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## Road Engineer Speaks Here Friday

Representative of Firm of James, Proctor & Redfern Will Address Gathering and Explain Programme of Road Paving Likely to be Adopted Here Next Summer.—Council Held First Meeting Monday Night

The long looked for public meeting in connection with the contemplated paving of Durham's streets takes place in the Town Hall tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. This meeting was arranged Tuesday by Mayor Murdoch on instructions from the Town Council which had held its first session the previous evening. Everyone interested, and especially the ratepayers are invited and requested to be present and hear the paving question discussed by one who has been in constant touch with such projects for years and who will come prepared to tell the Durham public what they may expect and also answer any questions which may be put in an endeavor to get at the bottom of this important question. We can say no more than that we hope there will be a large attendance.

Held First Session Monday evening was the initial session of the 1929 Council, though the councillors-elect had previously appeared before the Clerk and taken the oath of office. Present at the meeting were:

Mayor, J. N. Murdoch, Reeve, A. Bell, Council—A. Noble, R. Whitmore, P. J. McLean, W. S. Hunter, C. Howell, E. Stonehouse.  
The following committees were drawn up, the first named in each case being the chairman:  
Finance—Bell, Noble, Whitmore.  
Board of Works—Murdoch, Noble, McLean.  
Property—McLean, Hunter, Stonehouse.  
Fire and Light—Noble, Howell, Hunter.  
Charity—Murdoch, Howell, Whitmore.  
Industrial—Bell, Stonehouse, E. W. Limin, Dr. D. Jamieson.  
Board of Health—Murdoch, Dr. A. M. Bell, J. H. McQuarrie, W. B. Vollett.  
Mr. W. R. McGowan received the appointment of Assessor in place of P. F. McIlraith, resigned, and Messrs. J. Kelly and R. M. Sparling were appointed auditors.  
Mr. H. Allen, last year's constable, was re-appointed for 1929.

The initial meeting was confined mostly to routine business and the various appointments. The regular and usual batch of accounts were examined and passed by the Finance Committee and payment recommended. They amounted to slightly over \$300.

## DURHAM DISTRICT L. O. L. HOLDS MEETING

District L. O. L. of Durham held a meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday afternoon of last week. Worshipful Master, W. R. Watson presided. The district showed an increase in membership. A donation of \$5 was voted to the Bible Society. Invitations were on hand from Hanover and Mount Forest to celebrate with them on the 12th of July. No decision was made till after county meeting.

The following officers were elected: W. R. Watson, Wor. Dis. M.; J. A. McGirr, Wor. Dep. M.; S. V. Chapman, Chaplain; W. J. Ritchie, (Glengelg) Recording Sec.; Thos. Whitmore, Secretary-treasurer; George Noble, Marshal; James Leeson and Farr Lawrence, 1st and 2nd lecturers.  
The district will meet again in June in Durham.

## MACPHAIL PRIZE RECEIVED BY WINNER

Ruby Patterson of Blantyre Recipient of Wrist Watch From South Grey Member, Won at County School Fair Last Fall.

We have just received a letter from a cousin, Mrs. J. Patterson of Blantyre, near Meaford, informing us that her daughter Ruby, winner of the Macphail prize here last fall at the County School Fair, has received her wrist watch. For some reason, it was said and believed that Miss Patterson would not receive this watch as she had won the watch the previous year, but this report now is proven groundless. Accompanying the watch was a note from Miss Macphail which read:

"Dear Ruby Patterson,—I hear such splendid reports of your speech. I am sorry not to have heard you. I have just returned from the West and find that the watch I sent was not given you owing to a report that you won my watch last year. I regret the delay."

Wrong Pasteboards Mrs. Henpeck (sarcastically)—"I suppose you've been to see a sick friend—holding his hand all evening." Mr. Henpeck (sadly)—"I'd been holding his hands I'd have made some money."

