

Reeve Bell, Durham, New Warden of Grey

Chosen At Inaugural Session of Council Tuesday When Ballot Showed Him Elected With Majority of Six.—Reeve McDonald of Bentinck Was Opponent.

Durham had double interest in the election for the Wardenship of the county this year when it was known that Reeve Bell of town and Reeve D.J. McDonald of Bentinck were both aspirants for the office. Both have many friends in town, and when it was mooted that other candidates for the highest office in the gift of the county were to retire and allow these two to fight it out, the interest was keen. The best of good fellowship obtained, however, and when the ballot was taken Reeve McDonald moved that the election be made unanimous. The vote stood, Bell 21, McDonald 15. Other nominees were Reeves Louis Himmler of Neustadt, T. J. Brodie of Glenelg, and W. J. Taylor of Osprey.

Warden Bell was escorted to his seat at the head of the council by his mover and seconder, Deputy Reeve Emerson Brown of Collingwood, and Reeve W.H. Hunter of Egremont. He thanked the councillors for the honor bestowed upon himself and the town of Durham, called for their co-operation in reducing the taxation for 1932, and said that something must be done to relieve the burden on the people.

The committee to strike the standing committees for the year was appointed on motion of Reeve White of St. Vincent and Deputy Reeve Brown of Collingwood. They are: Reeves Field of Collingwood, Hunter of Egremont, Thompson of Euphrasia, Brodie of Glenelg, Lembe of Sullivan, Mercer of Markdale, Holm of Normanby, Allan of Shallow Lake, and McDonald of Bentinck.

Adjournment was made till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the general business of the county.

Reeve Ard Defeated
Reeve Wellington Ard, Amabel, was a candidate for the wardenship of Bruce county at the session commencing at Walkerton on Tuesday. He was opposed by Reeve Mackay of Bruce, who won out by 25 to 8. Reeve Ard is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vollett here, and was at one time a resident of the town.

Now Serving Seventh Term
Reeve Bell of Durham is now serving his seventh term at the county council and Wednesday's Sun-Times has the following to say:

"That his colleagues on the Council have learned to respect his business judgment and to hold him in high esteem personally, is amply plain from the fact that they conferred the highest honor in their power upon him on Tuesday evening. Reeve Bell first entered the municipal life 12 years ago when he was elected a member of Durham Council. Seven years ago he defeated the late William Calder, a former warden of Grey County, in a contest for the reeveship, and since that time has represented Durham at the county council without a break, being elected by acclamation on six occasions. He has held several important positions in connection with the County Council's work, being chairman of the county property committee for three years and having served a year as chairman of the finance committee and another year as chairman of the education committee.

"Born in Glenelg Township, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bell, Warden Bell has been a resident of Durham for the past 30 years, he being a funeral director in that town. In 1911 he was married to Miss Maud E. Beckworth of Guelph, who now rejoices in the honor accorded her husband by his fellow councillors. Warden Bell has three daughters, Thelma Irene, at home, Audrey Dardanelle, attending McMaster University, and Susie Beckwith, at home."

CANADIAN BUTTER EXPORTS AWAY UP

Increase in Calendar Year 1931 is 95,901 Hundredweight.

Exports of Canadian butter for the calendar year 1931, jumped to 106,805 hundredweight from the small volume of 11,804 hundredweight in 1930, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Cheese exports for the same period increased to 847,884 hundredweight in 1931 from 801,637 in 1930.

Cream and butter exports were down from the previous year but the export of eggs showed a great increase, the figures being 634,140 dozen in 1931, as compared with 188,958 dozen in 1930.

FAILED TO RETURN, \$25 AND COSTS

Holstein Motorist Convicted in Police Court Here on Traffic Breach Preferred by Traffic Officer Hood.—License Cancelled for 30 Days.

Mr. John Leith of Holstein was before Magistrate Laidlaw here last Saturday morning charged with a breach of the Highway Traffic Act in that he failed to return to the scene of an accident after his truck had frightened a horse in Normanby and caused it to run away.

