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Town Council Held Final Session Monday

Not Much Business Done at Final 1930 Meeting of Body in Town Hall.-Statutory Meeting Saw Little Ex-

The council of 1930 held its final ession on Monday evening in the town hall, and despite the phophesy earlier in the afternoon that there was to be "something doing" at the night session it passed into history in comparative quietness. The usual routine business was gone through with, including the passing of the usual batch of accounts amounting this time to a little over \$678.00. The treasurer's report was received and 100 copies ordered printed and several other small matters of a business nature dealt with. Of interest to those who have not paid their taxes will be the news that the council has extended the time for payment until the 28th of December. This was done in consideration of the fact that 1930 has been a lean year, with a certain amount of unemployment, and it was felt that there would be no harm in allowing the tardy ones a little more time in which to pay their share of the town's requirements.

Take Action for Taxes

It was brought to the attention of the council that the T. Young property, which a few years ago was taken out of the town and placed in Glenelg township for taxation purposes, is still liable for school taxes in town. This, the board claims, they have not been receiving. It is a matter in which nobody is to blame, and the council will take the matter up with the Glenelg council. The mistake was not discovered until recently when some of the members of the Durham council had an interview with J. A. Ellis, a member of the Railway Commission. Mr. Ellis told them that even if the property were no authority to deal with school sections. There will be no trouble in the adjustment of the oversight.

Bylaw Held Up

ber the council passed a bylaw raising hearty and genuine welcome to Rt. the number of members of the Hydro Hon. R. B. Bennett, prime minister, Commission from three to five, to be when he returned to Ottawa Saturday known hereafter as the Public Utilities afternoon. Although the premier Commission. At this week's meeting had expressly declined the offer of a objection was taken to the manner in public reception, the warmth of his which the bylaw had been passed. It impromptu welcome was none the less was shown that no change could be impressive. Mr. Bennett's car was atmade in this bylaw without the consent tacked to the 405 Canadian Pacific of the Ontario Commission, and Mayor train from Montreal, and was accom-Hunter is in Toronto today, we are told, panied by Miss Bennett and W. D. making inquiries as to the mode of pro- Herridge, K.C. As he alighted the cedure in the matter.

work to the unemployed in town. It eral; Sir George Perley, acting preresign, in fact they wanted to, because of outside countries: Mayor Plant, Gorthey believed they were not getting don Edwards, ex-M.P., Hon. Charles would make no statement. Councillor the support from the individual mem- McCrae of the Ontario Government; C. bers of the council to which they were A Heugin, M.L.A.; C. Belec, M.P.; Red- as a mayoralty candidate. For the entitled. So far as the Chronicle can mond Cole, secretary of the National balance of the slate the same mystery make out it was a case of alleging that Conservative Organization; Harold prevails. With the exception of Reeve some of the members of the council in Daly, George F. Perley, Dr. O. D. Skeltalking to some of the men, were not ton, E. J. Lemaire and also many of he is in the running, we have heard representing the Board in the proper the rank and file of Ottawa Conser- nothing of the other candidates. Dame light. It was found that any trouble vatives. Fully half of the gathering Rumor says that M. G. Calder of last which had been caused could not be at- both on the platform and on the crowdtributed to this cause, and as a result ed concourse were women. Nearly all Reeve Bell but no confirmation is the Board will carry on in the same old the cabinet ministers, however, were way, and in supreme control of the sit- there. uation. The Board is also to carry on! The prime minster, who looked re-

Waterworks Route Changed

The work of digging the ditches and laying the mains in Upper Town is completed and the workmen are engaged putting in the pipe along George street westward. The original plans called for the piping to be laid southerly on Queen street to the Lambton street bridge. This route was changed at the meeting Monday night, the new route being along George street as far as Bruce street, to hook up with the mains there. In this way the factory will be given a double service in case of fire or other necessity.

So far, good progress is being made in the work of laying the mains and no trouble is anticipated from the weather. The digging machine has been used to some extent, but the nature of the ground around Durham prohibits much of this and considerable delay has been caused through large boulders damaging the buckets on the machine. It is thought the ditcher will be used to dig the first three feet Weber of Walkerton is in a critical con- night 1,000 inmates had been removed from his room at the General Hospital solve the mystery. With the permission or so, when manual labor will be used to finish it.

HAD SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church Morning

All Joy to You Is Given-Judson. Tidings of Great Joy-Ira B. Wilson. long of the Angels-E. O. Emerson. Evening O Might so Calm and Holy-E. S.

Messed Night-Carrie B. Adams.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK 8 a.m. Max. Min. Snow



ARRIVES HOME

Miss Mildred Bennett, sister of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, who has just arrived in Canada with her brother following an extensive tour of the motherland.

