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Four New Faces On 1929 Council

Only Two of Last Year's Council Returned in Monday's Voting.—R. Whitmore Headed the Polls After a Stormy Day for Balloting in Which Only Fifty Percent of Electorate Exercised Franchise

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A curious result of the election is that with the exception of Albert Noble, there is no representative on the Council south of Lambton street, and as Mr. Noble lives so close to the dividing line, the candidacies of Henderson, Murdoch and R. McLean seem to have so split up the vote in the southern part of the town that all lost out.

But this kind of voting seemed the style on Monday and all three wards seemed to vote for the men themselves rather than for which ward they happened to reside in.

The 1929 Council will sit as follows: Mayor—J. N. Murdoch (accl.). Reeve—A. Bell (accl.). Council—R. Whitmore, W. S. Hunter, P. J. McLean, B. Stonehouse, A. Noble, C. Howell.

GRANDSON OF LAURA SECORD PASSES AT THORNBURY

The death occurred last week at Thornbury of a grandson of Laura Secord, famous heroine of the war of 1812-14, in the person of Morto James Carthew, well-known barrister, after a brief illness. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carthew and was born in Guelph, where his father was for some years collector of customs. His mother was the second youngest daughter of Laura Secord. Deceased was a former law partner of Hon. H. B. Morphy, K.C., of Listowel, and had been residing in Thornbury about eight years. He is survived by his widow, four daughters and two sons.

WHY MALNUTRITION?

Undernourishment may be due to many causes: improper diet, not enough to eat, lack of sleep, too little outdoor play, lack of fresh air and sunshine, overexertion due to too much work and too strenuous play, and physical defects such as bad teeth, diseased tonsils or adenoids. If your child is underweight and nervous watch him up all along the above line.

On the other hand, over weight is usually due to too much to eat, too much sleepy indolence and not enough exercise.

Quite Regular In an old Virginia cemetery there is a weather-beaten tombstone bearing these inscriptions:— I await my husband May 26th, 1840. Here I am, December 14th, 1861. Some joker has added: Late, as usual.

CHANGE IN RATES EFFECTIVE NEXT MONTH

Bell Telephone Company Reduces Rates on Certain Calls, the Result of a Conversation Held in The Chronicle Office Last September.

It is rather hard sometimes to tell just where a private conversation may end. On occasions it is, so to speak, a feather in your hat, while at other times the outcome is no end of trouble.

Last September when Mr. G. E. Cooke of Stratford, was in town, we had the pleasure of quite a lengthy call from him and in the ensuing conversation, inevitable when a district telephone manager and an editor get together, amongst other topics that were pretty well dissected, bisected or otherwise mutilated, the matter of telephone rates was pretty fully discussed.

In the course of the discussion the Chronicle editor quite naturally aired his own personal grievances, which, by the way, are also of interest to other newspapers, and pointed out a way in which the Bell Telephone Company might increase its revenue by reducing its rates. This was in the "reversed charges" calls.

At the present time when the charges are reversed, the charge is considerably higher, and is rated as a person-to-person call. For some time back the users of the telephone have had the privilege of having their calls sent as person-to-person, that is, some particular person must be located. A cheaper rate was the station-to-station call, when anyone answering the telephone called would be accepted.

In our conversation with Mr. Cooke we contended that in the case of newspapers, there was a possibility that quite a considerable amount of business could be picked up if the reversed charges calls could be put through as station-to-station calls. At present they are accepted as person-to-person calls at a higher rate. We quoted our own experience in which we asked our correspondents to telephone us "reversed charges" any important happenings that broke before press day and which could not be reported by mail. Were these calls, which naturally would be paid for by our own office, put through on a station-to-station basis there was every possibility that we would use the telephone more, spend more money on telephone calls, and with very little if any expense to the telephone company.

In a letter to the Durham local manager, Mr. W. T. Saunders, under the date of December 31, Mr. Cooke says that "a review of the attached will show that question which Mr. Irwin, publisher of The Chronicle at Durham took up with me in September last re arrangement as to the handling of station-to-station calls on 'collect' basis, did not fall on deaf ears."

