

## Contracts Let For Water Mains

Council Held Special Session Friday Night and Awarded Contracts to Four Firms—Work to Commence at Once.

The contract for the laying of the water mains in town, the supplying of the iron pipe, building of the standpipe, and the supplying of valves and hydrants was let at a special meeting of the Town Council last Friday night. Four firms in all are interested. The contracts totaled in all \$27,964.35, as follows:

Laying water mains, W. B. Russell Co., Toronto	\$ 5510.80
Pipe for mains, National Iron Corporation, Toronto	11985.03
Standpipe, Toronto Iron Works	6850.00
Standpipe foundation, R. A. Blythe, Toronto	1175.00
Valves and hydrants, Kerr Engine Co., Walkerville	2443.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,964.35</b>

To this must be added the purchase of the Snel system, for which the owner is asking \$17,000.00, and the building of the pumping station and installation of pumps which will bring the total cost up to around the \$50,000.00 mark.

The work is to commence at once, the contractors having four days from the acceptance of the contract to get started. This would require them to get started on Friday of this week, we understand. A penalty is attached to the contract, especially the laying of the water mains, which, it is expected, will be completed by the end of January, but must be completed before the 31st of March. As the Council has secured a grant of \$12,500 from the Government Unemployment Fund, the net cost to the town will be in the neighborhood of \$38,000.00.

## EIGHT REEVES GET ACCLAMATIONS MONDAY

Both Bentinck and Glenelg Township Councils Are in by Acclamation—Elections Under Early Election Act Take Place Next Monday.

There will be at least eight municipalities in Grey County which will not have the thrill of electing reeves this year, the result of their opponents failing to qualify following the nominations on Monday of this week. They are:

Reeves Noble Arthur, Meaford; Robert Brigham, Hanover; T. J. Brodie, Glenelg; W. W. Shier, Keppel; H. H. Thompson, Euphrasia; D. J. McDonald, Bentinck; W. T. Field, Collingwood; J. Lemcke, Sullivan. Two deputy reeves have also been elected by acclamation in the persons of Robert Grierson of Bentinck and Emerson Brown of Collingwood.

Seven townships in all held nominations, as well as two towns, Hanover and Meaford. Of these, Osprey, Keppel and Derby will hold elections Monday.

Local Councils Get Acclamation  
The two local townships, Bentinck and Glenelg, went in by acclamation. While there was some fireworks at both nominations it was not of the dangerous kind and the old councillors were able to justify their actions throughout the year.

The personnel of the Bentinck Council will be: Reeve, D. J. McDonald; Deputy Reeve, Robert Grierson; Councillors, R. McCaslin, Chas. Bailey and James Turnbull.  
In Glenelg there were two nominated for the Reeveship and ten for the Council. Former Reeve William Weir failed to qualify and T. J. Brodie went in by acclamation. Owing to failure to qualify the Council was also in by acclamation, being Messrs. J. McKechnie, J. McGirr, S. Wright and J. Boyd. Other nominees were Messrs. W. Frith, N. McLoeh, H. McArthur, M. McInnis, J. O'Neil and J. Newell.

## 4TH C.M.R. HOLDS SECOND REUNION

Members of 147 Battalion Are Among Originals of the 4th C.M.R.

The second re-union since the war of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles took place in Toronto on Saturday night when delegates to the number of over 350 from the centres which contributed to the original battalion, met to renew old friendships and exchange reminiscences.