## WEEK-END STORM STOPPED MOTORING

Last Week-end Was Cold and Stormy and Roads Are Now Blocked in All Directions.—Thermometer Dropped to 12 Blow Sunday Morning

He's here, and the evidence all seems to point to the fact that he intends to stay. It's Old Man Winter we refer to, and he came in with a bang on Saturday night and Sunday. Accompanied by a high wind and snow, and a falling temperature, this popular old January visitor demonstrated that he had just as much kick as ever and despite his years he made many of the younger generation take to cover over the week-end.

Saturday and Sunday's storm wasn't the worst we have had this year, but it had the winter tag attached to it. A week before we had fully as bad or worse a storm, but it was accompanied by rain and was more in the nature of an October outbreak than a January visitor.

Sunday morning the temperature around Durham registered 4 below zero. During the night it had dropped to 12. The wind and snow has blocked the roads so that motoring outside town is off for a time and running about inside the corporation is anything but a pleasure. While the storm was over by Monday it was still cold and the probabilities say that we are in for another drop in temperature before it gets warmer.

It is real reasonable weather and the kind that many of our snowshoe friends have been looking for. The majority however would be satisfied with a little higher temperature. It is expected that the cold spell will put the influenza epidemic out of business, and, anyway, what is winter for if we are not to have a few weeks of nippy, Canadian weather?

## CANADA'S REFUSAL FULLY WARRANTED

Washington Paper Comments on Prohibition Conference at Ottawa.

In an editorial in the Washington, D. C. Post, which supports the Government now in power in the United States, comments on the anti-smuggling negotiations in Ottawa as follows: "If the United States wants prohibition, it is up to this country to enforce it. The flow of liquor across the Canadian border will continue unless more effective steps are taken by the Government to stop it. Canada will go no further in helping to enforce the law to curb American thirst."

"These conclusions may be drawn from the results of the three-day conference of Canadian Government representatives with prohibition and customs officials of the United States at Ottawa. The conference adjourned without reaching any definite agreement. Canada demonstrated indifference to American prohibition troubles, and there is little possibility of a change in this policy in the future. The conference evoked much discussion in Canada and showed that public opinion in that country is decidedly opposed to co-operation with the United States to enforce the Volstead Act."

"The anti-smuggling treaty between the United States and Canada was signed in 1924. Under this agreement the two governments are mutually helpful in preventing contraband trade. In the conference of this week the American delegates asked Canada to refuse to issue documents permitting the export of goods which cannot be legally imported into the United States."