PREMIER BENNETT WAS GIVEN GREAT WELCOME

Attention.

Over 1,000 people who represented all At the regular meeting in Decem- classes of the comunity extended a prime minister was surrounded by a There was some discussion as to the large gathering, which included Col. methods employed in apportioning the Snow, representing the governor-genwas claimed that men whose names mier, and all of the Cabinet except the were not on the list were in the em- Quebec ministers, who were week-endploy of the contractor. The Board of ing at home: Sir William Clark, Bri-Works stated that they were willing to tish commissioner and all of the consuls field. When the Chronicle questioned

in the snow shovelling programme until markably fit, doffed his hat and exthe new council is elected. The new changed greetings to everyone. Sharplough is here and the Board is wait- ing fully in the welcome was Miss Bening for a good snowfall to see how it nett, who was embraced with a paternal affection by Sir George Perley. Mr. Bennett afterwards faced the inevitable battery of camera and movietones and made a very brief speech.

am very glad to be home. I am always glad to get back from my voyages abroad and never more so than now. I not learned much, and will not, in all hope that, with your support, I may be probability until after the nominations able to make the lot of our fellow on the 29th when it is expected there countrymen happier."

way through to the Chateau Laurier and was loudly cheered as he passed. He did not wish to make any state-ment, having previously announced SERIOUS FIRE AT He did not wish to make any statethat he will shortly do so and deal at length with the conference recently closed, with the plan for its resumption in Ottawa next year, and other proposals in view.

GUN FALLS AND SHOT GRAZES LAD'S HEART

to a shooting accident which occurred tire wing of the institution with on December 14. Weber, with Elgin loss estimated at \$700,000. Pletsch, aged 17, was putting a piece of lumber through a wire fence on the at Beaufort, a suburb. The east wing The ladies of Trinity Church Guild farm of Amos Milhousen, near Walker- housed the male patients, comprising held their annual bazaar on Saturday, ton, which they intended using in the half the entire occupants of the insti-There was a splendid attendance, the ing property of August Pletsch. When a watchman at 6.15. Immediately it ter of time. ladies realizing \$123.00 from the bazaar. Weber stooped, a sawed off .22 calibre became known that the building, with rifle fell out of the right outer pocket its 2,000 inmates, was endangered by J. N. PERDUE IS of his coat and discharged, the bullet fire, the entire Quebec fire department grazing his heart, it is thought, as it was rushed to the suburb, while hundentered his left side. Pletsch placed reds of citizens organized volunteer reshis friend on a sleigh, and dragged him cue squads. But so carefully had the toward the Milhousen home. He ran Gray Nuns, who operate the asylum, orthe balance of the distance and sum- ganized their fire drills that in 20 minmoned help. A physician from town utes every patient was in a place of conveyed the youth to hospital.

of Weber as a result of the accident.

The Ruling Passion crazy over auction sales."

"Yes, and the funny part of it is they 16 both talk in their sleep. The other - night a lodger in the next flat heard Boggs shout 'Fore', and immediately - Mrs. Boggs yelled 'Four and a quarter." mates.

Elk At Park Paid Extreme Penalty

Was Dispatched Tuesday by Dr. D. B. John McMeekin of Priceville Striken Jamieson, Who Acted As Official Yesterday Afternoon About 1 o'Clock. Executioner, While Peter Gagnon and Editor of Chronicle Were Chief Witnesses.

The bull elk at Jamieson Park is no more, having been officially, hu- afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock to Mr.

ficiently valuable asset to warrant a cided an inquest was unnecessary. separate enclosure for the protection | The late Mr. McMeekin was 51 years of these animals, it was decided some of age and was born at Galt. He came

was the master mechanic. This was sister, Mrs. Stagg, in Toronto. where efficiency counted. Ordinary people would have loaded the animal rangements have not been made, but it by main strength alone, but by the use is thought the service will be held from of algebra, trigonometry, logarithms his late residence at Priceville on Friand vocabulary this quartette of huskies day afternoon, interment being in made short work of it, despite the fact Priceville cemetery. that the animal itself was about as accommodating as eight or nine hundred

pounds of liver. removed from the town for general Greeted By Large Crowd at Ottawa on carcass was safely aboard, brought into His Return Saturday Afternoon.- Durham for butchering, and will, to a Many Problems Are Awaiting His certain extent, help bring down the high cost of living for a few days.

"WHO" WILL BE "WHO" IN NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

Personnel of 1931 Town Council Would Make Basis For Popular Guessing Contest,-Little Known Yet As .. to Slate Likely to Seek Election, and No Likelihood of Settlement Before Nomination.