Mr. Cooke Acted Quickly

There is one thing we must say for Mr. Cooke, and that is he seems interested in anything that is for the benefit of telephone patrons providing it does not unduly interfere with the existing policies of his company. Our conversation took place in September. On September 18 he communicated with F. S. Routley, Division Manager at London, and received a reply on September 24 stating that the matter was already being dealt with and that his letter had been forwarded to the Head Office at Montreal. From this we would take it that Mr. Cooke is a "mover," is anxious that all patrons in his district shall have good service at moderate cost, and from the quickness with which the new change was put through, he must be very highly regarded by the higher-up telephone officials at Montreal from whom all changes emanate.

The new rates are to come into effect on the first of February, and while they will mean a saving to the public generally on the longer distance and higher priced calls, there is every indication that the telephone company will have more revenue therefrom.

Locally, the change makes little difference, as the new schedule makes reversed charge calls on a station-to-station basis applicable only when the rate is 25 cents or over. While The Chronicle has gained nothing financially in the transaction we have every hope that the new idea will be so successful that the next change will be to make all reversed charge calls payable on a station-to-station rate irrespective of the fact that they are small and that the handling charges make it imperative at present to adhere to the 25c. minimum.

ACCEPTED DURHAM POSITION

A despatch from Brantford to the London Free Press last Friday says: Miss M. H. Gerrie, who has been principal of Bayfield school for the past three and a half years, resigned to accept a position in the high school at Durham. Miss Gerrie was most efficient in her work and well liked, pupils and the general public regretting her departure. William G. Rae has been engaged as principal of Bayfield school and started duties today.

Egremont Township Elected Hunter

Last Year's Deputy-Reeve Defeated Former Deputy-Reeve Ferguson by 65.—Only Small Portion of the Electorate Voted.

William H. Hunter is the new Reeve of Egremont Township, having defeated John A. Ferguson by a majority of 65 in Monday's voting. Owing to the storm there was a very small vote polled. This is the second defeat administered by Mr. Hunter to Mr. Ferguson, these same two being the opponents last year for the position of Deputy-Reeve, held at that time by Mr. Ferguson. As the polls went the honors were about even, both winning out in three polling subdivisions. Mr. Hunter was down 23 in the Holstein ward, the ward which was at first thought to hold the balance of power, but this was not sufficient to offset the Hunter majorities in Wards 1 and 2, where Hunter's combined majority was 85. At No. 6 Mr. Ferguson out-poled his opponent 12 to 1, but only 13 votes were cast.

Following is the voting by wards: Ferguson 2 9 62 25 12 12 122 Hunter 40 56 39 47 4 1 187 Majority for Hunter 65 Close in Normanby Down in Normanby last year's Reeve, Charles Holm, had a close call in a three cornered fight when that old war-horse, Andrew Schenk, cut his majority down to 1, the vote standing 134 to 133. A. Owens, the third candidate, received 87 votes. H. Seim was elected Deputy-Reeve over W. Miller 223 to 113. For the Council four men ran for the three seats and the last two were tied, Widmeyer and Aitken, both getting 160 votes. The council elected were C. Baetz (232), A. Filsinger (170) and J. Aitken and T. Widmeyer (160 each). Should the official count still show a tie the Returning Officer, R. H. Fortune, will have to cast the deciding vote.

New Man at Flesherton

W. H. Thurston, last year's Reeve at Flesherton, was defeated by T. W. Findlay by three votes. At Markdale, T. H. Reburn, also Reeve last year, was defeated by J. H. Johnston 183 to 117.

MANY NEW FACES AT COUNTY COUNCIL

Elections Throughout County of Grey Find Several Old Favorites Defeated, In Some Cases New Men Taking Place of Those Who Resigned.—One Less in Council This Year.