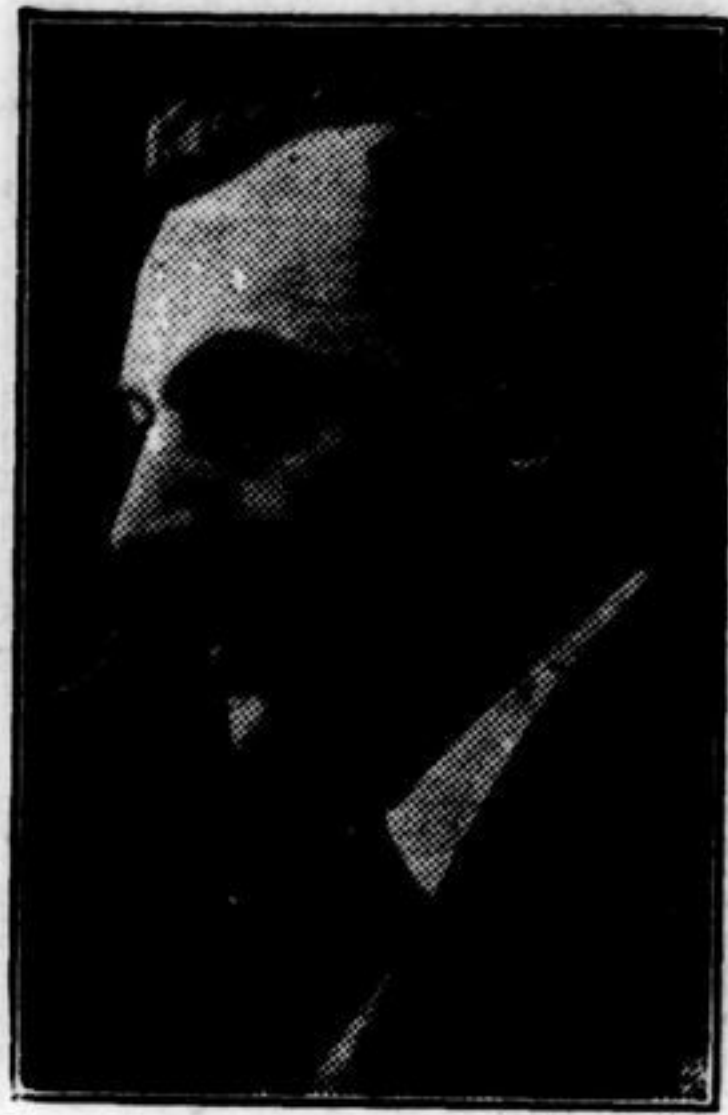
The original battalion was made up of detachments of the 8th C.M.R.'s from Ottawa, the 25th Brant Dragoons of Brantford, the 147th from Grey County, the Governor-General's Bodyguards from Toronto, the Mississauga Horse and a Hamilton detachment, all of which were represented Saturday night at the dinner.

Brig.-Gen. D. C. Draper urged the old Guard to stick together and made a plea for the comrades who are in straitened circumstances, urging that they be looked after.

## TOOK 30 DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL

Newstead Man, Convicted of Illegal Possession of Furs, Chose Jail Term Rather than Pay Fine

Game Warden Toole of Listowel had Ed. Hoffman of Newstead before Magistrate Laidlaw last Saturday morning charged with having furs in his possession illegally. After hearing the evidence he was assessed \$10 and costs, \$21 in all. Not having the wherewithal to pay the fine he was given 30 days in the county jail at Owen Sound, where he was taken by Constable Scott last Saturday afternoon.



OSCAR TURCOTTE  
Canadian Government Exhibition Commissioner, with headquarters in London, England, who has prepared an attractive display for the Canadian Exhibits to be shown at the British Empire Trade Fair to be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 14 to April 27, 1931.

## Wintry Blasts Are Now With Us

Exceptionally Mild Weather of Past Three Weeks Disappeared When Blasts From the North Descend Over Week-end—Many People Reported Frozen to Death.

Canada, "Lady of the Snows", has nothing on a good many portions of the United States. During the past three or four days the North American continent, especially the northern portion of it, has been visited with the first real touch of winter. True, we have had more snow earlier in the season, but last week-end and since the breeze from the north has had the feel of genuine winter.

From the press despatches it would seem that Canada has escaped even more luckily than the United States, or parts of that country not usually visited by bad storms, at this season of the year. While it is cold in the West, it is as nothing compared with conditions in Colorado, where snow is reported in 20-foot drifts, and people frozen to death in trying to buffet the storm in reaching their homes.

Locally, the storm was not a very fierce one. A couple of inches or more of snow fell and it was quite cool, but at that nothing to cause any particular comment.

Reports from the Western States tell of hardship and privation in Chicago, Denver, and other places, while the radio tells of snowfalls in the Eastern States from the Mississippi to the Atlantic seaboard and as far south as Georgia and the Carolinas.

