

Shareholders Decide To Sell Durham Rink

Meeting Held Tuesday Evening Was Unanimous to Dispose of This Property After Matter Explained—Cameron Lauder the Prospective Purchaser.

At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Durham Amusement Company Tuesday night, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer of Mr. Cameron Lauder for the purchase of the rink property in town, and the papers will be made out immediately for the transfer of the property. Mr. Lauder will get immediate possession.

The property, purchased about ten years ago, when the Durham Amusement Company was formed, has been kept in fairly good condition and Mr. Lauder has bought, for \$2,400, a property worth many times that figure, and one of the best of the older rinks in this part of the country. When built in 1908 it was considered the last word in the rinks of that day in the smaller centres, and with an ice surface of 170x60, conformed with the O. H. A. standards of that time.

While the Durham Amusement Company made no money in their operation of the rink, it is felt by those who have been in close touch with the business for some years, that a private individual should have it, and could make money out of it. The Amusement Company shareholders, like others under similar conditions, paid little attention to the rink and the management for some years has been under "the same old gang", as one of the directors expressed it, and this, more than anything, is responsible for the property having been put on the market. Business men themselves, they felt they could not continue in the executive positions without neglecting both their own business and that of the skating rink. Other shareholders had become apathetic, and while sympathizing with the others, refused to take places on the board. Lately they had even quit attending the annual meetings, and the last year's executive, which could find nobody to function in any of the offices, decided to sell.

There is little question that Mr. Lauder as his own manager and ice man, can make the proposition go and, given a good winter, should make good money on his investment.

The sale is for the rink building only, with a right of way along the south side for repair purposes. The Amusement Company still retains the bowling club property, rented to the lawn bowling association on a long-term lease.

CANADA'S "WHITE COAL" USED EXTENSIVELY

Electrical Power Used to Produce Much Goods in the Dominion—Price Is Reasonable.

A review of the electrical industry in Canada discloses the degree to which electricity is displacing other power in the Dominion. Canada's immense resources of cheap power are being turned to full account in an industrial way. Cheap electrical energy is the factor which has made possible much of the efficiency of modern methods of manufacture.

All the power utilized in the production of automobiles, clay products and rubber goods in Canada is electrical. Sugar refining, printing and publishing, and plants manufacturing hardware and tools, brass and copper products, coke and gas products, electrical apparatus and supplies have 90 per cent electric power installations. In the long list of power equipment published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the manufacture of feed and grit is the only one which utilizes less than 50 per cent of all the energy used throughout the mining industry of the country, including coal, metals and petroleum, is electrical. Manufacturing and mining have come into the electrical age.

The total installation in lumber, pulp and paper mills, 1,250,000 horsepower, far exceeds that in any other industry. The rate of expansion in non-ferrous metals and in miscellaneous uses has been most rapid.

NEW COUNCILLOR CHOSEN

The nominations on Monday passed off very quietly, and during the hour set apart for this, not more than fifteen of the rate payers assembled. W. A. Macdonald, a former member of the council was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation. This fills the council board, short one as a result of the regular election in January, and the citizens pretty generally fell in with the idea that it would be foolish to hold an election to select one man, and hence the apparent lack of interest. Mr. Macdonald, who has had some years' experience in council matters and a few years ago was a candidate for mayor, will be a valuable addition to the council.

DANGEROUS BLAZE QUENCHED WITH MINIMUM DAMAGE

On Saturday afternoon the fire alarm gave the local brigade a run to the residence of Mr. David McLaughlin in Upper Town, where an overheated stove had ignited the partition behind it and in a few minutes might have been beyond control. The chemical truck and hose reels were on the scene in three or four minutes, but the chemical was all that was needed to bring the blaze under control. The fire was in a partition behind the stove, and it was necessary to cut this, as well as a hole in the roof, to get at the fire, and while the hose lines had been laid and were ready to use on them they were not needed.

WIARTON EDITOR TELLS OF FLORIDIAN FINANCE

E. A. Duncan, Wintering in This Southern State, Tells of Chaotic Financial Conditions of 1931 As Compared With Golden Days of Not So Long Ago.