Owing to a decline in population the township of Euphrasia this year will send only one representative to the County Council, while in other townships new men take the place of those defeated. In Euphrasia Harold Dawn went down to defeat at the hands of H. H. Thompson, from Egremont the representatives will be W. H. Hunter and J. Mack. Mr. Hunter was deputy-reeve last year and moved up to the reeve's place this year by defeating John A. Ferguson. Neil Calder, last year's Warden of the County retired from the field and Mr. Mack went in by acclamation. Of this year's County council, in the 37 representatives there will be 14 new faces. Following is the list, the last named in each case being the deputy-reeve:

Artemesia—Alex. Cameron, Herbert; Corbett. Bentinck—Herbert W. Hunt, George H. Magwood. Collingwood—J. J. Buchanan, William Collins. Derby—Ernest Fleming. Egremont—W. H. Hunter, James Mack. Euphrasia—Harry H. Thompson. Glenelg—Thomas J. Brodie. Holland—Alex. Acheson, J. Heighes. Keppel—Wesley Shier. Normanby—Charles Holm, H. Seim. Osprey—W. L. Taylor, J. Lockhart. Proton—William Jack. Sarawak—Joseph Gerry. St. Vincent—Robert J. White, Thos. Ashby. Sullivan—Jacob Lemcke, D. Hastie. Sydenham—Jos. Fretter, Duncan Morrison. Durham—Allan Bell. Hanover—Robert Brigham. Meaford—Noble Arthur, W. W. Hamley. Thornbury—John W. Hutchison. Chatsworth—Stephen H. Breeze. Dundalk—Hector C. Moody. Flesherton—Thomas W. Findlay. Markdale—J. H. Johnston. Neustadt—Charles Widmeyer. Shallow Lake—D. Allan.

ORIGINAL "MOTHER MACHREE" DIED LAST WEEK

Mrs. Nannie Ball, the original Mother Machree of her son's famous song by that name, died last Wednesday night at her home in Beechurst, Long Island, aged 71. The son, Ernest R. Ball, died in May 1927. The body of Mrs. Ball was taken to Cleveland for burial alongside that of her son.

O. H. A. HOCKEY OPENER MONDAY

Flesherton Intermediates Meet Locals at 8 o'Clock, and come to Town with Their Strongest Line-up.—Senior and Junior Northern Hockey League Schedules Drawn.

Durham's first taste of O. H. A. intermediate hockey this year will be on next Monday night when the locals meet the Flying Fleshertons. The game is called for 8 o'clock and if advance notices are a criterion the local boys will have to step lively to keep ahead of this fast six from the East who are heralded as no mean contenders. As this is the curtain raiser for the 1929 season there will in all probability be a good house to witness the game.

Juniors Defaulted

The local Junior O. H. A. contenders, who were scheduled to stack up against the Owen Sound Greys at Owen Sound last Monday night decided that, owing to various causes, they would be further ahead to default the O. H. A. series and fix their attention on the Northern League games. A dispatch from Owen Sound stating that they had defaulted owing to internal dissension was not correct.

Lost at Walkerton

The local intermediates went to Walkerton Monday night for an exhibition game and were worsted by the Bruce county team 6 to 2. This was practically the first time the locals had been on skates, and as the Walkerton team was not in condition either, the game means nothing so far as figuring out the future chances of these two teams.

Schedules Drawn Up

While at Walkerton Monday both Senior and Junior schedules were drawn up, the seniors playing a single series with Walkerton and the juniors with Walkerton and Hanover. Following is the schedule agreed upon:

- Feb. 4—Durham at Walkerton
- 7—Walkerton at Durham
- Junior:
- Jan. 15—Durham at Hanover
- 17—Hanover at Durham
- 22—Durham at Walkerton
- 29—Walkerton at Hanover
- Feb. 5—Walkerton at Durham
- 8—Hanover at Walkerton

AFTER THE ELECTION

Around the Council board this year New faces will be seen; No duplicates will now confuse The Aldermanic screen. But one McLean survived the day; Of Nobles, half were slain; The Mayor and Reeve were not opposed And so they still remain. The baker's bread next day, I'm told, Was sodden with his tears; And Arnold thought the voters showed Less wisdom than his steers. The "light that failed" for Bob McLean Left him out in the dark; McClocklin did not make the race—He's hunting dogs that bark. The barber ran like he was scared Or heard the dinner bell; He led the bunch of wisdom that Our troubles will dispel. Bill Hunter was the runner up, And was elated so, He told his friends he soon would be Their member—Dom. not Pro. Bert Stonehouse tried to have his race Broadcast from J O K; The weather would not this permit; Now Bert has lots to say. Cliff Howell brought up the rear of those Who were to duty called; He thinks it means more business, So two clerks he has installed. Let's hope that these new Aldermen May prove no rubber stamps, But have minds of their own—that Mayor Nor Reeve their prestige cramps. With mental grasp so broad to see What is best for the town—No picayunish penny-pinch Will deeds with wisdom crown. —CAMPER.