## GAME WARDENS ARE TRAPPING BEAVERS

Animals Had Become Nuisance to the Farmers in Vicinity and Were Ordered Destroyed by Department—Several Have Enjoyed Roasts From Industrious Little Forest Rangers.

It has been a hard fall for the beavers in this vicinity. Other parts of the country have been predicting an open winter because the beavers and other animals were taking it easy and not preparing for the cold weather. In Egremont and Normanby townships such is not the case. The beavers are having the hardest season in their career, that is, those of them that have been trapped by the two game wardens, Toole and Gray, who have been trapping the animals for the past couple of weeks.

They are working under orders from headquarters at Toronto on complaint of the farmers of this district whose lands have become inundated through the building of dams and backing the water on to valuable farming land. Last summer the lands were visited by the wardens and it was decided to remove the beavers to some other section of the province where they would be more welcome.

In the trapping, however, several of them have been killed and the pelts removed. The carcasses have been disposed of to local citizens, many of whom have had several good feeds of this delicious flesh. So far the wardens have not appeared at the Chronicle office with any of the meat, but as we are expecting them any time we are open late and early so as to be here in case they call. Beaver meat is somewhat like chicken, only more tender, and is a most delicate morsel for the table. Most of the animals have been trapped within four or five miles of the town.

Under present conditions the rearing of beaver in this section is not favored. The animals wander too much, and as they live chiefly on poplar and such trees, with the increase in their numbers there is not enough fodder to go round. Knowing this the wise little animals migrate quite frequently and there is no telling where they may turn up next. It is the intention of the government to clean them out entirely in this section of Ontario.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. E. E. Hockridge of Hopeville is a patient in the hospital here, having undergone an operation for hernia last week.  
Malcolm Leitch of Flesherton is a patient suffering from gangrene.

## Where Leadership Is Needed

Farmers of Canada who rely mainly upon grain crops for their livelihood are faced with a situation more serious than any which has confronted them for a generation. In fact few of these now farming can look back and recall so difficult a period. Not since the orderly marketing of grain commenced 27 years ago have prices been so low and when they were nearly as low the purchasing power of a dollar was relatively much higher than today.

It is true that prices of many things the farmer must buy have dropped from the peak of 1928 but proportionately they have not dropped as has the price of wheat. The farmer is hit both ways until one may as well frankly admit that his position is decidedly bad.

It is so bad that it presents the major economic problem of the day, greater even than that of stimulating manufacturing. The latter, if accomplished, would in time provide a partial solution of the farmers' dilemma by creating a larger home market, but manufacturing cannot expand greatly while the main arm of our purchasing power—farm production—is paralyzed.

There will be widespread satisfaction in the news that Premier Bennett has cancelled many engagements as well as a well-earned holiday overseas to hasten home to deal with the crisis. It is one that will tax the ingenuity of the best minds but it is nationally essential that it be met and mastered. Mr. Bennett brings one of the best minds to the task and with it abundance of energy. Canadians have confidence in his leadership and with good reason. They are indeed fortunate to have his leadership in times like these.

## MANY KINDS OF FRUIT GROWN IN CANADA

Canada For Nearly 300 Years Has Been Producing Fruit—Temperate Zone Fruit Growers Have Developed the Industry.

Fruit has been grown in Canada for nearly 300 years, remarks Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada, a C. P. R. publication. The apple industry of the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia now enjoys a world-wide reputation, and there are records of the growth of apples in that district as far back as 1635. The census of 1898 showed that at Port Royal alone there were 1,584 apple trees distributed among fifty-four families, of whom many had orchards of from 75 to 100 trees. At Beauassin, also in Acadia the same census showed 32 acres in fruit trees. Historical records of those earlier days are necessarily incomplete, but definite information is available that in 1663 apples were being produced in the province of Quebec, and it is in that province that the celebrated Fameuse variety is thought to have originated.

All kinds of fruit which are suited to the temperate zone have been successfully grown in Canada, but fruit-growing as a commercial industry is limited to certain well-defined districts. The Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia has already been mentioned, as has also Quebec. The valley of the St. John River in New Brunswick produces apples on a commercial scale, while in the southern half of Ontario, and in the valleys of British Columbia, there has been an extensive development of this industry.