According to the evidence, Mr. Leith and Mr. Wilfred Taylor were coming east on the Letter Breen sideroad when they met a horse and buggy driven by Mrs. William Cameron, who was accompanied by her son, Arthur, eight years old, and John Moyer, a lad of 13 years. The road was narrow and the truck was pulled up on the side and the engine stopped when the horse showed signs of nervousness. At the commencement, as the evidence was given, a part of the harness broke when the horse became fractious, and while being led past the truck by Mrs. Cameron, bolted, throwing her up against the fence, and running away.

Mr. Taylor, according to his evidence, said he had descended from the truck and asked Mrs. Cameron if he could help her with the horse but was refused, the lady saying she could lead it by herself. He claimed she made a mistake in getting on the far side of the animal from the truck, and that when the horse bolted it knocked her down. He doubted if she had been thrown against the fence. The horse then ran away and according to evidence given by Mr. Leith, who had remained in the truck and did not see the horse escape, Mr. Taylor got in the truck and they drove away. Nothing was said of the accident to him until some three or four miles had been travelled, and then it would have been too late to have returned.

Evidence was given by Mrs. Cameron, her son, and John Moyer to the effect that the truck was about six feet from the horse when it stopped; Leith and Taylor claimed they had stopped 20 feet back.

In summing up the evidence the magistrate censured Leith for not having got out of the truck himself, claiming that it was he who was responsible and the fact that Taylor had got out did not absolve him from doing likewise.

He imposed a fine of \$25 and costs, amounting in all to \$41.75, and cancelled his driving permit for 30 days.

Motorists Warned; New Markers Necessary

Prosecutions Will Follow After Saturday in All Sections of Province.—Warning Issued Yesterday by Hon. Leopold Macaulay.

Ontario motorists must secure their 1932 markers at once. This is the edict of Hon. Leopold Macaulay, minister of highways, issued Tuesday at Toronto. The Highway Traffic Act allows no time of grace, but it has always been the practice of police authorities to allow 30 days of grace before prosecuting. This will be up on Saturday and any who then drive with 1931 licences may expect to find themselves in police court according to the latest word.

This year there has been a marked decrease in the early purchase of licence plates, attributed in some quarters to the increased fee. This is not the opinion entertained by the department however, the so-called depression being blamed.

Even with the increased fees this year, Ontario is still considerably lower than any other province in Canada.

Anyway, according to advice from headquarters, get your licence plates at once and save yourself trouble.

General Mah is raising almost as much money in China as his namesake Mah-Jong did in Canada a few years ago.—Chatham News.

"What are the qualifications necessary to be a ladies' man?" asks a correspondent. Comely and incomely, we should say.—Montreal Star.

There is one thing that will grow in any kind of soil and in any climate, and that is idle rumor.—Kitchener Record.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	31	37	31	.07
Friday	32	33	30	—
Saturday	33	35	30	1 1/2
Sunday	28	30	28	—
Monday	28	31	25	2
Tuesday	26	38	23	—
Wednesday	32	34	32	2

—Snow.

Lecture On Arctic Was A Rare Treat

Capt. R. F. Montague, Ex-Member of Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Told Story of the Eskimo and the Arctic to Comfortably Filled Hall Tuesday Night.—He Has Had Rare Experience in Canada's Northern Heritage.

Citizens who attended the lecture of Capt. R. F. Montague, late of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who spent four years in the Arctic in the vicinity of Hudson Strait, were treated to a rare address of "something different" and most educational as he told of his experiences among the Eskimos, in what we of Ontario consider the frozen north, but which is not at all as bad as some would paint it and which the most of us imagine.

Capt. Montague told, in his own modest way, of the customs of the country and its inhabitants as he saw it during his four years' residence, and the whole substance of his address might be summed up as an eulogy of the Eskimaux, whom he found to be a very estimable people, highly intelligent, accomplished, and one hundred per cent Canadian citizens. The popular fallacy that they were a race of degenerates was discounted by Capt. Montague, and while their code of morals was not the same as ours, it was adhered to by the natives under penalty of death. The two great crimes in the north country were lying and stealing. Once found guilty of either of these, the penalty was death. It was true that they traded wives, and practised polygamy, but the speaker had only to refer to civilization's divorce courts to show that we, too, "traded wives", but in a different way.