Care of Leather

To wet leather is likely to make it shrink, and when it dries it may become brittle and crack. If it has been wet, it should not be dried too quickly in a place which is too warm. It will keep its softness better if dried very slowly. Do not place your damp shoes before a fire. Leather is better preserved if it is rubbed with sweet oil occasionally. Do this for your leather covered chair seats and your leather coat. Your new shoes will not scuff as easily and will wear better if they are polished the first time you wear them and kept well polished as long as you wear them. If leather is permitted to dry out too much, it cracks. It is not so much what a man stands for as what he falls for.

Wind, Rain, Sleet, and Finally Snow

Week-end Went Out in Blaze of Glory and in Real January Style.—Saturday Night's Storm Was a Rough One.

As a storm, that of last Saturday night was a real success. Commencing earlier in the afternoon a slight rain commenced to fall and the glass to drop. In less than an hour the barometer dropped a point and we knew something was coming. And it came.

Shortly before 6 o'clock it broke and with wind, rain and sleet, there was a wild time for about an hour. The local hydro was put out of commission for an hour or so and all through the evening it was problematical if the service could be continued. There was a rainfall of over half an inch, 55 to be exact, and on Sunday the snow came.

All day Sunday, and all day Monday it fell, clearing up Tuesday morning. With the storm came a drop in temperature, and there was hopes that the cold spell would continue if for nothing else but to clean up the flu epidemic. Wednesday the weather moderated and the thermometer reached 28 degrees with the probability that it will remain at this or go even higher. During Sunday, Monday and Tuesday approximately 19 inches of snow fell, though this is pure guesswork the high wind making it decidedly hard to obtain a correct measurement.

Bus Lines Cancelled

A telephone call from Guelph Monday from the head office of the Arrow Coach Lines informed The Chronicle that all bus schedules had been cancelled on the Guelph-Owen Sound run for at least the next six or eight weeks. While the Provincial Highway is open for some distance north and south of Durham, there is a lot of snow and motoring is chancy.

PLENTY OF SICKNESS HERE THIS WINTER

Few Homes in Which One or More Are Not Affected by the Prevailing Influenza Epidemic.—Chronicle This Week Published Under Difficulties.

So far as Durham is concerned it can scarcely be said that the influenza epidemic has reached the stage of an epidemic, but at the same time there is a lot of illness about town. Whether or not it is the "flu" or just ordinary cold in the majority of cases we do not know, but the fact remains that a good many have been confined to their homes and quite a percentage of those remaining are suffering from the cold in various stages.

The Chronicle this week has been hit by the illness of Mr. M. F. Bailey who came to work Saturday morning feeling rather unwell, left before the noon hour, and has not yet put in an appearance. His work naturally has to be done by those more fortunate and at time of writing we are not exactly sure where we are "at" regarding the getting out of the paper on time. We are going strong, however, and if we are late our readers will know from this that it was no fault of our own making.

The medical men have been kept busy during the past two weeks or so and it was hoped that the drop in the temperature would ring the death-knell of the influenza outbreak, but this proved a false hope and as this is written it is becoming milder. Considering the reports from other parts of the province and from points in Canada and the United States, Durham and vicinity have so far been lucky in escaping the worst of the influenza outbreak.

WILL HEAR ADDRESS ON MOTHERS' ALLOWANCE

Next Tuesday evening the Men's Club of Knox church is holding an open meeting for the purpose of receiving Hon. Dr. Jamieson, the chairman of the Mothers' Allowance Commission, who is to deliver an address on the workings of this Commission. During his chairmanship Dr. Jamieson has been called upon to explain the workings of this Commission on different occasions by Boards of Trade and other city organizations who recognize it as one of the most important commissions of the Government. The Men's Club hope for a large attendance. The meeting is called for Knox church at 8 o'clock.

