had been a member for so long a time, attended in a body, and with others in the community, expressed in this small way, the sympathy felt for the family and the general regret at the loss of a first citizen.

The services at house and grave were in charge of Revs. McDermott of Goderich and MacKay of Walkerton, the family pastor, Rev. Mr. Armstrong of the Presbyterian church, being confined to his home through illness. The messages of these well-known divines carried comfort and consolation to the bereaved ones, and will be a help to them in the dark days that always come following the visitation of the hand of death.

The pall-bearers were all old friends and business associates of the deceased, being: Messrs. P. Gagnon, J. A. Graham, J. A. Rowland, S. D. Croft of Goderich but formerly of Durham, Dr. J. L. Smith, J. A. McLachlan, A. H. Jackson, and Dr. W. C. Pickering.

The floral tributes were many and included those from the family; brothers and sisters; Mr. and Mrs. F. Graham, Montreal; County of Grey; Durham Council; Durham Furniture Co.; Durham Sand and Stone Co.; Independent Order of Foresters; Canadian Order of Foresters; Durham Council of Chosen Friends; Durham Hockey Club; Durham Bowling Club; Ladies' Bowling Club; Durham Curlers; Employees Canadian National Railway; Presbyterian Young People's Society; Wolf River Hunt Club; North End Motor Sales, Montreal; Lippert, Kreuger, Grant, Johnson, Walkerton; Mrs. Arthur King, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Findlay, and family, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Latimer and family, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Russell and family, Toronto; Dr. and Mrs. Pickering; Mr. and Mrs. Croft, Goderich; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Acton; Miss Jessie Withburn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell; Mrs. McLachlan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gagnon; Mr. C. H. Darling; Mr. C. F. Westfall, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. George Gagnon; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark, Listowel; Mr. and Mrs. Henry; Mr. and Mrs. Petty and family; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Graham; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Town; Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Ramage.

Among those from a distance present at the funeral were L. Klein of the Thorne-Neale Coal Co., Buffalo; S. D. Croft, Goderich; Dr. Murray Findlay and Alex. Findlay, Toronto; and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Graham, Montreal.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOARD HELD STATUTORY MEETING

The members of the High School Board held their statutory meeting on Wednesday night of last week, when the committees of last year were re-appointed. Mr. J. Morrison was re-elected chairman, Dr. J. F. Grant re-appointed secretary, and C. C. Elvidge School Attendance Officer.

This year the Adolescent School Act is to be enforced more fully in the past by both the Ontario Government and the local School Board. This act calls for all scholars under 16 years of age who have not passed the Entrance, to be regular attendants at school unless very good reasons can be advanced for non-attendance.

This year the school Board received from the County a grant of \$4,625, about \$700 more than last year, the increased amount being because of the fact that the addition to the High school classes with a local school in a higher class with a corresponding increase in grant.

## BORN

Flewellyn—At Windsor, February 1, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Flewellyn (nee Tacey McCabe), 1301 Marenthe Avenue, a daughter, (Lorraine Tacey).

McCallum—In Durham, on Wednesday, February 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCallum, a son.

## 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 am.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	13	21	11
Friday	20	35	10
Saturday	37	38	29
Sunday	40	21	9
Monday	40	30	0
Tuesday	29	41	18
Wednesday	38	44	36

## RAIN OR SNOWFALL FOR WEEK

The past week has been fine and mild, and with the exception of yesterday, the 8th, there was neither rain nor snowfall. Yesterday it rained quite heavily intermittently all day and by 5 o'clock the rain gauge at The Chronicle office registered .49 (forty-nine one-hundredths) or nearly half an inch. The barometer this Wednesday night is still falling and more rain or snow, with possible wind, may be looked for.