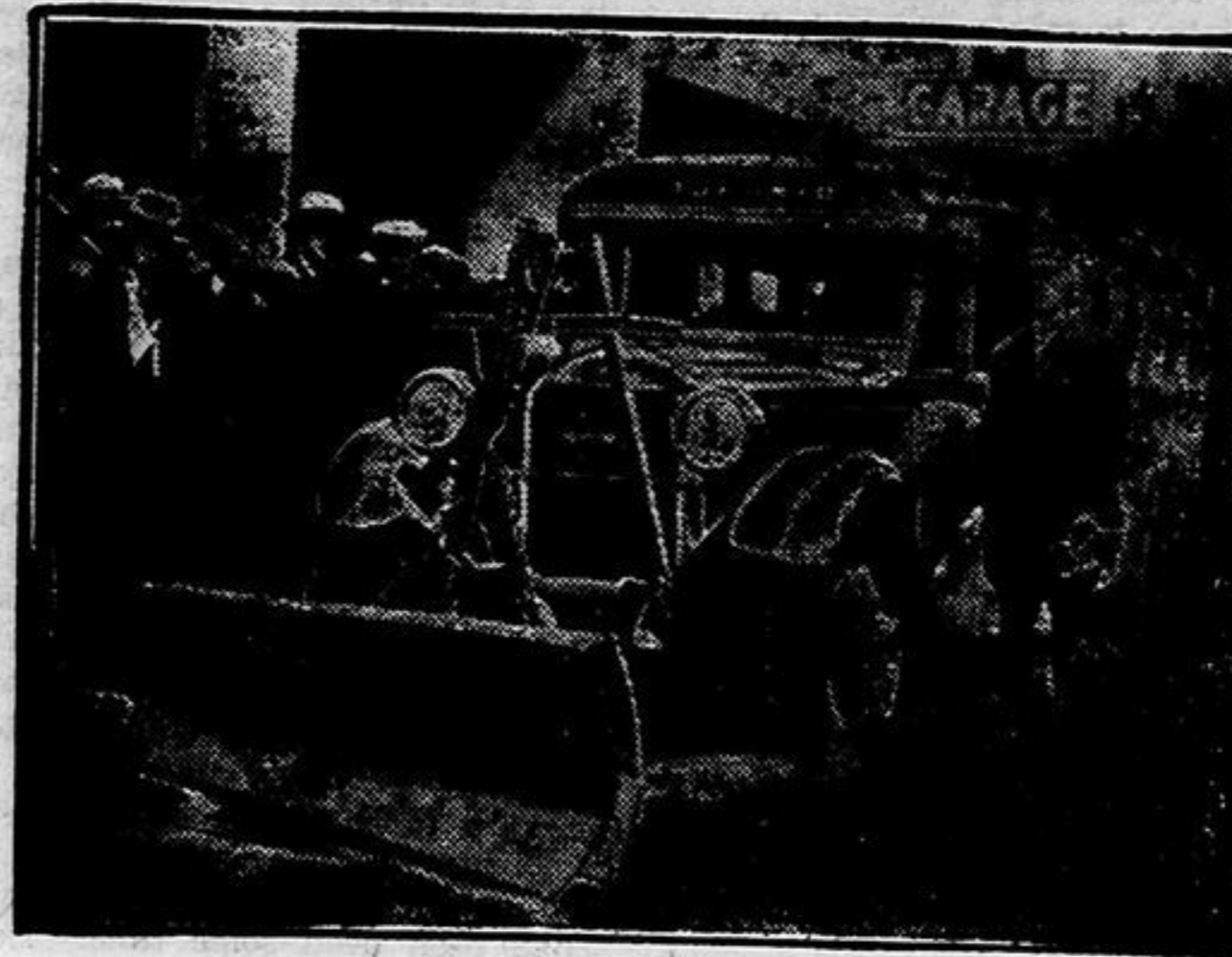
Justified in Refusal "The Canadian delegates are justified in their conclusion that this is asking too much of a neighbor, especially one who is not in sympathy with our legislation on liquor. However, the delegates will report the request to their Government together with the reasons advanced in support of the same."

"There is little chance that the proposal will find any favor with the Canadian Parliament."

"Failure to secure the aid of Canada in cutting off the flow of liquor over the border will be a blow to prohibition, because this traffic is now one of the chief sources of liquor in the States. With the limited funds provided by Congress for enforcement, agents have been unable to cope with the rum-runners on the Great Lakes. However, the problem is distinctly one for this Government to deal with. There is no consistency in asking a foreign government to enforce an American law."

Little Mary, who had fallen ill, begged for a kitten. It was found that an operation was necessary, and that she must go to the hospital. The mother promised that if she would be very brave during this time of trial she could have the very finest kitten to be found.

As Mary was coming out from the influence of the anesthetic, the nurse heard her muttering, and stooping, heard these words: "It's a bum way to get a cat."



WILL KEEP HIGHWAY OPEN

The new vehicle of the Central Ontario Bus Lines which has been equipped with a snowplough, the first of the kind to be used in this district, to enable service to be maintained in the north during the winter. This bus is to be operated on the Guelph-Owen Sound route, and to Kitchener and Toronto. At the present time the Guelph-Owen Sound road, running through Durham is impassable, and it is on this highway that the plough-bus is to be given its first trial. According to the Toronto papers this trial was to have commenced last Friday but so far we have not seen it going through nor heard that it was making any great success in breaking the highways in keeping it working in direct co-operation with the department of highways in keeping these roads open and besides the plough the bus will carry several bags of sand for throwing on icy slopes and other dangerous road menaces. The initial performance of this new departure in keeping these northern roads open during the winter months will be watched with interest, and while the general public will wish the company success, past experience here, where the snow is from three to eight feet deep, has imbued them with the somewhat pessimistic idea that it cannot be done without the expenditure of a great deal more money than the business warrants.