SCOTT—MASON

Word has been received in town of the marriage at Radisson, Sask., on December 19, last, of Emily Frances, daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Mason, to Mr. R. J. Scott of Saskatoon, Sask., formerly of Speers, and well known to many residents of Durham and vicinity. Mr. Scott is a brother of Mrs. W. R. Watson of town. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have taken up residence in Saskatoon, at 814 Saskatchewan Crescent.

OWES NO INTEREST ON HIGH SCHOOL BONDS

W. Laidlaw Objects Strongly to the General Impression Around Town That he Owes Town Anything—Bought Bonds and Paid For Them at Price Offered.

Police Magistrate Laidlaw was in our office last week-end and in discussing our report of the nomination the previous Monday thinks we were rather out of bounds in mentioning his name in connection with a reference made to a speech delivered by Secretary Grant of the School Board. The item objected to read as follows: "While the overdrift" (the High School overdrift "showed as \$2,100, there was an amount of some \$263 accrued interest on the famous Laidlaw bonds that had not yet been received and had not been included in the treasurer's statement."

To those who might not have understood this reference we might explain that these are the bonds over which there has been so much controversy at the Council table during the past few months. The Council alleged that Mr. Laidlaw should have paid the accrued interest on these bonds and on different occasions the matter was up for discussion. Mr. Laidlaw refused to pay the interest.

Explained Whole Transaction

While in our sanctum Mr. Laidlaw explained that he had nothing to hide in the deal whereby he purchased the High school bonds. He had offered par for them, the offer had been accepted, and so far as he was concerned the deal was closed. If anyone was to blame it certainly was not him, as he had made the offer and it had been accepted.

So far as our interview with Mr. Laidlaw was concerned it but strengthened our contention expressed to several members of the council at the time the matter was under discussion, that Mr. Laidlaw had much the better of the argument. He had the bonds in his possession, had paid for them, and the amount must have been satisfactory or it would not have been accepted. This was our stand on the matter all along, and after our conversation last week we are more than ever convinced that we are right.

Council Not Liable

Mr. Laidlaw dealt with the matter of the accrued interest even more fully and said that neither he nor the Town Council were indebted to the High school Board for the accrued interest. He had bid in the bonds at par and had paid for them; he was clear of any obligation. The Council could not be expected nor required to pay over to the Board a greater sum of money than what had been realized by the sale of the bonds. Taking the deal as a whole, Mr. Laidlaw thought the School Board had been well treated and fortunate in the sale of these bonds as they had received considerably more than they could have obtained through the sale of the bond house.

Fuel Independence Believed in Sight

Consumption of U. S. Anthracite Is Rapidly Increasing in Canada.—More Coke Being Used.

"We Canadians are today becoming independent of the United States in the matter of Pennsylvania anthracite," declared Mr. Charles Camshell, Chairman of the Dominion Fuel Board following an inspection of the La Salle Coke Corporation's plant at Ville La Salle, near Montreal. Dr. Camshell pointed out that in 1923 Canadians used about 200,000 tons of coke, whereas in 1928 the consumption would be 1,000,000 tons. "In 1923 we used 4,750,000 tons of United States anthracite, whereas in 1927 the consumption was down to 3,000,000." The difference, he said, was made up of 500,000 tons of Welsh coal, the use of an additional 250,000 tons of bituminous and the added consumption of Canadian-manufactured coke.

"We have made a gradual displacement of a high-priced fuel by a fuel which is more in keeping with moderate pocketbooks, and, in addition, we are doing more to encourage our own industries instead of sending our money from the country. The Government is naturally intensely interested in any Canadian fuel produced for Canadians with Canadian capital and the Government is also intensely interested in seeing that such an industry be brought to Canada and made to pay, whereas five years ago it could not be done," he concluded. The Commission will probably pay a visit to the coke plants in Nova Scotia.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

Table with 4 columns: Day, 8 a.m., Max., Min. Shows temperature fluctuations for the week.