Writing from Delray, Florida, where he is spending the winter to recuperate from a serious illness, Editor E. A. Duncan of the Wiarion Canadian-Echo tells his readers in the last issue of that newspaper of conditions as they are at present in that State. Mr. Duncan's article is well worth reading, and a study of its contents may cause some of us to change our opinions about hard times in Canada and join the Optimistic society. Mr. Duncan says:

I know there are some people in Wiarion who invested in Florida real estate during the boom and though it has been abandoned by them as a loss, I know that the odd one, away at the back of his head feels that some day, possibly, he may get something back out of his investment. I do not like to play the part of Job's comforter or act as a wet blanket, but I must confess that after seeing the state of the times down in this country, any possession a man may have here in the line of real estate is nothing but a burden and will likely continue so for many years to come. What with the collapse of the real estate boom, the closing up of Banks, plus the present bad times, Florida is in a mighty bad state. Today I went into the municipal offices and interviewed the Town Clerk and Treasurer, and from him got on the inside of Delray's public affairs. To use his own words, they are in a "hell of a shape", financially speaking. If anything, the failure of banks has caused more havoc down here than the boom, and from what I learn, the condition of Delray is typical of all Florida municipalities.

Things in Canada are bad, but as a nation, or province, or municipality, our governments have not failed to pay their bonds, or debentures, nor passed up their annual interest payments. The success of your recent government loan is evidence that the public has the utmost faith in our government. The loan of \$150,000,000 was over-subscribed in a few days when put on the market. Most every municipality in Florida has failed to redeem its maturing bonds. Since October 1929, Delray has been obliged to default both debenture and interest. Nobody has faith in anything, nothing is sure. A bad state of mind for the public to get in, isn't it?

In Delray, a town of 2,200 people, the bonded debt amounts to \$1,200,000, and as it matures, is being repudiated. The assessed value of the town is \$1,900,000, the town mill rate is 44 with just as large from the county, for people here pay two sets of taxes, one to the town and one to the county direct. Even the salaries of the school teachers are in default for several months past. Unpaid taxes amounted to \$200,000. And yet the Town Council goes on in the same old way. They have two policemen, one night and one day at \$1500 a year, a fire chief at the same figure, a town clerk at \$3,000 a year. The Mayor and his councillors draw a salary of \$50 a month each, which amounts to \$3600 a year for the town to pay, which to me seems a sad commentary on the state of local patriotism or citizenship.

A funny thing here is that a few years ago the town which owned the electric system sold out its patent to a big private corporation, a contrary thing to the tendencies of such things in Canada, and got cash for the deal. They put the cash in the Bank which shortly afterwards went broke, and they lost everything. I heard of some tragic happenings in Delray when the Bank went to the wall.

One-half of the real estate of the town is now back in the possession of the town. All kinds of improvements, like walks, roads and lights are built around vacant land. The whole place has been over-done in this respect, and the improvements paid for in debentures, which the people cannot meet now they are due. The Town Clerk said a mouthful when he stated their public affairs to be in a hell of a shape.

The older I grow, the more convinced I am that the policy private and public of "pay as you go" is one to stick to if you want to be happy as a man or a municipality. Abhor and avoid the big eye. It will surely get you into trouble at the end.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM MORAN

A life-long resident of Glenelg in the person of Mr. William Moran passed away on Friday, January 8. Ten years ago the deceased suffered from sleeping sickness since which time he has been in failing health. On Thursday he was suffering from a cold and remained in bed. He gradually sank and passed away on Friday.

The late William Moran was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moran, and was born in Glenelg 62 years ago. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church and the funeral took place Monday forenoon to Dornoch church where Rev. Father McNulty conducted the burial services. The deceased is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Mary Norris, two sons and one daughter, namely: James, Edward and Marie at home. Three brothers, Charles, Thomas and Joseph, all residing in Glenelg, and a sister, Mrs. Joseph Vasek at New Westminster, B.C., also survive. Markdale Standard.

Former Durham Reeve Given Judgeship

A. B. Currey of North Bay, Formerly of Durham, Given Judicial Appointment As Judge of Manitoulin—G. W. Morley of Collingwood Succeeds Late Judge Sutherland in Grey County.