"What's doing for next year's Council?" is a popular question these days, but from present activities the answer might truthfully be "Nothing". There are rumors, but this is about all. No definite information can be obtained.

Mayor Hunter told the Council Monday night that he would not be in the him yesterday afternoon he said he W. S. Hunter has also been mentioned Bell, who has announced definitely that year's council is to try conclusions with forthcoming.

It is rumored former Councillor Noble will try for a seat on the Hydro Commission. With him are coupled the names of George McKechnie, W. Laidlaw, W. A. Macdonald, Ralph Catton, and possibly some others, but generally, there is an air of mystery.

We have not heard what Councillors Smith, Stoneouse and Whitmore intend doing, but believe they are cred-"Ladies and gentlemen." he said. "I ted with the desire to serve the town for a second term.

When all is said and done, one has will be some real warm discussion. Afterwards Mr. Bennett made his With the citizens, we shall have to wait

QUEBEC ASYLUM

Wing Destroyed With Loss Estimated at \$700,000 .- Beauport Institution One of the Largest in Province.

The asylum, built in 1864, is located

saving the building.

devoting their efforts to protect the deceased. "They say Boggs is crazy on the sub-central building and the west wing. The Mr. Perdue, who lives about five miles On the morning in question, he said ject of golf and his wife is equally central building was damaged slightly was saved intact.

Died Suddenly From Heart Failure

Was in Employ of C. P. R. and For Past Number of Years Worked on Priceville Section.

Death came very suddenly yesterday manely and efficiently dispatched Tues- John McMeekin of Priceville, and son day about noon by Dr. D. B. Jamieson, of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMeekin here. who proved himself as good a shot as Mr. McMeekin for a number of years Arthur Ellis is hangman when it comes had been on the C. P. R. section and it to performing the last sad rites on was while at work that the summons those condemned to die by human came. With the other members of the section he had worked on the morning While the elk was somewhat of a shift, and shortly after commencing novelty at the park he had developed work in the afternoon he excused himinto a nuisance, and latterly was the self and left his companions. Not resole disturber of the peace at this haven turning, they went back along the track of refuge for the wild life of the coun- in search for him and found him lying try. He could make little headway on the right of way. Coroner Jamieson with the buffalo, but was lord and mas- of Durham was summoned, and after ter of the deer, and he wasn't a suf- inquiring into the circumstances de-

time ago to get him out of the way in to Durham with his parents when a order that they might live in peace. child and has since lived in this vicin-The elk had as well developed a rather ity. He had been a resident of Pricecross streak and would without provo- ville for the past fifteen years. Upcation attack human beings. The park wards of 25 years ago he was married was decidedly unsafe with him around. to Miss Jane Stonehouse of Glenelg The execution squad left here short- who with a grown up son and daughter, ly after 11 o'clock in the morning and John and Ollie, survive. Surviving also soon had their work completed. Then are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert came the work of loading him on to McMeekin, and brother, George H., in the sleigh, of which Jamieson Vollett Duham, another brother William and

At time of writing the funeral ar-

WORKING PREMIER

The spontaneous desire of the people of Ottawa to extend a public reception to Premier Bennett on the occasion of his return home from the London conferences is indicative of the general feeling throughout the Dominion that Mr. Bennett represented his country admirably and gave useful service to the Empire.

As was to be expected of him, he carried a definite proposal for Empire development to the discussions and it is an excellent commentary on the acceptability and practical nature of his plans that they won the hearty approval and staunch support of the other great Dominions. That they failed for the moment to receive the benediction of the present Government of Great Britain is neither surprising nor discouraging. That was fore-ordained.

What is infinitely more important was the fact that Mr. Bennett was directly responsible for placing a great economic question of inter-Empire development fairly and squarely before the people of Great Britain in terms they understand. By him it was stripped free of all very definite matter of Empire econthem and Canadians have no grounds for pessimism.

Canadians appreciate that Mr. Bennett, on behalf of agriculture in Canada, undertook to uproot fiscal policies of Britain which have perfrank and fearless way he went about it and in the conference to meet in Canada in 1931 they see considerable progress made togards his objective.

It is characteristic of Premier Bennett that he should decline the proposed public demonstration on his return. There is much too serious business at hand to give time or thought to complimentary demonstrations. Mr. Bennett is back at his desk, spending sixteen to eighteen hours of each day upon a solution of the farmers' dilemma. He is a working Premier, not a centre of demonstrations.

HON. DR. JAMIESON

Has Recovered Sufficiently From His Recent Operation to Be Removed to His Home.

no ill effects.

