

Monday's Council Had Late Session

Nearly Midnight When Town Fathers Rose From Deliberations at Regular May Session.—Much Business Done Though Not Much to Show For It.

The regular session of the Town Council Monday night was the latest sitting this body has had for a good many months and while a considerable amount of business was gone through the net result was small, though later developments may justify the lateness of the hour.

In the hearing of depositions President T. M. McFadden of the Board of Trade appeared with some suggested improvements for the beautifying of the town hall grounds and market building. His suggestion after a meeting of the executive was that the cattle pens be moved back to the rear of the clerk's office and the front planted with trees. A proper roadway leading off Queen street to the rear of the property would make it unnecessary to use the grounds in front of the market, and with a hedge along the easterly boundary and to the south of the roadway the park south of the market property could be made a thing of beauty at no very great expense. The Board of Trade were also anxious to see that the town property at the hydro sub-station was also improved by the planting of trees and suggested an arbor day for the work, promising the co-operation of the Board in any of the work undertaken. While sympathetic with the movement the members of the Council were not in favor of committing the town to any additional expense this year, and as the result the Property Committee are to meet the Board of Trade to discuss the matter.

There was one thing upon which all were agreed. The fences about the yard will soon need repairing anyway and it will cost practically nothing to make the changes suggested. There was quite a lot of discussion and it is probable that something will be done in the very near future. Both bodies are to bring in a report at the next meeting of Council.

Threaten Legal Action

There was a communication from the C.P.R. asking the Council to approve the plans of the railway company for the erection of the new station, and these were signed by the mayor as requested. A bill from Long & Daley for services on the pavement erected last summer was received, the fees being \$275 as agreed to by the preceding Council. The bill will be paid. A communication was received from the solicitors of the A. W. Connor Co. asking the payment of \$500 and interest from 1924 for survey work done on Bruce street for pavement. As the Connor Co. did not have the engineer work on this road they are billing the town for the services rendered and threaten suit if not paid by the 6th of this month. Clerk Rose had written Messrs. James, Proctor & Redfern regarding this letter and as the latter had stated that the Connor Co. had no case and they would look after it no action was taken Monday night.

The Board of Works reported an examination of the culvert at the corner of Albert and Saddler streets near the Rose property. This latter property has been flooded for some years and the owner has made several complaints. For a time the sawmill in that section was named as the whole cause, the stream having been diverted from its course and allowed to fill up with sawdust and slabs. The investigation disclosed that while this was true to a certain extent, another reason was found in the tile draining the property being too high to take off all the water. This is to be repaired this summer when the stream is lower.