Many of the murders reported from the north were not murders at all, as the speaker showed by one case he had investigated. A member of the tribe had gone insane, and, according to tribal custom, he was a menace and must be done away with. It was their age-old custom, and the penalty was not exacted without a trial by the council of the tribe, which delegated one of their number to perform the execution. This might not be in accordance with the Canadian viewpoint, but it was a tribal custom, had been enforced from time beyond the knowledge of the white man, and the execution was never made without a tribal trial. It was the only thing to do in that country.

Old Ideas Dispelled

The speaker did not agree at all with the findings of Steffanson, the explorer, that the Eskimaux did not live in snow igloos. His experience was that seven to eight months were spent in these finely made and warm houses, which could be built each day at the end of the trip, and built so quickly that little inconvenience was felt. While the Eskimo was no mathematician he knew how to construct these dwellings, which were strong, durable and warm, and which served their purpose much better than any other kind of structure.

The trouble with the older sections of Canada was that they did not know their Arctic. There were 22,000 Eskimaux in the whole Arctic, 400 whites and only 12 policemen. The question had been raised as to why the Canadian governments had gone to the expense of looking after this vast frozen territory, but the speaker explained that it was teeming with wealth and natural resources. An aeroplane recently arriving from Great Bear Lake with a hitherto unknown ore, was found to have on board over a quarter million dollars' worth of radium. This was only a few days ago, and as time goes on it should not be surprising that the frozen north will become Canada's most valuable portion of country.

The Eskimo is a good Canadian. He has a right to become a good British subject, and will in time be granted a franchise. One of the troubles experienced by former explorers was that they thought they could go to the Arctic and teach the Eskimo. The shoe was on the other foot. The Eskimo can teach the white man, and it was because Peary had taken the natives of the country with him on his dash to the Pole that he was successful.

With the exception of the steel snow knife, used in cutting snow to build igloos, there was nothing the Eskimo needed from the white man. His kayak, or boat, socks, shoes, overshoes, and clothing was made from caribou, seal and other skins, and they were works of art, as evidenced by clothing in the speaker's possession. Despite their apparent size and clumsiness, an Eskimo winter outfit of fur clothing weighed only a trifle over eight pounds.

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Fire Inspection Report Received

Fire Underwriters Submit Report on Fire Fighting Conditions in Town Based on Inspection Made Last October.—Recommend that Certain Changes Be Made in System.

The report of the fire underwriters on the inspection made last October by C. W. Graham, of the C. F. U. A., was received in town this week, is quite exhaustive, and as usual is full of recommendations for improvements and replacements. Generally, however, the water service of the town is about as good as the underwriters usually accord any of the smaller places operating under a volunteer fire fighting brigade.

The usual criticism of the "single" main system is made, but there are few towns where a duplicate system is maintained, and this is what the underwriters recommend.

The fire brigade of 16 men is recommended to be increased to 20, and the quantity of hose is noted as "slightly insufficient."

The pumping capacity and the rate at which water is obtained from the well is reported as sufficient, the discharge from the pumps being given as well over a million and a half gallons each 24 hours. The normal hydrant pressure is given as 100 pounds, and 95 when running. At the inspection last October the fire alarm system is noted and shows that from the time the first alarm was given, until the hose were turned on only five minutes had elapsed.

The report is quite a long one, covers everything, and gives the town a clean bill as to residential and fire hazards with the exception of a few risks, although the whole sums itself in the statement that no unusual fire hazards were noted, especially in the residential sections.

Agricultural Society Held Annual Meeting

Financial Statement Shows that 1931 Was Lean Year, But Hopes Are Entertained Conditions Will Improve.—Officers For Year Elected.

Owing to its being Wednesday, and a busy day for everybody around this office, we were unable to attend the annual meeting of the South Grey Agricultural Society last week. Evidently a lot of other people were busy, too, as the meeting had a slim attendance, and was presided over by the president, John McGirr. Despite the fact that the entry list broke all previous records, and the quality of the produce on display was not surpassed in this vicinity, a falling off in the gate receipts prevented the directors from meeting the increased prize list, which amounted last year to some \$700, the result being that only 50 per cent of the prize list was taken up. Even with this, a deficit of \$70 is reported by the finance committee.

With their decreased finances, there was some discussion if it would not be desirable to make the South Grey fair a solely county affair, or open to the four surrounding townships, but no decision was arrived at and the matter will be left to the directors.