Friends here of A. B. Currey received with much satisfaction the news of his appointment to the Judgeship of Manitoulin Island, announced last Thursday from Ottawa. While in Durham, Mr. Currey took a deep interest in the municipal affairs of the town, leaving here in 1922 for Newmarket, and subsequently removing to North Bay. An Orangeville boy, G. W. Morley, of Collingwood, received the judicial appointment of Judge of Grey County, succeeding the late Judge C. T. Sutherland. Referring to the appointments a dispatch from Ottawa last Thursday says:

Succeeds Judge Sutherland

G. W. Morley, K.C., LL.B., son of the late Rev. Canon Morley, was born near Orangeville, in 1882, educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and at Trinity College, Toronto, and Osgoode Hall and called to the Bar in 1914. He was a solicitor for a short time with Bicknell, Bain & Strath, Toronto, before being appointed secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association. After military service he began practice in Toronto, and in 1928 he went to Collingwood. He is president of the Collingwood Conservative Association. He contested the last Conservative convention at Stayner for the riding of North Simcoe, against the present member, J. T. Simpson. A year ago Mr. Morley was elected reeve of Collingwood. He is a member of the Corporation of Trinity College and Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, as well as warden of All Saints' Church, Collingwood.

The newly appointed Judge, Albert Brock Currey, the eldest son of the late John Currey and Sarah Ursula Hamer, was born in 1888 in East Gwillimbury. His early education was received at Newmarket. When he left the Newmarket High school, he was articled to Herbert Lennox, K.C., for three years called to the Bar. For three years following his graduation, Mr. Currey served as deputy county court clerk at the city hall in Toronto. Following this he practiced in Durham as a partner with the late J. P. Telford. While there he served as reeve and alderman. In 1922 he returned to Newmarket and served during 1926 and 1927 as alderman and mayor respectively. In October of 1927, he came to North Bay, where he practised alone until June of 1928, when he became associated with Magistrate G. S. McGaughey.

MANITOBA HAS MADE STRIDES IN MINE WORK

In 1931 Manitoba Doubled Its Mineral Record—Output for Year is Close to \$10,000,000.

Latest of Canada's provinces to come forward as a mining province, Manitoba is making great strides, and in 1931 established a very creditable record. There is every indication that this progress will be maintained. Considering that in 1931 Manitoba practically doubled its mineral record of the former year, it is readily recognized that the province is taking a prominent place among the Dominion's mineral areas. It is estimated that the value of the mineral output for the year just closed is close to \$10,000,000 as compared with a little more than \$5,000,000 the previous year. This is the more remarkable when it is remembered that the price of base metals has been cut very severely.

The province now has four mines producing gold, soon to be joined by a fifth—San Antonio. Gold is a by-product of copper-zinc recovery at Flin Flon and Sherritt-Gordon, while it is the only product of Central Manitoba Mines, Ltd., and Gem Lake. The last named is the most recent to attain productive status, having come into the gold producing ranks through the medium of a small pilot mill which is to be immediately enlarged to a capacity of 50 tons daily.

Central Manitoba Mines, Ltd., is the leading gold mine, and its operation during the past year has resulted in output of around \$500,000. San Antonio is now busy with mill construction. Manitoba two years ago had but one metal producer, turning out less than half a million dollars yearly, but in 1930 the Flin Flon was brought into production, to be joined during the past year by Sherritt-Gordon.

FARMERS WARNED 1932 IS YEAR OF HARD WORK

"The year 1932 will call for more sacrifice, courage and hard work on the part of the farmer than has any other year in the last ten," asserted Dr. George I. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, before the 65th annual convention of the Dairy-men's Association of Western Ontario in London recently. "The task is going to be greater than ever before. There's no use sitting down and saying that prosperity is just around the corner, because it isn't. I don't want to discourage anybody but we must face the facts. "There's going to be less money and more hard work, and that will really be a fine thing if it results in a better understanding."

Dr. Walter Van Dyke Bingham says that engineers dislike people who borrow things. Darned clever, those engineers.—Vancouver Sun.