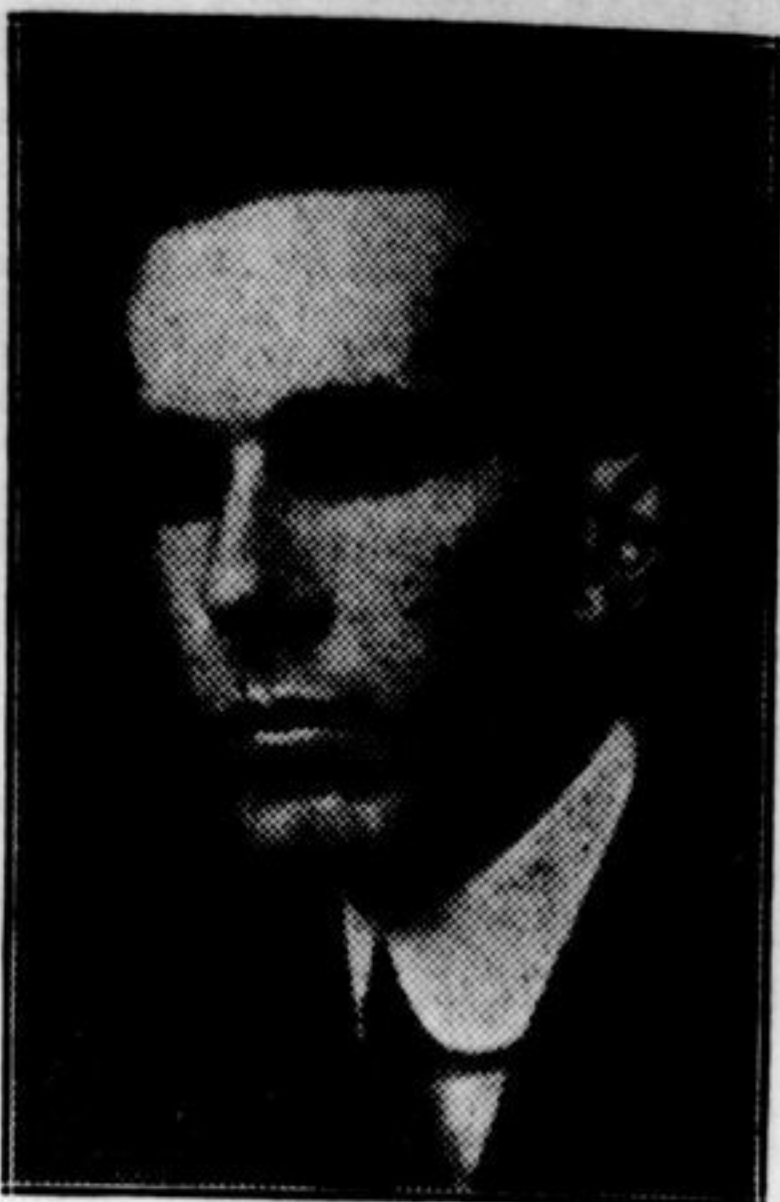
Bylaw Amendments Passed

Two gas masks were ordered purchased for the fire brigade on the recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee. It was felt that the firemen were entitled to these as it was impossible to enter burning buildings and face the smoke without some protection. Handcuffs were also ordered supplied to the constable, these very handy little decorations being necessary and the pair now on hand are out of commission.

Several bylaws received their readings and were finally passed, signed and sealed. These were mostly amendments to bylaws now in force which had not been signed by former mayors and were not legal. There were four of them, one governing the rates of speed on Durham streets, and conforming with the Provincial statutes. The speed limit on any street within the corporation is to be 20 miles an hour, with ten miles at intersections. Another bylaw regulated the charge for cigarette licenses, the figure remaining at \$25 as before. An application for a six-months' license was refused. They must be taken out for the full year or not at all. The rates for the rental of the town hall, and the appointment of Harry Scott as constable and L. C. A. law enforcement officer were the other bylaws.

It was decided to remove the grader from the old scale house on the side of the hill and allow the hydro to have it for storage, they agreeing to pay half the cost of the roof and upkeep of the old clerk's office they now occupy. The tax roll was finally closed and the collector is to take legal action at once through seizure or otherwise to secure payment.

It was a rather busy evening for the councillors and nearly midnight when an adjournment was made.



HON VINCENT MASSEY
Envoy to Washington, who has been named to succeed the late Hon. P. C. Larkin as High Commissioner for Canada in London.

TELEPHONE COMPANY MAKING CHANGES

Cables Being Laid on All Principal Streets and Capacity Doubled.—Work to be Finished in Three Weeks.

The Bell Telephone Co. is making extensive changes in the street wiring about town and has had a gang of workmen here under the supervision of E. D. Ronald for the past couple of weeks. It is expected the work will be completed in about three weeks. When finished the town's streets should present a much improved appearance; instead of the multitude of wires everything will be contained in cables. These are being installed in 25, 50, 100, 200 and 500 wire capacity and will double the present installation in capacity.

From the Garafraxa street bridge to Lambton street the telephone and hydro wires will run on the same poles and it is possible that in the near future this system will be adopted generally. This will eliminate one set of poles and instead of these running on both sides of the street it is altogether likely in a short time they will be confined to the west side of Garafraxa street.