In Quebec, the chief apple-growing counties are Rouville, Huntingdon, Chateauguay, Jacques Cartier and Stanstead. In Ontario, the commercial fruit area is found in the Niagara Peninsula, and in the territories extending back 30 miles or more from Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario. In Niagara besides apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries, small fruits and grapes are produced on a large scale. In British Columbia the most noted fruit district is that of the Okanagan Valley where are some of the finest orchards in the province and in the Dominion.

Commercial fruit growing within the Dominion has reached its highest development in the province of Ontario. Commercial orcharding has developed in this province in the past 50 or 60 years, and this was made possible only when the building of railways permitted trees and fruit to be rapidly transported. In British Columbia, commercial fruit growing is of even more recent origin. The first apple trees were planted about 1850, but not until after the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1886 were many trees planted for commercial purposes.

The first steamer to carry apples from the Annapolis Valley direct to London sailed in 1881. This ship carried 6,800 barrels, and made the voyage in 14 days. The venture was fairly successful, and from that time to the present the business has continued to increase in volume.

## FORESTS OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Forests throughout the British Empire cover an area equal to that of India.

## County Council Session Closed

Met Last Week at Owen Sound in Final Session For Year—Much Talk and Little Done in the Result, According to the Sun-Times.

The final session of the Grey County Council ended last Saturday, 1930 passing out of the picture so far as future sessions of this body are concerned. Since commencing on Monday of last week, some municipalities have held their nominations and returned their representatives by acclamation, others are voting for their representatives next Monday, while still others will not vote until the first Monday in the new year.

The session last week was pretty well dealt with in the Chronicle up to the time of going to press. On Wednesday, however, the Council was approached by representatives of the Owen Sound Council regarding the county sanctioning the taking back of certain lands now in the city of Owen Sound for the purpose of allowing for roadwork on the Garatraxa hill entering the city from the south. This was laid over and may or may not be dealt with by the 1931 council. Briefly, the suggestion is one made by the Owen Sound representatives to return to the county certain lands on the southern border of Owen Sound, the reason for this being that Owen Sound wants the county to help them in remaking the roadway down the hill into the city.

## County History Seen

The publication of the history of the county which has been in preparation for some years, was finally authorized and will be gone ahead with at once. The book will cost upwards of \$4,500 for 2,000 copies and is to retail at \$4.00 per copy. It was urged that the book be printed at once and in this the council concurred.

A discussion of the old age pensions, finance, and other matters completed the session, which lasted all week, although, according to the Owen Sound Sun-Times, one of the councillors stated the work could have been done in half the time.

There was a lot of discussion about the distribution of the printing of the county, Reeve Bell of Durham, starting the ball rolling. Owen Sound is not a part of the county, pays none of its taxes, but in spite of this there has been discrimination, the Owen Sound printers getting the greater amount of the work. This will likely be remedied next year when the new council gets working.

## Durham Chicks Win At Winter Fair

C. E. Herrington's Entry Won Many Prizes, Only Five Birds Falling to Get in Money—Only Exhibitor to Place in Every Section

Mr. C. E. Herrington of town is evidently out to place Durham on the map as the centre of the prize Buff Orpington class in chickens. While he specializes in this class, he raises others and last Exhibition time we told of his success at the annual big show. His birds also represented Canada at the British Empire Exhibition last summer.

At the Royal Winter Fair, just closed, Mr. Herrington had an entry in every section, the only exhibitor in the show to enjoy this distinction. He showed in all 27 birds and of these 22 took prizes. The competition was very keen, with entries from all over Canada, which makes Mr. Herrington's achievement all the more interesting to his friends in town. The prizes captured were:

Second and third, cock; third and fourth, hen; fourth and fifth, cockerel; fourth for pullet; second for old pen; first and second, young pen; special champion shape and color male; champion shape and color female; champion pen.

## BISHOP OF MONTREAL SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Bishop Farthing to Have Charge of Services Both Morning and Evening.—Preaches Sermon to Durham Masons in Afternoon—Eightieth Anniversary of Trinity Church.