## Durham Teams Score Victories

Intermediate O. H. A. Team Handed Flesherston Short End of Big Score on Monday Night, While Juniors Trimmed Hanover at Home on Tuesday Night.

The first hockey game of the season and the opening of the local O. H. A. Schedule, took place in the Arena Monday night. It wasn't a game, either. A good workout for the local squad would be a better description. The fans who turned out and pushed their cash under the wicket on the whole were somewhat disappointed.

The Flesherston team, while a bunch of hard workers were no match for the speedier Durham boys, and with the exception of the second period, the play was about as one-sided as the score indicates. In the second the Flesherstonites made their bid for a place in the score column, but the good work of McDonald in goal, and Clements and Wilson on defense, turned them back scoreless. With the exception of perhaps a half dozen, all the shots McDonald was called on to handle were fro outside the blue line and there seldom was anybody there to handle the rebound.

On the other hand 7 of Durham's 15 goals were rebounds that were batted in by the man right in on top of the goal keeper, and of the other 8 only handle were from outside the blue line and that was the second goal in the second period, which was a long shot by Elvidge from centre ice, which we doubt if the Flesherston goal keeper ever saw.

Harrison Rife of Walkerton handled the ball and had very little cause to use it, as the game was remarkably clean only two penalties being awarded, both in the last period. Moon of Durham, was chased for heavy checking and McTavish of Flesherston for tripping. The teams lined up as follows:

Durham	Goal	Flesherston
McDonald E.	Goal	Piper R.
Clements	R. Def.	McDonald
Wilson	L. Def.	Thurston
McGirr	Centre	McTavish
Elvidge	R. Wing	Boyd
Buschlen	L. Wing	Nuhn
Moon	Subs.	Howard
Snell		Patton

Durham's Junior Northern Leaguers turned in about the niftiest game of their career at Hanover on Tuesday night when they defeated the Hanoverians right on their own ice and walked home with the bologna 4 to 2. The score, we are told, just about represents the play.

When the Hanover management announced that they were putting the best junior team they ever owned on the ice, the stock in hockey took a slump in Durham, but as the game progressed it was seen that the locals while not having any runaway, had the edge and should win.

The return game here tonight should be a good one as the Hanover team have not given up hope and are confident they can handle the locals right on their own ice. It will be a tidy game and a good crowd will be there. Following is the local line-up at Hanover:

Goal, Lavelle; defence, Dean and Wilson; centre, McGirr; wings, Churchill and McIlraith; subs, McDonald (goal), Murdoch and Schutz. Referee—T. Wettlaufer, Chesley. A feature of the game, not seen much in these days of substitutes, was the 60-minute playing of the Durham team, no substitutes being used.

## Division Court Was Held Tuesday

Only Two Cases Before Presiding Judge and Both Were Dismissed

Division Court was held here Tuesday morning, His Honor, Judge Sutherland, presiding. While there were several cases on the books, only two were given a hearing, the rest being adjourned to future sittings.

The first case was an action by Fred Noble of Egremont against George J. Ball of Normanby for damages to his car when one of Ball's horses kicked at it, damaged a fender and broke one of the lights. The accident occurred at the Allan Park crossing of the C.P.R. some time last fall. Ball, the defendant, had been loading stock at the Allan Park Station and when coming out of the gate near the crossing Mr. Noble came along. The latter was forced to halt his car until the defendant got across the road and when attempting to pass him a few feet south of the railroad crossing one of Ball's horses became frightened and kicked, damaging the car as stated.

The plaintiff claimed the defendant was negligent, but after the evidence was all in His Honor ruled that no negligence had been shown and dismissed the action with costs.

Grant of Walkerton was acting for the plaintiff and had asked for an adjournment owing to the defendant being ill and unable to attend and also that the court was sitting in Walkerton on the same day. Judge Sutherland decided to take the evidence of the plaintiff and witnesses, but as the case progressed ruled that the plaintiff had no action and that sufficient evidence had been heard to warrant him in dismissing the case.

