

## February Meeting Held on Monday

Regular Session of Town Council Devoid of Special Interest, Although Considerable Business Accomplished.—Underwriters' and Auditors' Reports Received.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council on Monday night, while not developing anything of particular interest, resulted in quite a lot of business being gone through, with nothing of particular importance coming before the councillors. One of the important items was the receiving of the report of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association. As this had been dealt with pretty fully in the last issue of the Chronicle, it is not necessary to go into detail this week.

The Underwriters recommend additional reservoir space at the pumping station, additional mains, hydrants, hose, etc., and an increase in the fire brigade membership from 16 to 20 members, three or four to sleep in the fire hall. The hose truck and chemical engine were also declared not quite up to standard, and the usual finding of this body, a duplicate system, which no municipality the size of Durham can afford, and other changes that would bring the Durham system up to a par with that enjoyed by the larger cities. The report was read by the mayor and on motion of the council filed.

### Auditors' Report Presented

The report of the auditors Messrs. J. B. Duffield and R. M. Sparling, was presented and will be issued in a few days when a detailed statement can be seen by those desiring to look it over. The auditors found that there had been an overpayment of some \$228.98 to R. A. Blyth on the pumping station, but this was a mistake of the engineers rather than the council, according to Mr. Duffield, who explained the report to the council. It was a mistake that could easily happen, but as the town was well guaranteed against this loss was not important.

The auditors recommended that all fire insurance policies held by the town should be in the possession of the clerk. The missing policies were those on the Public school and on the Red Cross hospital. Taken altogether the report was most satisfactory, and a subsequent motion of the council extended the tax roll another month. The auditors also recommended that the town treasurer's bonds be increased to \$20,000 to be placed with a bonding company.

Besides the usual batch of monthly accounts, amounting this time to \$564.75, orders were issued for the payment of the town's 50 per cent share of \$176.78 for keep of indigents at the local hospital.

### Reeve Addressed Council

Mayor Murdock in calling upon Reeve Bell for an account of the January county council meeting, congratulated him on his recent elevation to the wardenship. Reeve Bell thanked the council for the remarks, and gave briefly a resume of the happenings last week. It was one of the busiest sessions the county council had had for some years and there was little idle time. There will be no paving this year in Grey county, he said, the council having decided against any further expenditures at this time. At one time it looked as if the hospital grants would be cut down, but this was not the case, and he had brought the cheque for \$500 down with him, together with the High school cheque for a little over \$5,000. The cheque for the agricultural society had not been issued but would come later.

T. M. McFadden was appointed to the High school board for three years, and the resignation of J. H. McQuarrie from the board of health accepted, his position being filled by the appointment of P. F. McArthur.

Councillor Kress stressed the importance of securing more hose for the fire department and samples and prices will be asked of the different companies.

### Charity Committee Reported

Councillor Willis, chairman of the charity committee reported that there would be a check-up on the supplies issued by the committee and in this the council was unanimous. The matter was left in the hands of the committee. Reeve Bell brought the matter of the town's accommodation for itinerants, who are quite numerous this year. Already the council had fixed up quarters under the hall for sleeping accommodation. This was all right, he said, but he objected to paying 30 cents a meal for their keep. He thought Durham might well follow the example of other towns and turn them loose with a half loaf of bread and a pint of milk. Too good treatment would bring too many to town. These fellows had some sort of secret telephone system.

## GEORGE III COIN OWNED IN NORMANBY

Mrs. Nelson Halliday in possession of Old Coin Said to Be Valued Now at Fifty Dollars.—Harriston Man Owns Similar One.

In our issue of January 21 we carried a clipping from the Palmerston Spectator telling of an old coin in possession of a Harriston man for which he was offered \$50 not long ago. The coin is an old English penny of 1797, in the reign of George III, was brought from England by the present owner's father, and is now a cherished family heirloom. The coin was two inches across, weighed five ounces, and a dollars' worth of them would make quite a pocketful.