There will be three services in Trinity Anglican church next Sunday, at 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m. All three meetings will be addressed by the Right Reverend J. C. Farthing, D.D., Bishop of Montreal, and a former rector of Durham parish. Next Sunday also commemorates the eightieth anniversary of Durham church and a special appeal is being made for funds as a congregational offering on this important occasion. His Lordship will have a special message for all and it is hoped an overflow congregation will greet him at all services.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the members of Durham Masonic Lodge will march in a body to the church, where Bishop Farthing will have a special message for them. On his visit here ten years ago he conferred a similar honor on the local Masonic order.

## TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	42	52	41	—
Friday	50	62	41	+.03
Saturday	35	35	34	—
Sunday	36	45	34	—
Monday	36	42	34	—
Tuesday	37	30	27	3
Wednesday	18	31	10	—

—Rain.



PLANS TO WED FLIER  
The Baroness Barbara von Kalckreuth of Germany, who is reported to be preparing for her marriage with Col. James Fitzmaurice, Irish trans-Atlantic flier in the plane "Bremen" after Fitzmaurice obtains a divorce from his present wife.

## DANGEROUS BLAZE DISCOVERED IN TIME

Serious Conflagration Might Have Resulted Had Fire Started During the Night—Star Theatre Had Close Call

What might have developed into a serious fire was happily discovered in the nick of time about 3 o'clock last Friday afternoon, and instead of the story of another disastrous blaze in town, the discovery means only the telling of a narrow escape.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. About the middle of the afternoon heavy smoke was seen issuing from the front of the Star Theatre building and an investigation disclosed several sugar sacks, tightly packed into one another, had been stuffed under the wooden steps leading up to the theatre. It was only the work of a minute to remove the steps and throw the burning sacks on to the street, and the danger was over, but had the fire started in the middle of the night, or been allowed to gain a few minutes' more headway, it is hard to say what would have happened.

No explanation can be given, but it is thought the sacks may possibly have been placed there by someone who intended to return later and take them home. The explanation as to how they became ignited is just as mysterious, but it may have been a lighted cigar or cigarette butt that had been blown under the steps by the wind.

The sacks made a lot of smoke and caused considerable excitement for a few moments but their prompt discovery and removal put an end to all the danger.

## NEWLYWEDS HONORED THURSDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Ryan Receive Many Fine Gifts.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. George Whitmore of Glenelg gave a reception to about one hundred guests in honor of Mr. Whitmore's sister, Mary, who became the bride of Mr. Melville Ryan two weeks ago. The young couple received the congratulations and were showered with beautiful gifts. The evening was spent with cards and dancing, Messrs. James Peart, Alfred and Eldon Wepler supplying the music. Supper was served at midnight. Those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Flavell, Mrs. Bertwhistle, Mr. John McChesney and Mr. J. McChesney from Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. William Waring and Mr. and Mrs. James Turnbull, Paisley; Misses Donald, Glennie and Minnie Gowanlock and Mr. George Grant, Walkerton; Mr. R. Turnbull, Teeswater; Mrs. William Smythe and Mrs. Harry Brigham, Toronto.

## ONTARIO APPLES BIGGEST WINNERS

Capture Bulk of Awards At the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto.—Effect of the Favorable Weather of the Present Autumn.

Competition from both British Columbia and Nova Scotia failed to stop Ontario from carrying off the bulk of the apple awards at the Royal Winter Fair. The wins by this province fully reflected the favorable weather of last fall in most fruit sections, the apples on exhibition this year being outstanding, both in color and size. W. L. Hamilton, of Collingwood, captured the bulk of the honors, winning among other things the sweepstake single box on a sample of McIntosh, silver cup for best 50-box lot and a whole string of firsts.

It was in the single box lots that the keenest competition came. In Delicious first and second went to the Associated Growers of B.C. In Fameuse the same wins went to the Woodlands orchards of Bronte, Ont. W. L. Smith, Burlington, Ont., came first in Golden Russet with Borden Fruit Company, of Canning, N.S., second. In Greening, one and two went to Gallagher Farms of Aldershot, Ont., while the Associated Growers took similar places in Jonathan. Collin Smith, Burlington led in Kings, with C. R. Terry, Clarkson, Ont., second. Winnings were about the same in the larger lots, Ontario growers winning in McIntosh throughout the show, and also Spy and the other not so competitive varieties, while British Columbia scored in Delicious and Jonathan.