The cable installation is being made along Garafraxa from South street to the Durham Road and east as far as the hospital, and from Garafraxa along Lambton and Bruce streets to north of the C. P. R. tracks. It is quite an expense but will ultimately recompense the telephone company by the elimination of expensive repair bills from time to time, to say nothing of the improvement in the looks of the streets.

SEASON'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE DRAWN

Local Managers Met Tuesday Night and Drafted Playing Dates for League Games Here This Summer.

Durham's official softball season opens next Tuesday night at the High school grounds when the High School and the Stone Plant meet in the first game. This year it is a five team league comprising Holstein Stone Plant, Bachelors, Benedicts and High School.

The schedule follows:

- May 13—High School at Stone Plant
- 16—Bachelors at Benedicts
- 20—Holstein at Stone Plant
- 23—High School at Bachelors
- 27—Benedicts at Holstein
- 30—Stone Plant at High School
- June 3—Benedicts at High School
- 6—Holstein at Bachelors
- 10—Stone Plant at Holstein
- 13—Bachelors at High School
- 17—Holstein at Benedicts
- 20—Stone Plant at Bachelors
- 24—Bachelors at Holstein
- 27—Stone Plant at Benedicts
- July 4—Holstein at High School
- 8—Benedicts at Stone Plant
- 11—High School at Holstein
- 15—Benedicts at Bachelors
- 18—High School at Benedicts
- 22—Bachelors at Stone Plant

Christie Bros. team, city champions of Owen Sound 1929, will play here against a local team next Wednesday night. Further announcements later. A schedule is being arranged between Elmwood, Hanover, Neustadt, Ayton and Durham.

FIVE VARIETIES GROWN ON ONE APPLE TREE

George Kalbfleisch is one man who believes that an apple a day keeps the doctor away and he believes in having lots of apples around his home, and as many varieties as possible. He doesn't believe in taking up much space so he grows them all on the one tree—Russets, spies and kings and other varieties. It is not only possible but practical, as Mr. Kalbfleisch hopes to demonstrate in the near future. It all started when a large russet tree on his lawn fell down on the job, as it were and began to produce apples too coarse for the owner's taste.

He was instructed to graft as many different kinds of apples as he wished on to the old russet tree. That was five years ago and for three years he added grafts to the tree. At present there are about 30 different varieties on the tree. Most of the grafts are too small to grow fruit but last year the tree produced four or five different kinds of apples.

"Aladdin's Lamp" Had Small Crowd

Stormy Evening Prevented Attendance of Many Who Had Previously Purchased Tickets But Who Would Not Face the Elements.—Was Good Show and Ably Presented by Mount Forest Choral Society.

The presentation of the comic opera, "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp", by the members of the Mount Forest Choral Society in the Town Hall here last Thursday evening was staged before a small audience, though the elements were entirely responsible for this, the rain coming down in torrents about the time the show was to commence, continuing intermittently during the show, and bursting forth with renewed fury after the performance to drench the wayfarers on their homeward journey.

"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp" was well worth any time, effort or inconvenience to see, and with the interpretation given it by the Mount Forest talent all who attended were well repaid. The company was well balanced, with good solo and ensemble singing, and this, combined with fine acting, made the evening one of real pleasure to the audience assembled. Brilliantly gowned in the apparel of the Orient, and with stage settings well in keeping with the time of Aladdin, the choristers transported their hearers back to the mythical days when they were more conversant with the wonderful lamp, recalling many incidents long since forgotten in this famous story. It was a good opera, well presented, and the local Daughters of the Empire are to be congratulated in having secured this excellent talent.

With a cast of some 37 characters, the various scenes were well portrayed and while there were no particular stars in the company, Mrs. Mustapha, portrayed by Mrs. J. Black, Phulmoun (Miss Chalmers), the princess, Aladdin (Ivan Chalmers), the Emperor Winky Wum (Rev. H. B. Scudamore), Phatman (J. Black) and his son So-So (Miss Buchanan), carried the production through the three acts and six scenes, they being most ably assisted by the other members of the cast.