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 13 and 14, are the dates set for the 1932 exhibition, and field crop competitions will be held in both oats and wheat, this depending upon the number of entries.

Following are the officers elected: President, John McGirr; 1st Vice-President, J. W. McKechnie; 2nd Vice-President, Joseph Crutchley; Secretary-Treasurer, A. A. Aljoe; Auditors, P. Ramage, H. McKechnie; Directors, Durham, Allan Bell, W. A. Macdonald, Arthur McDonald, James Mather, Dr. Wolfe; Glenelg, Clarence Robinson, John Hamilton; Egremont, W. Bogle, Cecil Barber; Normanby, Bert Barber, James Picken; Bentinck, Will Mather, Wm. Willis; Lady Directors, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. James Mather, Mrs. McIlraith, Mrs. Howard McDonald, Mrs. N. Whitmore, Mrs. W. Clark, Mrs. J. McGirr, Mrs. E. Lindsay, Mrs. C. McAllister.

LAYMEN HELD EUCHRE

The Laymen's Association of Trinity church held a progressive euchre last Friday night at which 25 tables were in play. It was the most successful euchre held by this society so far. Mrs. M. McClyment and Mrs. M. Kearns were high ladies for the prize, a coffee table, and in the play-off Mrs. McClyment won. Mrs. A. Wells received the consolation. For the men Mr. Thomas Henderson was high and won the men's neck scarf. Lunch was served at the close.

OBITUARY

MRS. THOMAS M. MORTON

After an illness of two weeks from a paralytic stroke, Mrs. Thomas M. Morton, a respected resident of Bentinck township for over 50 years, passed away at her home on the second concession, north of Aberdeen, Wednesday morning in her 77th year.

The late Mrs. Morton was born in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1855, and came to Canada with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morton, when about 18 years of age, the family settling in Nassagaweya township, near Guelph. After residing here for a time they moved to the Rocky Saugeen. A little over 50 years ago she was married to Mr. Thomas M. Morton of Bentinck, and since that time has lived continuously on the farm on Lot 46, Concession 2. Mr. Morton predeceased her 11 years ago next April.

Surviving are two sons, Alex., in Durham, and George, at home, and five daughters, Bella and Margaret at home, Agnes in Guelph, Marion in Mount Forest, and Mary, on the Durham Public school staff. One brother, Mr. Alex. Morton of the Rocky Saugeen, is the sole surviving member of the family.

The late Mrs. Morton was a member of Knox United church, Durham, and the family pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, will have the funeral service at the home tomorrow, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Durham cemetery.

Mrs. Morton was taken ill with a paralytic stroke last August, but had apparently recovered and was in good health until two weeks ago, when she was again seized and from the first little hope was entertained for her recovery.

With her passing Bentinck township loses another of its pioneer citizens, a woman who was much respected, and whose death will be greatly deplored by a large circle of friends.

JAMES S. YOUNG

Death claimed a highly respected citizen in the person of Mr. James S. Young of Bentinck, on Saturday, January 23.

The late Mr. Young was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Young and was in his 74th year. He was born and grew to manhood on the Young homestead, now owned by Mr. William Hill.

In 1881 he was married to Margaret Henderson and to them were born three daughters and two sons. One son predeceased him 38 years.

The late Mr. Young spent several years in Cleveland, Ohio. Fifteen years ago he moved to Unity, Sask., and three years ago he came to Ontario and settled on what is known as the Ewen homestead.

The late Mr. Young was an industrious, kind, upright man, whose word was his bond and by his industry he accumulated considerable property.

In religion he was a Presbyterian and his pastor, Rev. B. D. Armstrong, preached a comforting sermon from Job 11: "If a man die, he shall live again."

On December 23 he was taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. G. Boyd, of Glenora, suffering from cerebral hemorrhage, and was tenderly nursed through his trying illness by his niece, Mrs. Allan Boyd.

The pall bearers were seven of his nephews, John and Allan Boyd, Dave Young, John Lauchlin, Wm. Henderson, Wm. Bell, John Baines and Lauchie McLean.

A large and sympathetic crowd of friends and neighbors followed his remains to their last resting place in Latona cemetery on Monday afternoon. A beautiful floral offering was laid on the oak casket by the Boyd family.