APPOINTED REGISTRAR

Hon. W. H. Price Announces Appointdate to South Grey Post.

safety and the firemen were enabled by Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General and baby, Schumacher admitted the Later dispatches announce the death to concentrate their entire efforts upon for Ontario, that Mr. J. N. Perdue of killing and undertook to show the of-Holland Township, had been given the ficers next morning where the body The fire gained great headway and at appointment of Registrar for South had been buried. He told officers that midnight was still raging, with firemen Grey, succeeding Mr. A. H. Jackson, he and "Scotty", partners on the far-1

far as the Chronicle knows, he has not back with the fork. The Beauport Asylum is one of the been in Durham since his appointment! largest in the Province of Quebec. It but with Mrs. Perdue and daughter will We welcome them as citizens.



BECOMES BENEDICT Bob Pearce, famous Australian sculler, winner of the Olympic and British Empire single sculling titles was married in Hamilton, Ontario, this week. Pearce, who is now making his home in the Dominion brought his Australian sweetheart to Canada.

Prof. Gladstone, Also Known as ests, who is ill, and Hon. W. G. Martin, Murder in Saskatchewan, With all the members of the Cabinet and Alleged Confession of Man Who Did their wives were present at the cere-Deed,-Has Appeared in Durham mony. and Vicinity.

created in a Saskatchewan murder It is understood that there will be when dispatches to the press announ- further reorganization of the Cabinet ced that J. F. Schumacher of Beechy, later on. The Government did not wish Sask., had confessed to the killing of to open seats before the coming session

the confession of Schumacher the body of the murdered man was exhumed.

locally other than the murder was solved by "Prof. Gladstone," who played in Durham a couple of years ago, and claimed to be the seventh son of a now constituted as follows: seventh son, and a relative of the late W. E. Gladstone, former premier of minister of highways-Hon. George S. Great Britain. Gladstone had also Henry (York East). appeared here as "Mem-o-Rea" and a Attorney-general-Hon. W. H. Price few years ago discovered the body of (Parkdale, Toronto). a young man drowned in the neighborhood of Wiarton. The dispatch, which Dunlop (Renfrew North). is from Saskatoon under date of December 15, reads:

Unearthed from beneath a pile of re- Minister of public works and laborfuse a half-garbed skeleton today stood Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith (Perth North). as the solution to the three-year-old Minister of health-Hon. Dr. J. M. mystery of the disappearance of James Robb (Algoma). "Scotty McLachlan, homesteader in the Provincial secretary—Hon. Leopold Coteau plains district of Northern Macaulay (York West). Saskatchewan, and John F. Schu- Minister of agriculture-Hon. T. L. omic consolidation and development | macher, 23, who farmed with Mc- Kennedy (Peel). which it is. The issue rests with | Lachlan near Beechy became the selfconfessed killer of the man who van- W. F. Finlayson (Simcoe East). ished in January 1928.

which began with the declaration of Paul Poisson (Essex North) and Hon. a mind-reader in Beechy that "murder H. C. Schofield (St. George's, Toronto). had been done" and ended with Schu- The following is the present standing sisted for a century. They like the | macher's confession, police were told by of the parties in the Ontario Legislathe accused man that he had killed ture: McLachlan with a stable-fork in selfdefense. Schumacher was taken into

custody and charged with murder. Police are stated to have been aided by Professor Henry Gladstone, who says he is a mind-reader gifted with the power of locating corpses by a mental process he cannot himself ex-

Before Schumacher made his confession, the professor declared there had been a fight and a killing in the barn, and that the body had been buried soewhere near a disused well, but it was on Wednesday night that he first came on the scene of the drama. At a mind reading show staged at Beechy, in which he asked members of his audience to put questions to him mentally MAKING GOOD PROGRESS a man named William Taylor concentrated on the local mystery of McLachlan's disappearance.

Without wording the question, Gladstone answered Taylor: "The man you are thinking of was murdered. There Hon. Dr. Jamieson is making even was foul play, and the body will soon Twenty minutes after fire broke out better recovery from his recent opera- be found." On Saturday, the elderly in the east wing of St. Michael Arch- tion than was looked for and on Tues- "wizard" as they now call him in the Cyril Weber, 16, elder son of Barney angel Asylum for the Insane Saturday day evening of this week was taken Beechy District, took up his promise to to his home at 56 Chestnut Park Road. of the police, Gladstone visited the Mc-He stood the removal well and advices Lachlan homestead. When he entered on Wednesday stated he had suffered the barn, according to those who were with him, he sniffed and remarked: His friends here will be pleased to "There has been a killing here. There learn that he is out of danger and that is a dead body somewhere near here." his complete recovery and return to To his companions he explained after-December 13, in the Red Cross rooms. construction of a hut on the adjoin- tution. The blaze was discovered by duty at 43 Queen's Park is only a mat- wards that his reaction was mental, and not olfactory. The party started back towards Beechy, having learned that Schumacher had driven into town with friends to bring back gasoline for his car.

