

Board of Trade Reorganized Friday

Good Turnout Conclusive Evidence That Much Interest Is Still Evidenced in This Association.—New Board of Officers Elected, and Meetings Will Be Held Last Friday in Each Month.

If there was any doubt about the interest taken locally in the Board of Trade, this was dispelled last Friday night when upwards of fifty of the business men of the town met in the Town Hall for the purpose of reorganizing. While the Board has not been dead by any means for the past three or four years it had not functioned as it should and the call for a general meeting was sent out to see the exact feeling of the community and either reorganize and put it on its feet or disband altogether. The result was the best meeting of its kind ever held here and if the enthusiasm of Friday night can be maintained we can see brighter days ahead for the town. There was not a dissenting voice when the question as to the advisability of continuing the Board was brought up the meeting feeling that an organization of some kind to work with the Town Council and other public bodies was necessary and that it should be either a Board of Trade or something else.

Mus: Interest Neighborhood

One bright spot in the meeting was the undercurrent of opinion that the Board of Trade must not confine itself to Durham. It should be a neighborhood organization, and to function as such should seek the co-operation of the public bodies of the surrounding municipalities as well as interest the residents of the community immediately surrounding Durham to join up with the idea of bettering the whole Durham neighborhood. It is the intention to make the Board a social as well as a business organization with the possible holding of a monthly dinner or supper in the hotel, or catered to by some of the societies, where the problems of the whole neighborhood could be worked out in the form of a banquet and round table discussion of short addresses afterwards. At times it might be deemed advisable to secure the services of an outside speaker, many of whom could be obtained, when in this way new ideas could be obtained. These problems will have to be worked out later when a membership roll is secured. The Board is not to be limited to business men only, but is to include every person interested in the community, and with the small membership fee of one dollar to cover the necessary expenses it is felt that there should be quite a large membership.

Meet Last Friday in Month

It was agreed that the Board Executive should meet on the last Friday in each month and that the executive have the power to call a general meeting of the members when seen fit, or when problems arose which should go before a larger meeting. Should it be possible to arrange a monthly banquet the whole business of the Board could be discussed. The place of meeting was decided on as the Town Hall.

Following are the officers elected: President, P. Gagnon; 1st Vice-President, T. M. McFadden; 2nd Vice-President, H. J. Snell; Treasurer, J. H. Harding; Secretary, Frank Irwin; Executive Committee: G. Jucksch, P. Ramage, J. F. Grant, J. A. Graham, J. A. Rowland, C. D. Kent, G. Hughes, R. M. Sparling, W. J. McFadden, R. Saunders, W. H. Smith.

Gave Good Address

The chair at the opening of the meeting was taken by Mayor Hunter, last year's president, who had resigned as he thought he should not occupy a position on the Council and the Board of Trade at the same time. Mayor Hunter reviewed the situation from a business standpoint and pointed out the many advantages which should accrue through the formation of such a society, or, rather, the continuing of the one that was still in existence and which had not functioned properly for some time. He gave a good address of the business advantages to the neighborhood from the formation of a society that could from time to time meet the necessities of the community and present them to either the Council or some outside body in the interests of the community.

Safety First

"What's the first thing you do when cleaning your rifle?" the sergeant demanded. "Look at the number," said the hard case. "Oh!" said the sergeant, "and what's the big idea?" "To make sure I don't clean some one else's."



NOT CONSENT TO PACT President Hoover of the United States has decided that he will not grant the demand of France for a security treaty at the London Naval Conference.

HIGHWAYS PLOUGH HAS LEFT FERGUS

But Was Forced to Turn Back on Account of Ice Between Arthur and Kenilworth.—No. 10 Highway Reported Open As Far North as Dundalk.

The annual opening up of the provincial highways has started, though the drop in temperature the beginning of the week has halted operations somewhat. On No. 6 Highway the plough started out from Fergus and got as far as Kenilworth vicinity when it was forced to turn back on account of ice. While working its way north the storm of Tuesday and Wednesday blocked the road between Fergus and Guelph and the plough is now working on it. When this is cleared out it is the intention to bring the machine back to Kenilworth in an attempt to open the road as far north as Owen Sound. Had the temperature kept high it was thought the plough would have got through to Durham yesterday noon but if the present cold spell lasts it is hard to predict when the road will be opened.

On No. 10 Highway it is reported that the plough on that line managed to get as far north as Dundalk yesterday when it, too, was forced to turn back. As the worst part of this highway is said to be between Flesherton and Chatsworth it is impossible to judge when the highway will be opened to motor traffic.