It is to be regretted that the night was so unpleasant and had so much to do with the small attendance.

KNOX CHURCH SOCIETIES HELD QUILTING BEE

On Tuesday afternoon the ladies of Knox church gathered in the church school room and engaged in a quilting. Four quilts in all were finished, three having been pieced by the Young Woman's Auxiliary at their meetings; and one by the Mission Circle. These quilts are sent to a table to Northern Ontario and Western points. During the afternoon a lunch was served by the Y. W. A. and Mission Circle to the ladies who helped with the quilting.

HELD MONTHLY MEETING

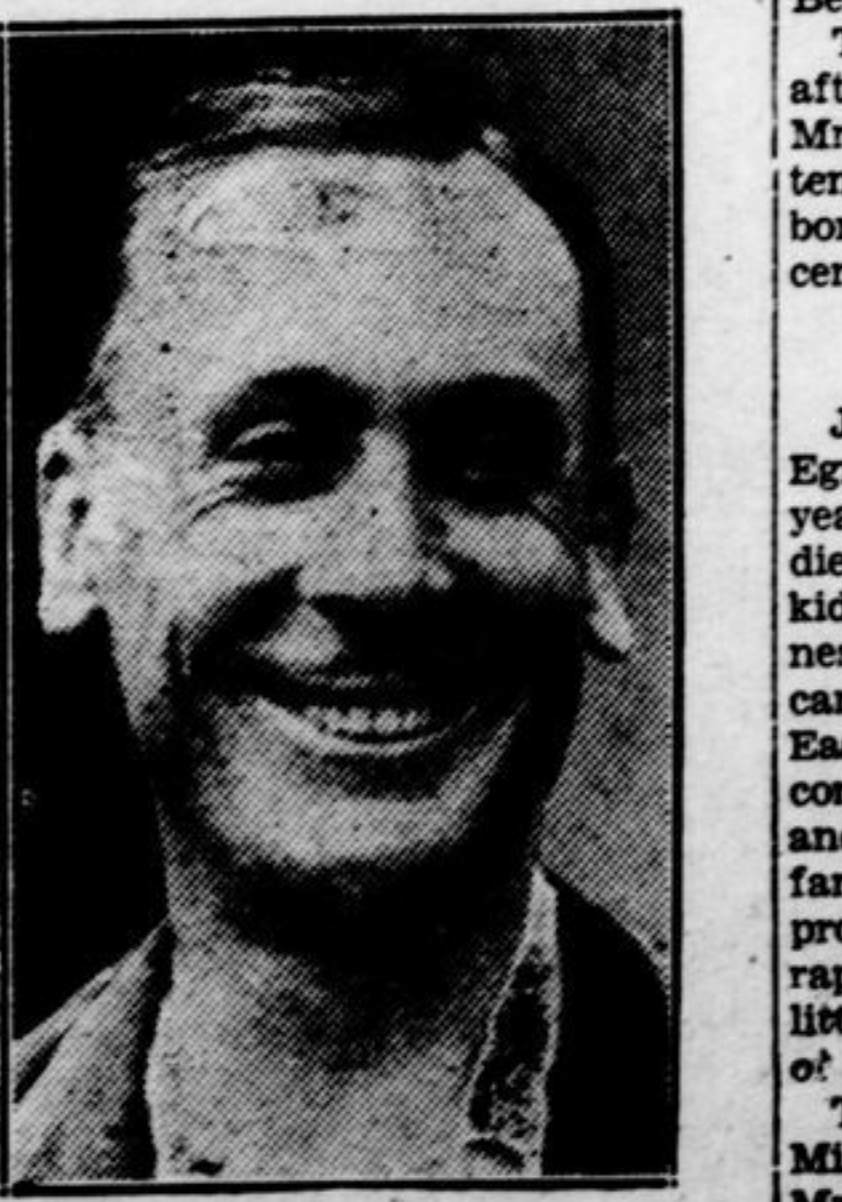
Canadian Grey: Chapter I. O. D. E. held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Margaret Hunter on Tuesday of this week. The Regent, Mrs. R. M. Sparling, was in the chair. The Chapter intend holding a dance in the Town Hall on Tuesday next and their annual birthday tea on the 3rd of June. Mrs. Sparling gave a splendid report of the provincial convention held in Hamilton in April, which Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Sparling attended.