At the little police detachment office ment of Former Conservative Candi- in Beechy, Schumacher was closely interrogated.

Eventually, breaking into tears and Announcement was made last week voicing pity for the situation of his wife had frequently quarreled.

from Chatsworth, near Massie, will, we McLachlan attacked him with a scoop by smoke and water, but the west wing understand, move to town shortly. So shovel and he, in self-defence, struck

Every complaint is a priceless opnormally houses several thousand in- take up residence in the near future. portunity to rectify defective methods and make a firmer friend.

HON. GEO. S. HENRY ONTARIO'S NEW PREMIER

Sworn In As Ontario's First Minister Tuesday, and Will Hold Portfolios of Highways and of Education.-All Members of Ferguson Government to Remain in Present Positions.

Hon. George Stewart Henry, B.A., LL.B., practical farmer and business man, was Tuesday afternoon inducted to the office of premier of Ontario. Premier Henry will also administer the portfolio of education and retain the department of highways within his immediate jurisdiction. It was also announced, at the swearing in ceremony at Government House that Dr. Paul Poisson, M.L.A., for Essex North and Henry C. Scholfield, member for St. George's Toronto, would shortly be appointed members of the Cabinet without portfolio.

With the appointment of Mr. Henry as minister of education, as well as president of the council, the complete mantle of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former premier and Conservative Government leader, falls on the new prem-It had been rumored that Mr. Henry would turn over the portfolio of education for the time being to another member of the Cabinet. Political prophets were also partly wrong in their selections for ministers without portfolio. Mr. Schofield was finally chosen instead of Dr. H. A. Clarke, M.L.A. for Brockville, who had been prominently mentioned for one of the vacancies.

Further Changes Later Premier Heriry officially assumed his new office in the presence of Lieutenant-governor, Hon. W. D. Ross, and SOLVED BY SEER Chief Justice Sir William Mulock. With the exception of Hon. W. F. Finlayson, minister of lands and for-"Mem-o-rea" Solved Three-Year-Old Minister of public welfare, who is away,

The new ministers, Dr. Poisson and Mr. Schofield, will be sworn in later, Somewhat of a local interest was They will not have to seek by-election. "Scottie" McLachlan three years ago. of the Legislature, it is stated, and with The dispatches state that following the "without portfolio" appointments will obviate this necessity. After the session, it is expected, there will be a further change and more appointments There is little of interest to the case to the Cabinet. The premier will then probably relinquish the ministry of education or that of Highways.

The Executive Council of Ontario is Premier, minister of education and

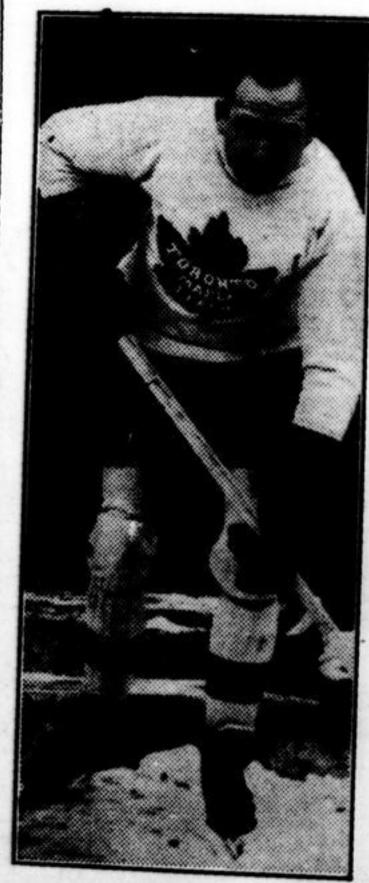
Provincial treasurer-Hon. Edward A. Minister of mines-Hon. Charles Mc-Crae (Sudbury).

Minister of lands and forests-Hon.

Ministers without portfolio-Hon. J. After a sensational series of incidents R. Cooks (Hastings North), Hon. Dr.

> Conservatives Liberals **Progressives** Lib.-Progs. Ind.-Conservatives United Farmer Vacant seats .

> > Total



ANOTHER HOCKEY CASUALTY The Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Team seem to be having all their trobules at once. Conacher and Primau are on the injured list and now Harold Cotton is out of the game with a slashed foot. None of these boys are expected to be back in the line-up for another three