Sued For Paint Account The only other action was that of the Franklin Paint Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, for paint shipped to D. M. Saunders of Durham and for which he refused to settle.

In this case defendant produced letters and order form in which the paint company had agreed to send him any paint required with which to repair his roof, he was to give it a four-months' trial, and if unsatisfactory it would cost him nothing.

The defendant in his evidence showed that he had used some of the paint, sufficient to cover his roof, had followed the instructions of the company to the best of his ability, and that, shortly after applied, his roof had continued to leak, causing him expense in redecorating his premises. He had notified the company that their product was unsatisfactory and produced several witnesses to show that his roof had leaked all during the fall until subsequently temporarily repaired. He had had another material applied the next spring which had proved satisfactory, and this was one more evidence that the product for which he was sued was not up to the standard claimed.

Judge Sutherland ruled for the defendant. The letter and the order which accompanied it stated plainly that the company fully guaranteed their product, and the inference was there at any rate that the user was to be the sole judge of the merits of their product. Sufficient evidence had been produced to show that the paint, in this instance, at least, had not been as good as claimed and he dismissed the case with costs. The account was approximately \$49.

It's rough on a girl if her beau neglects to shave.—Chicago Daily News.

## Mothers' Allowance Act Explained

Hon. Dr. D. Jamieson, Chairman of Commission, Gave Most Informative Address to Men's Club of Knox Church Tuesday Evening.—Benefits Bestowed Beyond Knowledge of Most People.

The work of the Commission appointed to carry on the work of the Mothers' Allowance Board was most fully dealt with by Hon. Dr. D. Jamieson, the chairman, and the man responsible for the success of the work, at a gathering held in Knox church Tuesday night under the auspices of the Men's Club of the church.

Dr. Jamieson commenced his address by referring back to 1918, when, at the close of the war, there were many who thought that our war debt of two and a half billions of dollars was a millstone we would never be able to get rid of, but which, with the unexpected prosperity of the country, and the Province of Ontario in particular, had not been half so hard on the general taxpayer as had been anticipated.

"Progress and poverty go hand in hand," said the speaker, and it has always been the case that where there was a preponderance of wealth there had always been a preponderance of poverty as well.

Should Do Our Duty It is the duty of those of us upon whom fortune has smiled to do something for those poor unfortunates who have sunk into poverty, and Dr. Jamieson thought it would be no credit to Ontario were her poor to be allowed to shift for themselves when there was so much wealth in evidence.

It was this feeling that led the Hearst Government in 1918 to formulate the plan of assistance to those, especially the mothers and children, which finally led to the Mothers' Allowance fund. The Hearst administration was defeated when the Drury Government went into power, but they had carried on the work and worked out a good many of the details which, in turn, had been further worked out and perfected by the Ferguson Government since 1923. The Commission consists of five members. Of the five, two must be women. Assisting these were local boards of five in every county or larger city, who worked without pay and have a secretary and a president elected from amongst the members. Amongst the improvements in the administration as the Act became better known were the additions of investigators, usually trained nurses, who visited the homes seeking aid, obtained their family history, their financial standing and other information and reported to the head office in Toronto. These nurses did good work and the administration of the Act could not be successfully carried on without them.

A Graded Scale The amount to be paid under the Act differed. To secure aid a mother had to have two children under 16 years of age. The maximum paid her was \$30 a month in the country districts, \$35 in towns and \$40 in cities. The difference in living conditions made the graded scale necessary. A mother received \$5 a month for each additional child that each child receive a proper education, it was required by law that no child not attending school could receive any benefits.

There had naturally been cases where unscrupulous mothers had attempted to send some of her children out to work and also collect the grant, but the introduction of a card system had pretty well put a stop to this practice. Now the mother was required to send in a card monthly showing the number of days each child attended school, and this card had to be signed by the principal of the school.

Those Entitled to Grant The public sometimes gathered erroneous ideas of the workings of the Act and oftentimes were not aware of the requirements to receive the grant. Grants were given to widows, to those who had been deserted by their husbands and nothing had been heard of them for a period of five years, foster mothers, but not to widows with only one child. The Mothers' Allowance Act was costing the province from \$6,000 to \$7,000 a day, and the amount was increasing faster than the population. This was due to some extent owing to many who were entitled years ago to the grant not having heard of it until recently.