On Monday of this week Mrs. Nelson Halliday of Normanby brought one into our office, an exact counterpart of the Harriston coin, which has been in her family for many years, and which, naturally, she prizes very highly, although she admits that at the present time, a fifty-dollar bill would be quite an inducement to part with it. She has had it in her possession for many years, although it was not generally known, and probably never would have been had she not read our reference of three weeks ago.

The coin, which is a quarter of an inch thick, is of crude workmanship as compared with the money of today, and the makers certainly gave full value in weight. On the face is the wording, "Georgius III, D.G. Rex" and the head of King George. The reverse side has the picture of Britannia, which has not changed much in all the 135 intervening years since 1797, together with the year in which it was coined.

It was quite a remarkable coin and we were pleased to see it.

Last week's Spectator had more to say of old coins, having seen another of the kind mentioned above, and if this thing keeps up it is possible they are more common than at first supposed. Another coin shown the Spectator is a United States half dollar dated 1833, which is cast in brass, and an English farthing of 1799.

While on the subject, we might mention that the editor of the Chronicle has in his possession a United States coin of 1809, which differs from the 1833 mint in that instead of being made of brass it is apparently a silver coin. We do not know if it has any particular value attached, but keep it just for the novelty. The 1809 coin in our possession is well made, has the picture of Columbia on the front, with the thirteen stars representing the thirteen original States and the year. On the reverse is the American eagle, the shield, the words United States of America above the E. Pluribus Unum, and the amount, 50 cents. Instead of the milled edge of these days the coin is smooth and instead has the words "Fifty cents or half a dollar" imprinted in the sides, evidently to prevent sweating.

## MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Good Attendance Reported Present, When Trustees Presented Full Report of Work Accomplished During Year.

The annual meeting of Maplewood cemetery was held in Varney Orange Hall on Wednesday, January 27, 1932, a large number present. Mr. Donald McIlvride was voted to the chair and very capably handled the meeting. Much discussion followed the reading of minutes of last meeting. The trustees' report included all work that had been done and outlined a few places where improvements would be noticeable. Mr. Palmer Patterson was re-elected trustee for a term of three years and various committees were appointed to prepare for the annual meeting in June. The auditors' report showed a good balance on hand, the expenditures being very small the past year. Mr. Bert Barber was appointed grave digger and Gordon Grant, secretary-treasurer, both at reduced salaries.

After some discussion it was moved and carried that a trust fund be established. A good sum was voted from the treasury to this effect. The interest from this fund will be solely used for the perpetual upkeep of lots, the principal always to remain the same. Plotters are now invited to subscribe to and benefit by the perpetual upkeep of their plots. The meeting was then adjourned.

They knew the good towns from the bad; the towns in which the "feeds" were good from those in which the authorities were not so generous. A motion was carried that in future a bottle of milk and a half loaf of bread would be the fare. The council adjourned.

## Ex-Police Officer Charged With Theft

Everett Rae, Formerly of Provincial Force, Arrested at Philadelphia.—Claimed Fines Collected Appropriated.—Said to Have Wife Living at Walkerton.

Everett Rae, formerly provincial police inspector, who disappeared from Kitchener last May, was arrested Monday night in Philadelphia, Alfred Cuddy, deputy commissioner of provincial police announced Tuesday. Mr. Cuddy received word from the Philadelphia police at midnight stating Rae, accompanied by a woman believed to be his wife, had been apprehended.

Rae's arrest ends a search that has been carried on under the direction of Mr. Cuddy since the former inspector departed hurriedly.

Rae is charged with the theft of \$1,500, the money being fines he collected from accused persons under the Liquor Control Act. Rae has waived extradition, according to the message to Mr. Cuddy, and Chief Inspector John Miller, C.I.D., left Tuesday to bring the former comrade back to stand trial.