Moderator Spoke Here on Thursday

Rev. W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., of Saskatoon, Addressed Audience in Presbyterian Church—Told of the Sacrifices Made by Missionaries in Western Canada.

The auditorium of the Presbyterian church was comfortably filled last Thursday evening to hear the address of Rev. W. G. Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Mr. Brown delivered a most forceful address, and besides the members of the Presbyterian congregation here, other churches in the town were also represented to hear him tell of the religious life of the West, where the greater part of his ministry has been spent.

Mr. Brown began his remarks by congratulating the congregation on the suitable edifice which they had erected as a place of worship. He said that it showed more sense in meeting the requirements of the congregation than any new church he had visited.

He said that any one who came merely to hear a flowery address from the Moderator would be disappointed as he had come to preach the word of God.

He took as his text I Timothy 3:15: "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth."

Mr. Brown mentioned the psalm "Ye gates life up your heads on high" which had been sung and spoke of its historical significance as a professional psalm used thus by the Hebrews in worship as they came up to the temple. He spoke of the diversity of thought contained in the Bible, due to the fact that scriptural writers wrote as they were moved by the spirit. He referred to the background of Paul's epistles, and stressed the fact that the great apostle wrote from the fullness of life and wide experience. He remarked that Paul was the greatest man of his day and generation and could have had any position in the gift of his nation, but Christ laid hands on him, as a chosen vessel to carry the gospel to the gentiles. He referred to Paul's conversion and his obedience to the heavenly vision, stressing the fact that it is immensely important what a person believes, and that a man whose conscience has been illumined by the spirit of God must yield himself in obedience. He quoted Paul's words: "I am determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." He remarked that in the early epistles of Paul there is little concerning the church, but that the church becomes the theme of the later epistles. He emphasized the fact that the church of tomorrow is in the hands of the young. Paul chose two young men, Timothy and Titus, to whom he sent letters and to whose care he committed the church of the future.

He set forth the purpose of the church to be the pillar and ground of truth. "What truth?" he asked and in reply quoted the shorter catechism, "The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." In passing, the moderator referred to the Westminster Assembly of Divines who prepared the Confession of Faith and Shorter Catechism as the greatest assembly of divines ever called. It was in session for five and a half years in order to worthily complete the work before it. In speaking on what man believes concerning God, Mr. Brown referred to the fact that in every religion there is belief in some sort of God. He quoted the ancient Greek who said: "Show me your Gods and I will show you your men." He referred to the worship of beauty by the Greeks and pointed out that now men travel thousands of miles to see the mere ruins of Greek art and architecture. He said that we believe in a living God who has revealed himself in various ways to Moses and the prophets but whose crowning revelation was given when "in the fullness of time" His son took upon Himself the form and fashion of man. Thus we have the greatest miracle of all time, beyond our comprehension. We bow in adoration, His humiliation, Christ said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Mr. Brown spoke of the Bible as the greatest book the world will ever see. He quoted Moulton who said, "The Bible is the greatest literature in the world" written in the most beautiful English our language knows." He was referring of course to the authorized English version.

The greatness of the Bible is not only in its literature and language. Its true greatness is in its revelation of the character and purpose of God. The Bible speaker stressed the fact that the Bible reveals to us that God is a sovereign God, and that in the Presbyterian system of doctrine, God's sovereignty is the most important article in the creed. He said that it flows every other article. He brought out the fact that the theological phenomena in the history of the world today is the re-establishment of the sovereignty of God. He mentioned that at the time of Lincoln's assassination the people of the United States were panic stricken until at Washington the assertion was made, "God reigns, the government will carry on."

Referring to chaotic world conditions today Mr. Brown said, no one, even the politician or economist, knows what is wrong with the world today, but we do know that the world needs the magic of the sovereignty of God, and that when we recognize that we may be trusted with material prosperity.

Mr. Brown then spoke of the duty which God requires of man, which is to quote the Shorter Catechism again, "Obedience to His revealed will."

The speaker amplified the statement (Continued on page 5.)