The mild weather of last week and week-end has brought out many peculiarities for this section. It is said that the dust is blowing on the highway between Thornbury and Collingwood, that a farmer near Clarksburg was out ploughing for a couple of days, while in Durham Mr. Robert Smith and family enjoyed themselves picking apples off the ground underneath one of their apple trees. The apples had fallen off last fall and being underneath the snow were not frozen and were in good condition when the snow left. Members of local Highways Department report the ground unfrozen.



SIR ESME RETURNS HOME

After six years of most useful work as British Ambassador to the United States, Sir Esme Howard, dean of diplomats, has sailed for England. Our neighbors paid him great tribute shortly before he left and statesmen, journalists and business men have poured forth eulogies of himself and his work.

Ontario's Rivers On Annual Rampage

Thaw of Several Days Turned Peaceful Streams into Raging Torrents, With Consequent Spring Damage.—The Saugeen So Far on Good Behaviour, Though Town Had Narrow Escape on Sunday.

It is a mystery why nature generally picks Sunday for the annual break-up of the rivers in Ontario but this is mostly always the case, and last Sunday was no exception. The thaw of the four or five days previous had taken away the snow quite rapidly and aided by a considerable fall of rain on Friday and Saturday, the rivers of the province on Sunday became raging torrents and threatened to overflow their banks. The Saugeen was no exception, but this year, instead of being the stormy petrel of Ontario the Saugeen, compared with many other streams, has been on its good behaviour and we have heard of no serious damage having been done in this locality.

While other sections of Ontario were inundated the Durham district escaped unscathed, though for a time on Sunday there was a fear that the river would overflow its banks and come down from the McGowan dam as it has done on several previous occasions, doing a lot of damage. Early Sunday afternoon the ice commenced to pile up a short distance east of the McGowan dam and raised the water so high that it was diverted against the south bank. For a time it threatened to break through and at one time was trickling over the bank but receded before any damage was done. Men were at work on the dam all day Sunday breaking up the ice and letting it through, while the section gang of the C. P. R. were kept on duty at the bridge crossing the river in town. At Holstein it was thought that the dam there was to give way again with its damage toll of last year, but the fears were groundless though the water rose to an alarming height.

Damage Heavy Elsewhere

In other sections of Ontario the damage is reported much greater. The Grand River went on a rampage and flooded Galt and other places, while the main highway between Toronto and Montreal near Morrisburg was covered to a depth of three or four feet. Dunnville, near Lake Erie, was flooded out, and in the vicinity of Toronto much damage is reported. Locally, residents and business men living in proximity to the river were removing all damageable goods from their cellars but so far nothing has happened.

Danger from flood seems over for the present with the drop in temperature over Tuesday night and as this is being written this Wednesday morning the weather has turned quite cold, is snowing and sleeting, with the chances that it is to turn still colder and a heavy fall of snow arrive. The drop in temperature is welcomed as it will give the river a chance to go down and be in readiness for the next thaw which is bound to come later. There is no information to hand as to the conditions in the swamps to the east of us but from past experiences we would say that the danger is not yet over, as it is not likely that the snow in these places has yet started to move.

Hockey Games Postponed

This mild weather in February is rather unseasonable. A week ago last Sunday there were 18 to 30 inches of snow on hills that are now bare, and sleighing has been practically wiped out. In any event even if more snow does come some are of the opinion that the roads have been left in such a condition that further teaming this year will be almost impossible for heavy loads.

In the realm of sports the mild weather has also played havoc. There is no fit ice in any of the natural ice palaces and scheduled games have been called off indefinitely in the Northern League. Games in the Ontario Association are being ordered played in rinks which have the artificial product. The game scheduled for Durham last Monday night between Owen Sound and Markdale to break their tie had to be postponed. Durham seniors were to have appeared at Harriston that evening, with the return game here Wednesday, but both these were cancelled.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	36	44	35	
Friday	36	50	32	
Saturday	40	50	37	
Sunday	43	46	43	
Monday	30	52	28	
Tuesday	41	41	29	18"
Wednesday	23	26	21	2"

HIGH SCHOOL "LIT" HELD LAST FRIDAY

Interesting Programme Presented by the Girls Drew Large Crowd and Was Much Enjoyed.