Investigations were made into Rae's activities at Kitchener by provincial headquarters in May last. Rae had been formerly at Barrie and although only ten years in the provincial police had rapidly risen to the rank of inspector. From Barrie he was moved to Kitchener, where it is alleged he collected fines and never remitted them to the courts. He resigned and immediately disappeared. He had been active in the Beeton investigation when Mr. Hodge, a farmer near Beeton, was attacked at night by a cattle thief, killed the thief.

After his disappearance, it is said it was discovered that Rae had two wives, one who departed with him, and another living in Walkerton.

## COUNTY COUNCIL MET LAST WEEK

Busiest Session in Great Number of Years Brought to a Close Saturday Night.—Salaries and Wages Reduced.

High lights in the session of the Grey County Council last week were: Clerk Rutherford's salary was reduced from \$1,700 to \$1,400, although this is not yet settled definitely, many of the council considering this too drastic a reduction.

Engineer McKnight's salary was reduced from \$14 per day for field work and \$10 for office work, to \$10 and \$7. Councillors' salaries were reduced from \$5 per day to \$4.50.

Road expenditure has been cut down, the amount to be spent in 1932 being \$50,000 for maintenance, and \$30,000 for construction.

Harold McKechnie of Bentinck was appointed as the representative on the Durham High school board.

The Warden's allowance was reduced from \$200 to \$150.

A motion requesting the Provincial Government to refrain from any road construction work in Grey county this year was carried by a large majority. Clerk Rutherford, Reeves Heighes of Holland, McCauley of Flesherton, Spence of Sydenham, and McColeman of Chatsworth, were chosen as members of the Grey county old age pensions board.

After January 1, 1933, no person not a member of the county council can be a member of the county roads committee.

Grants to agricultural societies in the counties were reduced to \$125 instead of \$150, as formerly.

### ANGLICAN EUCHRE TOMORROW

The Laymen's Association of Trinity church is holding a progressive bridge and euchre tomorrow night in the Hahn house store lately vacated by A. Aljoe. This was decided upon at the annual meeting of the association held last Friday night at the home of the Misses Hughes. At this meeting the business of the year was discussed and plans laid for 1932. The association has become a live organization in connection with the Anglican church since being organized over a year ago.

Following are the officers elected: President, George Jucksch; Vice-President, Harry Simons; Secretary-Treasurer, G. C. Webster.

### TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	24	27	24	—
Friday	38	40	22	—
Saturday	25	25	17	1
Sunday	14	22	11	8
Monday	18	23	13	—
Tuesday	24	34	14	—
Wednesday	32	33	28	—

## OBITUARY

### MRS. JOHN CLARK

Mrs. John Clark, a former resident of Orchard, where she was born nearly 34 years ago, died in hospital in Montreal, where she had been a patient for the past two years, suffering from heart trouble. Mrs. Clark was taken ill about three years ago, since when she had been an invalid, being confined to bed most of the time. Last December she became suddenly worse and gradually sank until she passed away Tuesday of last week, her death being quite sudden. On receipt of the news, Mrs. J. C. McLean, here, and sister, Mrs. Thompson, Toronto, went to Montreal, and the remains were brought to Durham Saturday night and taken to the home of her sister here. A service, conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. Halpenny of St. James United church, was held in Montreal on Friday night. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery on Sunday afternoon from the home of her sister here, the service being taken by Rev. Walter C. Almack of the Queen Street United church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Robert McLean, E. J. Schenk, Joseph McCaslin, C. B. Lawrence, Blaine McFarlane and Robert Campbell. Many beautiful flowers were placed on the casket by friends here and in Montreal.

Mrs. Clark is survived by her husband, one son and one daughter, Harry, aged 13, and Ruth, aged 11, and by three sisters, Mrs. J. C. McLean (Gertrude), Durham; Mrs. W. Walker (Annie), Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mrs. W. J. Thompson (Olive) Toronto; and two brothers, Arthur in Detroit, Mich., and Orton, in Toledo, Ohio.