FORDWICH YOUNG LADY TRIMMED UP NEIGHBOR

Claimed Howick Farmer Had Impugned Her Fair Character by Uncalled For Remarks—Magistrate Fined Her \$10 and Costs, Which Were Unpaid.

It has been said that if a cat ate a canary, that would not be considered news, but if it was ever found that a canary had eaten a cat, it was worth a two-column article with double-column scare head.

The unexpected has happened, and down in Fordwich, in Howick township, too, last New Year's eve when Miss Mary Byrd, a comely young lady of that district assaulted a farmer neighbor, William Boehler, for which she was subsequently fined \$10 and costs in police court and bound over in the sum of \$200 for one year to keep the peace. The bench told her she could not even make a motion at Boehler in that time or it would be construed as an assault. Asked if she could defend herself if Boehler took the initiative, the magistrate told the defendant she would have to ask her lawyer. He could not advise her.

The assault took place in the hardware store of Earl Patterson of Fordwich, a nephew of Mrs. W. H. Bean, formerly of this town, but the principal witnesses were the accused and the defendant, the girl's father and one or two others who witnessed the affair.

At the police court trial, the residents of the community got a lot of fun out of the trial and on a couple of occasions had to be silenced by the constable, who also, had difficulty in maintaining his composure.

It was a "gran' fight", something the village had not seen in many a day and which they are now hoping, should a similar occurrence take place in the future, they will be privileged to witness.

The magistrate on the case stated at one time that enough evidence had been taken for a Supreme Court appeal, shut the lawyers and the witnesses off and made his judgment.

During the miniature war, Miss Byrd first tackled Boehler with her coat on, but as the contest became warmer doffed the furs and went at her assailant with fists and feet, kicking him in the shins, and winning the decision of the onlookers.

It was alleged that the father of the girl had assisted her to remove her coat, and by so doing was also guilty of assault, but the bench ruled that the evidence did not prove this, gave Byrd the benefit of the doubt and dismissed his case.

SPECIAL BOYS' SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING

Queen Street United Morning Service to be Under Auspices of Tuxis and Trail Ranger Organizations.

The morning service in Queen Street United church on Sunday, January 24, promises to be unique in the history of boys' work in Durham. The service is under the auspices of the Tuxis and Trail Ranger organizations of the town and with the exception of a short baptismal service at the commencement, the entire service will be conducted by the boys and their leaders. Alex Sim of Holstein, Minister of Education in the Older Boys' Parliament of Ontario, and Director of Boys' Work for South Grey, will deliver the address, and he will be assisted in the service by Glen Lloyd of Durham, Assistant Director of Boys' Work. The choir will be composed of the Tuxis and Trail Ranger boys under the direction of Mr. G. R. Padfield, choir leader.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service and especially all teen age boys and their parents. Mr. Sim has an important message for the boys and it is hoped that a large number of the local boys will attend.

PENALTY FOR NONPAYMENT

A point in the waterworks bylaw not generally understood by the water users is the penalty imposed if the bills are not met promptly. If not paid before the 15th of the month they are rendered the penalty is ten per cent; if not paid by the 30th of the month, 20 per cent will be added. We understand that the most of the bills rendered the first of the month have been paid, and as the new system is hardly yet working as well as is expected shortly it is not likely the penalty will be insisted upon at present. As the success of the system depends to a great extent on the prompt payment of bills, water users are working in their own interests by meeting their bills promptly when rendered.

MARKDALE TO HAVE A TURKEY FARM

We have heard, and read much in the press of turkey farming on the Manitoulin Island, but little has been known of the successes and failures of those who have tried raising a few in Grey County. Mr. S. W. Orr of Markdale, brother of Mrs. T. S. Cooper, of Markdale, has decided to make the experiment. He arrived in Markdale a short time ago. He has 25 hens and three gobblers to start with. They are of three different breeds, Bronze, White Holland and Narragansette. At present they are being housed in Mr. M. Armstrong's barn, and will likely remain there until after the hatching season, when a run will be secured. If success follows this modest beginning Mr. Orr hopes to enlarge his flock and go into the turkey business in a big way.