The literary meeting in Durham High school last Friday afternoon was in charge of the girls, and it was a good one. This is the first in a contest to see whether the boys or the girls can put on the best meeting, and of course the result will not be known until after the boys' programme on Friday afternoon of this week. The president of the literary society, Glen Rowe, occupied the chair.

The meeting dealt with routine business, the minutes being read by Norma Gagnon. In the programme which followed the girls acquitted themselves well. There was a recitation by Mabel Sharp, a dance by four girls, a selection by the Glee Club, solo by Elizabeth Harding, a selection by the girls' orchestra, a violin solo by Wilma Smith, a piano duet by Gertrude Glass and Genevieve Saunders, the reading of the school Gazette by Rita Willis, and a sketch by Isobel and Louise Jamieson.

The speech of the day was delivered by Marguerite Donovan. Taking as her subject the "Life of Pauline Johnson", the great Indian poetess, Miss Donovan delivered an excellent address and was highly complimented on her efforts.

The judges for both contests are Mrs. P. Gagnon, Miss A. M. Ramage and Rev. E. Hayes.

LOCAL CHAPTER I.O.E. HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Plans Now Under Way For Further Improvements to Town Hall, Which Will Be Undertaken This Summer.—Old Officers Re-elected.

Canadian Greys Chapter, I. O. E. held their annual meeting on Saturday, February 22, at the home of the Regent, Mrs. R. M. Sparling, when all of last year's officers were re-elected. Last year's reports show a most successful year with a good balance in the treasury, which will be used in further improvements on the Town Hall, the intention being to brick it on the outside and otherwise beautify the premises. Besides the money spent on the hall the society donates money for the upkeep of the Soldiers' Monument and grounds, Christmas cheer for shut-ins, the upkeep of one room in the Durham Memorial hospital, and assisting locally in other ways when possible.

This year, to augment their funds, the Daughters intend having a St. Patrick's dance on March 17.

Last year, under the regency of Mrs. R. M. Sparling, the society made much progress and it was doubtless this record that assured the re-election of the old Board at Saturday's meeting. Mrs. Sparling and her officials have been untiring in their efforts to raise funds that they might expend them in schemes for the betterment of the town and its citizens. This has been done by holding birthday teas, their annual sale of poppies, dances, and last year by the presentation of the pageant, "Mary, Queen of Scots."

Following are the officers re-elected: Regent, Mrs. R. M. Sparling; Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. H. Harding; Secretary, Miss A. H. Ramage; Treasurer, Miss J. M. Weir; Echo Secretary, Mrs. M. Knight; Standard Bearer, Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder; Council: Mrs. J. F. Grant, Mrs. C. H. Moffat, Mrs. Schenk, Mrs. T. Henderson, Mrs. S. McIntyre, Mrs. J. F. Irwin, Miss A. Kearney, Mrs. J. A. Rowland, Mrs. D. C. Town, Miss S. Vollett.

MARKDALE WOMAN RECEIVING \$2,000

Mrs. Jane Murdoch of Markdale Bequeathed Sum by Her Son.

Disposing of a net estate of \$135,365, the will of John Arthur Murdoch, late president of the Vancouver Motors, Ltd., who died at Vancouver on January 13, has been filed in the Supreme Court for probate.

To his mother, Mrs. Jane Murdoch, aged 82, of Markdale, he bequeathed \$2,000 and \$100 a month for life. A sister, Miss Kate Murdoch, also of Markdale, received \$50 a month for life, or until marriage in which event she would be paid \$1,000.

The widow, Mrs. Mary Emeline Murdoch, Vancouver, receives a life interest from the entire estate, subject to certain annuities. Other bequests are made to Mr. Murdoch's children.

A woman has to be a lightning-thinker to think before she speaks.—Chicago Daily News.



TARDIEU IS OUSTED

A new Prime Minister has been picked for France in the person of M. Camille Chautemps, and it would seem that ex-Premier Tardieu will have to move out of the limelight for the time being. M. Tardieu (above) was asked to support M. Chautemps, but he refused.

HARRISTON TEAM HERE NEXT MONDAY

Durham Northern League Seniors Play in Harriston Tomorrow Night, With Return Game Here Monday.—Owen Sound-Markdale Game Here Friday.

In another column we tell of the postponing of local hockey games owing to the mild weather, but the drop in temperature this week has allowed the Northern League executive to issue new schedules. The Durham-Harriston semi-finals which should now have been decided, will be played on Friday of this week and next Monday. Durham goes to Harriston tomorrow, while Harriston plays the return game here on Monday. From information we have received, Harriston has a rather nifty team and will give the locals a merry chase for the honors. Not having seen this team in action for years Durham fans are in no position to form any opinion as to their merits, but from outside information this newspaper is informed that Durham will have to step every minute to win. The winners of this game will meet Milverton in the finals.