The late Mrs. Clark was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoy of Orchard, where she was born and grew up, and where she was married to Mr. John Clark fifteen years ago. Following their marriage they lived in Toronto for six or seven years, but for the past eight years have been resident of Montreal, where Mr. Clark holds a position as salesman for the Westinghouse Co.

### JOHN KRESS

Word was received here this week by Mr. Edward Kress of the death of his brother, Mr. John Kress, at Kirkland, Washington State, who was drowned from a ferry while crossing one of the numerous estuaries in the region of Puget Sound, and only a short distance from his home. The late Mr. Kress met his death on December 7, and the body was not recovered until January 26. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Zimmerman of Wisconsin, and one daughter.

The late Mr. Kress was born in Durham 58 years ago, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Kress. He left town about 40 years ago, going to Chicago, where he engaged as a clerk in a store, an occupation he has since followed. He later moved to Los Angeles, California, and subsequently to Kirkland, in Washington. Surviving besides his family are two brothers: Edward of Durham, George of Toronto, and three sisters, Miss Louisa Kress, Mrs. Ritz, of Newark, N.J., and Mrs. Wm. Hallett of Buffalo.

Interment was made in Kirkland, the body being cremated, in accordance with a long expressed wish of the deceased.

### GEORGE HENRY

Mr. George Henry, 82 years of age, a brother-in-law of Mrs. R. T. Edwards of Glenelg, died at the home of his brother, Mr. Robert Henry, near Lucknow, yesterday morning. No particulars of his illness are to hand.

The late Mr. Henry was born at Ottawa and came to Glenelg nearly 70 years ago, living for a time on the farm on which No. 5 school is situated. Over 60 years ago he was married to Miss Elizabeth Edge, who predeceased him several years ago, and over 40 years ago they moved to the Lucknow district, where he has since made his home.

The funeral is being held tomorrow afternoon from his brother's home, with interment in Dungannon cemetery.

### GEORGE LOVE

Mr. C. H. Kennedy of Glenelg received word this week that his brother-in-law, Mr. George Love, had died at his home at Seattle, Washington, on the 22nd of January, after a long illness from a complication of ailments. He was in his 64th year. The late Mr. Love, a native of Toronto, was married to Miss Flora Kennedy in that city 40 years ago, and 38 years ago moved to Seattle, where he has resided since. He is survived by his widow and one son. Interment was in Seattle.

What we need is a little more confidence in our confidence that this is a time for confidence.

## Old Age Pensions, Mothers' Allowances Discussed by Chairman

Dr. D. Jamieson Addressed the Grey County Council Last Friday Afternoon on Workings of These Two Acts.—No Future Pensions Granted Until Investigated by the Provincial Commission, According to Report in Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Dr. D. Jamieson of Durham, chairman of the Provincial Board of Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances, addressed the County Council on Friday afternoon. In spite of the prevailing depression, Canada, and especially the province of Ontario, is enjoying many privileges. In this connection he called attention to the old age pensions, the mothers' allowances and other institutions for the betterment of the under-privileged people of the Dominion and province.

He first dealt with the work of the mothers' allowances boards. The whole object of the act is to make good citizens of the children and the mother is, in the vast majority of cases, the best person to bring up the children. The mothers' allowances have, in many cases, prevented the children from forming bad habits, through lack of control, and joining the criminal classes of the province. He also stressed the good advice given the mothers by the Board's investigators. These investigators visit the mothers once every three months.

One of the most difficult problems is in the case of mothers who have incapacitated husbands. The husband must be totally and permanently incapacitated. A medical man has been appointed to investigate every case of incapacity.

Five thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven mothers in the province were receiving the allowance at the end of the last fiscal year.

Dr. Jamieson spoke highly of the Grey County local board for the mothers' allowance.

A proof of the efficiency of the manner in which the act is enforced is the fact that there are very few complaints. Quebec has decided to copy Ontario's mothers' allowance act, a further proof of its efficiency.

There have been requests that the act be extended to widows with one child, but the Government has never seen its way clear to undertake this additional expense.

The province is now paying out mothers' allowances at the rate of nearly \$2,500,000 a year.