Municipalities Pay Half Grey County alone receives \$20,000 annually from the fund, fifty per cent of which is paid by the county. In the whole province there was only one instance on record where any municipality complained of having to pay. In some of the northern sections of the province where the population was sparse and the organization not complete, the Government paid all, as it was not felt that any deserving mother with children should suffer because she lived in an outlying district. The Act also makes provision for the payment of grants for the upkeep of step-children.

Dr. Jamieson compared the cost of administration of the Act with that of some similar movements. Some, he said, cost roughly 50 per cent, of the amount received. In 1925-26 the cost of administration for the Mothers' Allowance Act was 3.93 per cent., in 1926-27 it was 3.7, and in 1927-28 it had dropped to 3.5 per cent. He had hopes that he would ultimately bring the cost of administration down to 3 per cent, or even lower.

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It was not the intention of the Commission to grant a mother sufficient money to live without further effort. The intention was to give the mother sufficient help that if she were thrifty and industrious she would be able to keep her small family together under the home roof, for, the speaker said, it is the mother who should have the rearing of her own little flock—not some charitable institution.

The Commission was very strict in inquiring as to the financial standing of prospective grantees. He told of one woman who had been left some \$4,000 insurance money. She bought a car, an expensive radio machine and other luxuries—and then applied to the Commission for help. She did not get it.

There was little doubt that the audience, following the close of Dr. Jamieson's address, had an altogether different conception of the work, and the help, and the necessity for a Commission such as this. Fortunately the rural districts were not so much in need as the larger centres, or those rural sections back from the unpopulated areas, but with the first-hand knowledge given them by the speaker all doubt as to the efficiency of the Commission, if such existed, was removed.

There is no locality that knows Dr. Jamieson like his home town of Durham. Here he is known as a conscientious citizen, and as a man who, when once he undertakes a work, does not rest until he makes a success of it. In his address on Tuesday night he indulged in no oratory. He told his story in his own simple manner, but behind this manner was a sincerity that was unmistakable. His story of the work of the Commission has done more than he knows in furthering its aims in this community and many who possibly entertained the idea previously that the Mothers' Allowance Commission was a Government hobby went away knowing that they had been mistaken and had misjudged one of the best and farthest-reaching of Ontario's charities.

At the close of the address a vote of thanks was moved the speaker by Mr. J. A. Rowland, seconded by Mr. W. R. Alder, and heartily concurred in by the audience.

Preliminary to the address was the reading of a portion of scripture, a prayer by the pastor, and singing by the male quartette. Dr. A. M. Bell, the president of the club, presided.

## CAPTURED STRAY PIGEON

On Saturday morning Mrs. J. C. Hamilton of Glengelg found a stray pigeon in the oat box at the barn and captured it. The bird appeared very hungry and tame and was easily captured. The pigeon on examination was found to be branded, and marked "A. V. 28 C4719". The marking with the exception of the 28 was horizontal, while the latter was vertical. Mrs. Hamilton informed us of her capture and asked what the markings might stand for and if we knew the probable home of the bird, but we had to confess complete ignorance.

It is possible that the pigeon has escaped from some loft, or has got lost on its journey home. Coming to the Hamilton home, where many of its companions are kept, it probably decided to stop awhile and visit before continuing its journey. Mrs. Hamilton has released the bird and it will be interesting to know whether it continues its journey or remains at its new home.

A splinter encountered some boys in the old swimming hole, minus everything but nature's garb and was horrified.

"Isn't it against the law to bathe without suits on, little boys?" "Yes'm," answered freckled Johnny, "but Jimmy's father is a policeman, so you can come on in."

## TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	S.a.m.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	26	24	23
Friday	24	30	20
Saturday	10	14	8
Sunday	-4	12	-10
Monday	10	12	0
Tuesday	10	16	3
Wednesday	14	24	12