Another game that may prove of local interest is the sudden death affair between Owen Sound and Markdale. This game was ordered played last Monday but the ice was not in shape. It will take place on Durham ice this Friday night. The teams and their supporters are arriving in town by special train and the League has rented the rink at a flat rate for the event. As Durham juniors are out of the race there is not the interest in the result that would be held otherwise.

RE-UNION PLANNED AT S.S. NO. 9, GLENELG

Hold Meeting to Discuss Plans For Reunion of All Pupils and Teachers of School Established in 1863.

A meeting was held at the home of Misses Bell and Margaret McGirr on Monday evening to plan for a reunion to be held at S. S. No. 9, Glenelg, of those who had taught school, attended or resided in the section since the school opened in 1863. This reunion will take place this summer, the date to be decided at a meeting of the full executive at the home of Mr. Moore McFadden Monday evening March 3. The first teacher 67 years ago was Miss Sarah Lowther, now Mrs. Bradley of Kenilworth.

The names and addresses of all those away from Durham and vicinity who formerly resided at No. 9, Glenelg, are requested to send their names promptly to the secretaries, Misses Bell and Margaret McGirr, Durham, Ont.

The officers: President, Mr. William Weir, Sr.; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Moore McFadden; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Thos. Williams; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. William Smith; Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Aljoe; Secretaries, Misses Bell and Margaret McGirr; Historian, Miss E. Scott; Executive, Mrs. W. Arnett, Miss M. McFadden, Mrs. William Smith, Miss Lily Andrews, Mrs. Philip Lawrence, Mr. George Hopkins, Dr. A. M. Bell; Conveners Ground Committee, Messrs. W. G. Lawrence, John Newell, and James Brown.

Anyway, a good many people are arranging their affairs so that they'll have a swell sedan for the ride to the post-house.—Border Cities Star.

Father Blamed For Death of Children

Roy Lonsway of Melancthon Should Have Made Proper Efforts to Extinguish Fire in Home Where Wife and Two Children Met Death.

At the inquest at Corbetton on Tuesday to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Roy Lonsway and her two children, who were burned to death when their home was partly destroyed by fire in the early morning of February 15, the jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Hazel Lonsway, Arthur Lonsway and Emily Lonsway, find that they came to their deaths by burns, suffocation and shock, and we find Roy Lonsway to be responsible for the fire by not trying to put it out or trying to get the children out of the room."

The jury deliberated for five hours before reaching their verdict, retiring at 5 o'clock and not bringing in their finding until 10 o'clock at night.

Lonsway had arisen early, told his wife he would not be in for breakfast until later, and did not know of the fire until the persistent barking of his dog. He had gone to the house immediately and had found his wife outside the kitchen window. Questioned as to why he had not made an attempt to rescue the children he was unable to give an explanation. He said that he and his wife had not had any trouble, financially or otherwise, and that while he had an \$800 note to meet that day he and his wife had a joint bank account of \$1,400.

A neighbor, Jack Gray, was the first to reach the Lonsway home, and told of the finding of a burning stick of wood on the kitchen floor in front of the stove. When he entered the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Lonsway and the children the boy and his sister were enveloped in flames and the bedclothes were all ablaze. He helped extinguish the fire and was aided by Lonsway.

Inspector E. W. Rae of Kitchener, a member of the provincial police department, expressed the opinion the fire was caused by Mrs. Lonsway re-kindling the kitchen fire with kerosene which exploded. It is the opinion of the provincial police that the woman's clothes caught fire in the kitchen and when the mother went into the bedroom for her children her clothes ignited the bedding.

SAYS CABINET MINISTERS GETTING ALL THEY'RE WORTH

Farquhar Oliver, U.F.O., South Grey, during the debate last week at the Ontario Legislature, condemned any increase in the salaries of Cabinet Ministers.

"Cabinet Ministers are getting all they're worth, at the present time," Government benches laughed loudly, says The Globe.

"Laugh all you want to," said Mr. Oliver. "I tell you this is a serious thing with us farmers. We don't make much money ourselves, and if you don't want an uproar in rural Ontario you Cabinet Ministers better let your salaries alone."



EON W. L. M. KING Premier of Canada, from his latest and only personal photograph.