SHOWERED BRIDE-TO-BE

On Friday evening the friends of Miss Catherine Lavelle gathered at the home of Mrs. R. J. Moorhead and presented the bride-to-be with a miscellaneous shower. The many useful gifts were opened by Miss Lavelle and the cards accompanying them were read by Mrs. A. McGowan. Miss Lavelle thanked the gathering in a short speech and a social time followed. Lunch, served by the hostess, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Applied Learning

Teacher: "An anonymous person is one who does not wish to be known. Who is talking in class?"
A Voice: "An anonymous person, teacher."



VETERAN CRICKETERS' RECORD
Jack Hobbs, veteran English cricket star who scored two centuries in the first two matches of the season. This famous played already holds the record of having made more centuries than any other man in the history of the game.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Officers of Last Year Returned by Acclamation at Meeting Held Last Thursday at Home of Mrs. T. C. Ritchie.—Different Reports Showed a Successful Year.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. T. C. Ritchie on Thursday of last week, May 1. After the opening exercises the president, Miss Margaret McGirr, gave a splendid report of the year's work at large. The president in giving her report stated that the programme committee had builded better than they knew when they prepared last year's programme, as there have been many fine educational papers. Some of these were on bulb culture, gardening, temperance, picture study, great musicians, great hymns and their authors, interior decorating, great women, and health talks. The activities in which the branch has taken part were the purchase of a piano for the Town Hall, the procuring of iodized tablets for school children, gifts to the Children's Shelter, Christmas cheer to sick and shut-ins, and sales of clothing including a number of quilts made by the members of the Institute for needy families in the North.

Words of appreciation were given for the splendid co-operation between the members and officers and the splendid work of the lunch conveners and hostesses. Special mention was made of the fine work of the pianist and the choir in supplying the musical part of the programme.

The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Giles, gave a fine report of the year's receipts and expenditures, which showed the receipts for the year ending April 30 to have been \$229.25 and the expenditures \$208.68 leaving a balance of \$20.57. Appreciation was extended to the officers for their splendid work throughout the year after which the election was held, all the old officers being returned by acclamation as follows:

President, Miss M. J. McGirr; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Hamilton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. E. Patterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Giles; Directors, Mrs. T. E. Brown, Mrs. W. A. Glass, Mrs. J. McGirr; District Director, Mrs. J. Mather; Auditors, Mrs. C. Moore, Mrs. C. Reay; Choir Leader, Mrs. A. C. Kinnee; Pianist, Miss Leah McComb; Programme Committee, Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. Kinnee, Mrs. Traynor, Mrs. A. McDonald, Miss A. Weir; Visiting Sick Committee, Mrs. J. H. Burgess, Mrs. Ledingham, Mrs. A. Bell and Mrs. Moore.

A short programme was given, consisting of a number of health talks by several of the members, and the meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King". A splendid lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

HELD SPRING SALE

The ladies of Trinity church held their spring sale of goods and home-made baking on Saturday last in their rooms in the McKeech building. The proceeds amounted to \$60.

OBITUARY

MRS. CHARLES McARTHUR

Last issue we referred briefly to the death of Mrs. Charles McArthur, who passed away at Niagara Falls on Wednesday of last week. The late Mrs. McArthur, who was 82 years of age, had been ill for about six weeks from the effects of a fall in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ries, with whom she was living, when she injured her hip and never rallied from the shock.