The sympathy of the community is extended to his sorrowing sister, Mrs. G. Boyd, who is the last member of the well known Young family.

MRS. ANNIE BARKER

Mrs. Annie Barker, better known to Durham friends as Annie Leavens, died at her home at Strawberry Hill, E.C., on December 21, interment being on the 24th. She was 62 years of age. The late Mrs. Barker was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leavens, and was born in Durham. She was married here to Mr. Robert Barker, who for a number of years was a cabinet maker for the late John Shewell. After a time in Durham Mr. and Mrs. Barker moved to British Columbia, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

No other particulars of her death have reached Durham further than she is survived by two brothers, Charles, in Vancouver, and Edward, in Irma, Alberta, but now residing at his late sister's home in British Columbia, and close.

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Large Crowd Attends Special Boys' Service

Queen Street Church Crowded to Capacity Sunday Morning to Hear Boy Speaker.—Excellent Address.

Queen Street had a capacity plus congregation on Sunday morning on the occasion of the special boys' service. And all those who attended were well rewarded for the speaker, Alex Sim of Holstein, gave a most excellent address.

The regular seating capacity of the auditorium was exhausted before the service commenced and the later arrivals had to be accommodated by chairs. At the beginning of the service the pastor, Rev. W. C. Almack conducted a baptismal service and following this the service was handed over to the boys and their leaders, who conducted it throughout. Glen Lloyd, assistant director of Boys' Work on the South-East Grey Board, and local leader, conducted the service, and gave able support to the speaker.

Mr. Almack introduced the speaker as a boy among the boys. "Alex," as he is affectionately known to all connected with boys' work, has grown up, first as a Trail Ranger, then a Tuxis boy, and now a leader in this great enterprise. He now is the member from this constituency to the Older Boys' Parliament, and occupies the important post of Minister of Education in that body. He is also Director of Boys' Work under the South-East Grey Boys' Work Board and it is largely due to his efforts that the boys' work in this part of the county has grown from one group in Hosten till now there are twelve groups scattered in the various communities in the district.

Alex took for his text "There is a lad here", John 6. He told the story of the feeding of the five thousand with the small boy's five barley loaves and two fishes, bringing out the point that it was by the lad offering his all that Christ performed this miracle and pointing out that today Jesus is feeding multitudes through the giving of their all by lads here and there throughout the country. He then described the Tuxis and Trail Ranger organization as one that grew up to take care of the boy's night out. The modern boy demands an evening or two away from home influences and this organization helps him devote part of this time in useful channels. The movement is now nation-wide, and in Ontario has some 15,000 members in over 900 groups.

The speaker touched briefly on the Older Boys' Parliament, describing its purpose, methods of choosing the members, Premier and cabinet, and some of its activities. Enlarging on the Bond Selling Campaign, which is sponsored and conducted by the Parliament, he stressed the fact that to carry on this movement considerable money is needed, and budget for this year amounts to \$13,000.00 which is raised by the boys selling bonds to the public, or in other words soliciting a financial interest from all those interested in this work.

He closed his address by stating that we cannot share in the good things of life, or cope with life's difficulties unless we are prepared for them. The boys' movement prepares him for life by developing him along the fourfold way of living and preparing him for the more abundant life.

A feature of the service was the boys' choir which led the singing and contributed a special number. In every way the service can be termed successful and the boys and their leaders can be congratulated on the way they conducted the service.

MAY BE BENNETT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY

Andrew D. Maclean, Toronto, Nephew of Col. J. B. Maclean, Said to Have Secured Appointment.

Appointment of Andrew D. Maclean, of Toronto, scion of the well-known Toronto publishing family of the same name, as a private secretary on the staff of Premier Bennett, will be announced shortly, it is understood at Ottawa.

Mr. Maclean is a son of Major Hugh C. Maclean and a nephew of Col. J. B. Maclean, both of whom head large publishing houses in Toronto. His appointment, it is expected, will be announced prior to the opening of parliament on February 4.

During the war Mr. Maclean served with the Royal Navy in the North Sea, retiring afterwards with the rank of captain. He is married and has one son. Mrs. Maclean is a granddaughter of Judge Scotto, of Montreal, and a descendant of Madeleine de Vercheres, heroine of French-Canadian history.