Trial to Follow Display of Valor

Almonet Men Caused Trouble at Varney Friday and the Case Will Be Heard Here Saturday Morning—Plenty of Excitement While It Lasted

Last Friday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock the village of Varney, three miles south of here, was handed out a bunch of excitement, the like of which had not been seen in a good many moons. Coming without any advertising matter of any kind, the drama was not attended by as many as otherwise, but nearly everyone in the village was on hand. The cause was Matthew Almonet and his son Karl of Normanby, the former an old country German who has been in this country for the past five years, and who, if rumor be true, has the reputation of being of a rather quarrelsome nature.

The trouble at Varney arose out of the transportation of a cow and three calves from Almonet's farm in Normanby to Kitchener, by a truckman named Borovoy. Almonet's son Karl went along and the understanding was if the animals failed to bring a certain figure they were to be returned. The necessary amount of money not being realized on the Kitchener market, Borovoy brought the cattle back as far as Varney and the son walked in home to get the wagon, the roads not being in good enough condition for the truck. He was to return in three hours and bring with him 50 bushels of barley or buckwheat in payment for the services of the truck. About 5 o'clock the elder Almonet and son arrived in Varney with team and wagon, but no grain, and this is where the argument started. The trucker refused to give up the cattle until his charges were paid and started the truck. The Almonets refused to let him go, and when he started up his truck the older man climbed on the side of the truck on the drivers' side, grabbed the steering wheel, and ditched the machine. The argument was fast and loose for a time, and it is alleged young Almonet engaged a companion of Borovoy, and a general free for all resulted which was partially quelled by local residents who gathered, and stopped completely when Traffic Officer Hood, who had been sent for, arrived. We understand the settlement was that the trucker took the two calves in payment for his services and departed.

As a result, Officer Hood has laid an information against Almonet and his son for creating a disturbance on the public highway and the case will be heard before Magistrate Laidlaw here on Saturday.

DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED LAST WEEK

Large Attendance Present at Annual Meeting of Durham District L. O. L. on Thursday of Last Week—Short Addresses Delivered Following the Election.

The annual district meeting of Durham district L. O. L. was held in the Odd Fellow's Hall, Durham, on Thursday, January 14, with a good attendance. Bro. Thos. Whitmore, district master, was in the chair. General business was completed after which Bro. A. Aljoe, Deputy County Master, took the chair for the election of officers.

The following officers were elected and installed: District Master, Thos. Whitmore; Deputy District Master, Sam Chapman; Chaplain, Robt. Whitmore; Recording Secretary, Wm. Wallace; Treasurer, Thos. Tucker; Marshal, G. A. Noble; Lecturers, George Bell and George Whitmore; Committee Man, Ed Pratt.

Short addresses were delivered by the newly elected officers, Rev. E. Hayes, Rev. Almack, J. N. Perdue, Joseph Brown and others. The next meeting will be held in June at Allan Park.

GERMAN BULLET IS PERHAPS ALL BLUFF

Story Possibly Meant to Shake France's Faith in Fleet of Tanks—Inventor Extols Bullets' High Velocity.

Such interest has the Halgar ultra-bullet, particularly its political aspect, excited in military and other circles in London, England, that the question is being asked, Is there not a large element of bluff about this new missile? Expert opinion outside Germany is said to be divided in explaining the tremendous increased velocity reported, some ascribing it to the use of a larger charge, others to the use of the rifle with tapering barrel combined with the bullet's soft metal jacket.

The most pertinent suggestion, however, concerns the bullet's effect on tank warfare. Germany, it is recalled, is deprived of tanks by the Versailles treaty. France possesses the important, perhaps decisive, advantage of a fleet of massive fighting units of this type. Hence prospect of repulsion by abundance of deadly anti-tank rifles might chill France's ardor in relying on this arm. In support of this view it is emphasized that the German inventor extols his bullets' high velocity, making no attempt to conceal existence of the deadly missile itself.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	42	45	40	—
Friday	36	36	32	1.47
Saturday	28	25	26	—
Sunday	30	36	30	.10
Monday	30	31	27	1"
Tuesday	26	31	24	—
Wednesday	34	36	31	—

—Snow.