The deceased, formerly a well known resident of Glenelg, was Miss Mary Fisher, and was married about 60 years ago to the late Charles McArthur. They were residents of Glenelg township near Bunnessan for many years. Twelve years ago they sold their farm to Mr. A. B. McArthur, and have since lived with the members of their family. Mr. McArthur died seven years ago.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Farrower (Mary), and Mrs. George Ries (Sadie), Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Mrs. J. J. Sutherland (Elizabeth), Windsor; and Mrs. D. Gibson (Kate), Kitchener. One sister, Mrs. Donald McDonald, Bentinck, also survives.

The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon from the home of her niece, Mrs. Thomas Banks, here, and was attended by many old friends and neighbors. Interment was made in Durham cemetery.

JOHN RUSSELL

John Rusnell, a former resident of Egremont, but for the past thirteen years living at Edgerton, Alberta, died at Mount Forest last Friday from kidney trouble following a lengthy illness. Last December his condition became so serious that he was brought East for special treatment, Mrs. Rusnell coming with him and leaving her son and two daughters at home to run the farm. For a time he showed some improvement but since Easter sank very rapidly and it was known there was little hope of recovery. He was 46 years of age.

The late Mr. Rusnell was married to Miss Bertha Robb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robb of Egremont, who survives, with one son, Milford and two daughters, Mary and Edith. He had no relatives in this vicinity, but Mrs. Rusnell is a cousin of Mrs. Roy Lawrence of this place, who with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown, old neighbors, attended the funeral to Mount Forest cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.



HON. W. D. EULER
Minister of National Revenue, who this week has announced that the dumping of the cheaper grades of United States furniture on to the Canadian market must cease, and that increased duties are to be imposed on it at the border. This move on the part of his department should ease off labor conditions somewhat in Canada.

RED CROSS TO USE FIRST AID CARS

First Aid Instruction Cars to Visit Remote Districts on the Canadian National.

Co-operation between the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Red Cross Society by which the Red Cross will be able to use the railways' new First Aid instruction cars as emergency dressing stations in isolated districts, has been arranged, according to Dr. John McCombe, Chief Medical Officer of the system. The sign of the Red Cross as well as the emblem of the St. John Ambulance association will be painted on the side of each car, permission having been received from Dr. Fred W. Routley, Director of the Red Cross Society. Use of the cars, which were built to travel into outlying areas to bring the benefits of First Aid instruction to employees and others removed from the industrial centres, will greatly facilitate the Red Cross work of mercy, and when the Canadian National nurses are not available, the railways will be able to call upon the Red Cross in case of emergency.

BELIEVE BODIES ARE SMALL PLANETS

What may prove to be additional records of the celestial bodies photographed in Ottawa six years ago but only segregated last week were discovered on photographic plates taken at the Dominion observatory in 1906 and 1909. Since the original discovery was made, officials of the observatory have been searching through files of old plates in the hope of finding further traces of the bodies.

On two plates now investigated, one was made in 1906 and the other three years later, faint impressions of a trans-Neptunian object was found. The identity of the object has not been determined, but officials of the observatory say that it may be an early position of the Ottawa object. That the object was not the recently discovered planet X was agreed upon by Canadian astronomers, and they now lean toward the theory that the two bodies are small individual planets. They believe that millions of years ago a large planet existed beyond Neptune. For some reason it suddenly disintegrated into small planets, of which planet X and the Ottawa object are two.

DIOGENES, HUSTLE, HERE'S YOUR MAN!

It usually takes a lawsuit or the threat of one to make a man who has broken your fender pay for it. But one driver in London a day ago, returning to his parked car on the Market Square, was surprised to see a small roll of \$1 bills lying on the back seat, and beside the roll a note in pencil.

"Sorry I bumped your rear fender," it read. "This is all I have on me." So he looked out at the rear fender, and sure enough there was a \$10 dent in it, as evidence that the whole thing was real and not a bedtime story.

No one knows just what happened. The man left his car with a single dent, and when he returned it had one dent and nine \$1 bills.

Diogenes spent most of his life looking for an honest man without success, and even this car owner says this is the first he ever met—in the way of drivers.