## Aberdeen Institute Had Good Meeting

Society Contemplates Further Assistance to Durham Hospital.—Interesting Papers Read and Enjoyable Afternoon Spent.

The regular monthly meeting of the Aberdeen Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. Lamb on Friday afternoon with a splendid attendance of members and visitors. The usual devotional exercises opened the meeting. The October minutes were read and adopted and the reports of the Treasurer and Hospital committee were given. Discussion followed re further equipment of the hospital room. Donations of four lovely monogrammed linen traycloths and four monogrammed linen table napkins were received from Mrs. J. S. Davey and Miss K. Smith, Toronto, respectively. Also two chair cushions by Mrs. H. Hopkins and Miss C. Fletcher. Community singing was enjoyed, the hymns "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "God be with you till we meet again" being sung. The President then called on Miss M. McGirr, who gave a most instructive talk on "Beauty and a few of the present day problems which need to be made beautiful." We have so many beautiful things around us which we take quite for granted, but if deprived of them we would find it very difficult to live without them—as our birds and trees. Here Miss McGirr quoted that beautiful poem of our own Bliss Carman "Trees" in which he says "And every tree for our use is good." The birds too add nature and benefit mankind by keeping down destructive insects. On the other hand are the many ugly problems which need to be improved to make the world better to live in—such as war, racial prejudice, industrial and temperance problems, in which it is the duty of every individual especially women, to take their part. Miss McGirr's address was very interesting and much appreciated and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered her on motion of Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Davey. Mrs. D. Stewart then delighted the ladies by reading a poem of her own composition which follows and speaks for itself. One new member was added to the roll, in response to which many good Scotch jokes were called forth. The National anthem closed a very enjoyable meeting and Mrs. Lamb and assistants served a delicious lunch.

## Aberdeen Women's Institute

Four years ago last June  
This Institute was started,  
We all assembled at the school,  
Organized, then departed.  
We did not worry if our work was small  
And our rewards were few;  
We remembered that the mighty oak  
Was once an acorn, too.  
We met but once a month,  
And then we did not gossip,  
But started meeting strict on time  
With all who then had come up.  
The sick we visited each year  
And left, before we parted,  
Some little gift that one to cheer  
And not sit there down hearted.  
Different socials we allowed  
And kept some cash on hand;  
Then a copper contest followed  
To finish things up grand.  
Our hospital we promised  
To furnish up a room;  
So we intend to finish it  
Before the first of June.  
First we made some quilts  
And put the names thereon;  
It made us feel like one on stilts—  
The way the dimes rolled in.  
It helped us over half the way,  
So then we were encouraged;  
We practised up another play  
And never got discouraged.  
A baking sale we then put on  
And oh! it was a rush!  
The ladies came from up the town  
And paid us with the cash.  
The President said "We'll work together  
You know our undertaking!"  
And that, with pleasant weather  
Did help us with our baking.  
The Treasurer sat there for hours  
Making change out right;  
Now she is counting dollars  
Which makes us smile so bright.  
Miss McGirr came up from town—  
The times I need not mention;  
She is a speaker of renown,  
We list with rapt attention.  
Now, if you've any fault to find  
With anything we do,  
You sure will have a hearing  
Before the evening's through.

## HOCKEY CLUB HELD DANCE

Friday evening a fairly good crowd was in attendance at the town hall at a dance given by the Durham Hockey Club. The dance was very enjoyable, several novelty dances adding to the interest. The music supplied by Ken Carter and his orchestra from Wingham was of the best. Lunch was served at midnight by the members of the club and hockey team. The proceeds of the evening are to go towards buying new outfits for the team to wear at the games so that the fans can easily see the speedy Durhams when they get going down the ice to win the championship.

## LEAVES IN MORNING

Patrons of Durham mail route No. 3 are notified that this route, commencing December 1 will leave Durham post office at 9 o'clock in the morning for the winter months. This will leave No. 4 the only route out of town to leave following the sortation of the mail which arrives on the 1 o'clock train.  
The area of the Sahara Desert is 500,000 miles greater than that of the United States.