CLAIM ANTS SAVE FORESTS IN GERMANY

Tiny red ants have saved 375,000 acres of valuable forest land in Germany, according to a despatch from Berlin. Two years ago it was found that these acres were being damaged by noxious insects. Then thousands of red ants were introduced into the territory. These set up colonies and soon the ravaging of the insects was stopped. The ants had killed off the insects.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	58	74	57	32
Friday	59	64	50	1.23
Saturday	46	58	39	
Sunday	49	74	35	
Monday	57	78	46	1.3
Tuesday	60	80	52	
Wednesday	65	80	60	1.4

Holstein Pupils Won Prizes At Flesherton

Miss Isobel Hastie Came First Oratory Contest, Milton Shoultz of Chatsworth Second, and Alex Sim, Also of Holstein, Third Contest Arranged by Miss Macphail

The second annual oratory contest for high school students of South Grey was held on Saturday afternoon in the auditorium of Flesherton High School. Mr. Steward Thibadeau, principal of Flesherton High school, a chairman, explained the object of Miss Macphail's contest, the subject of which was "The League of Nations—Its Origin, Objects and Chief Accomplishments". There were 15 competitors who represented the high schools of Chatsworth, Feversham, Dundalk, Holstein, Hanover, Durham, Singhampton and Flesherton. Each high school was allowed three entrants but some had only two or one aspirant to championship honors.

The judge, Dr. Stephenson, head of the department of English at the Ontario Agriculture College at Guelph awarded the first prize to Miss Isobel Hastie of Holstein. Second prize went to Milton Shoultz of Chatsworth, third to Alex. Sims of Holstein, fourth to William Summers of Feversham and fifth to W. J. Musgrove of Hanover.

The orchestra of Hanover High School gave many splendid selections and Miss Agnes Macphail gave a short interesting account of her experience at Geneva. Miss Macphail then presented the prizes which were cash prizes of \$40, \$25, \$15, \$10 and \$5 for first, second, third, fourth and fifth places respectively. Miss Macphail also presented each contestant with a ticket to the big banquet of United Farm Young People, which is being held at the Armories, Markdale, May 30.

POOL ROOM FIRE CAUSED HEAVY LOSS

Former Durham Resident Lost Heavily When Fire Broke Out in Southampton Pool Room and Barber Shop.

On Wednesday morning of last week between 12 and 1 o'clock a fire was discovered in John McGowan's pool room at Southampton and before the blaze was brought under control the front part of the building was completely destroyed including a barber shop conducted by a man named Franter. A number of ladies returning from a bridge party gave the first alarm. Most of the tobacco, cigarettes and chocolate bars were destroyed as well as the barber shop equipment, while the pool tables in the rear were badly damaged by water.

The McGowan stock was partly covered by insurance, but his loss will be about \$800 it is said. There was no insurance on the barber shop equipment. The building, owned by Mrs. John Tackaberry of Lion's Head, is covered by insurance.

EARLY TEST OF TRAIN TELEPHONING FAILED

In February, 1880, the Dominion Telegraph Company obtained permission from the Northern railway to use freight train running from Toronto northward toward Barrie for the purpose of a test of telephone equipment designed to keep the engineer in touch with the conductor and trainmen. This first attempt to operate a telephone on a train was made on February 7, 1880. Insulated wire was connected from the van in the rear to the engine and L. B. McFarlane, who only a few days ago retired as chairman of the board of the Bell Telephone Company, and who was then superintendent of the Dominion Telegraph Company, attempted to carry on conversation with Thomas Swinward, managing director, and Mr. Howard, secretary of the same company who were in the van.

Mr. McFarlane's notes of the test say: "It was finally decided that the test could not be considered satisfactory as the very great noise in the engine moving along the tracks prevented our hearing articulation clearly. Further tests were not made."



HAS FREE HAND
Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India, who has been given a free hand by the British Government to deal with the present situation in India.

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