"No one needs to go hungry or naked in the province of Ontario and there is no other country in the world taking so much care of its poor people," Dr. Jamieson said.

### Old Age Pensions

Dr. Jamieson stated that he sometimes thinks that it is a mistake to appoint members of the County Council as members of the local old age pensions board. Ontario has a greater percentage of people over 70 years of age than most other provinces but the percentage of these aged people receiving the pensions in Ontario is much smaller than in most provinces, 34 people out of every 100 people over 70 years of age in Ontario receive the pensions.

By adopting the Dominion annuities as a means of judging the income a man's assets will buy, much money has been saved.

The number of refused cases in Grey County is very small. Dr. Jamieson stated. Over \$114,000 has been spent in Grey County for pensions, of which the county has paid 20 per cent.

In future no pensions will be awarded until investigated by the Provincial Commission. In the past the pensions were awarded by the local boards, before being investigated by the Provincial Commission.

Pensions are being paid out at the rate of \$9,000,000 a year for Ontario. In Ontario there were 41,948 pensioners in January.

Proposed amendments will reduce the cost of pensions, Dr. Jamieson believed.

When the Dominion Government takes over 75 per cent of the pensions, the county's share will be reduced. This measure will be made retroactive from August 1st last. It is possible, Dr. Jamieson said, that Grey County may thus have enough money to its credit to pay for its share of pensions for a year.

The speaker pointed out that the pensions made the revenue needed for the maintenance of the Home for the Aged and Infirm much smaller.

"It is possible to go too far along the line of economy," Dr. Jamieson warned. Old age pensions and necessary road work should be carried on, he stated. If Grey County material is used for the road work, employment will be

## FOOD IS CHEAPER THAN IN 30 YEARS

Butter, Bacon, Cheese, Chickens and Milk at New Low Prices Last Week, According to Saturday's Toronto Telegram.

The milk situation in Ontario is having a serious effect on butter and on cheese prices, and merchants complain that both "are shot to pieces with nothing in sight in the way of relief."

Butter this year has reached the lowest price in 30 years. It is quoted today at country points at 17½ cents to 19 cents. Wholesale, it is worth from 21 to 24 cents, with 2 cents a pound less for No. 2 grade. In 1923, butter sold wholesale on Toronto market for 64 cents a pound in car lots.

Cheese Stiffer  
In June last, cheese was sold on Toronto market in car lots at 8½ cents a pound. It is up from that figure and quotations at factory points run from 9½ cents to 10½ cents a pound. The storage of cheese is the heaviest in years, and on January 1 advices from 27 Ontario houses showed 1,436,723 boxes on hand. There has been a steady increase in holdings. In 1917, cheese sold at 25 cents a pound in car lots.

Butter, cheese and egg stocks have been piling up and forcing prices down, and these commodities today are quoted at anywhere from one-third to one-half the prices of a few years ago, and on a level with prices 30 years ago.

Selling Livestock  
Owing to the decreased values farmers are selling their livestock. Milk is at such a low price that farmers cannot make anything out of it, and away go the cows. Pork prices are down—bacon is as low as 10 cents a pound, and spare ribs, 3 pounds for 25 cents—and there is so little in hogs that farmers consider themselves better off without them. Eggs are cheap, and enough hens have been thrown on the market to force the prices of "milk-fed poultry" down to 20 cents a pound, retail.

Produce merchants see in the lessening of the livestock, which is the farmers' capital, big dividends for the farmer who plods ahead and doesn't worry about prices when he doesn't have to sell, for the reason that prices are bound to go up again and those who have the available supplies will be able to secure the top prices.

## NEW COUNTY JUDGE SWORN IN TUESDAY

Judge Owens of Bruce County, Administered Oath to New Grey County Official, Who Heard First Cases Same Day.

G. W. Morley, K.C., of Collingwood, recently appointed judge of Grey county, succeeding the late Judge Sutherland, was sworn in at Owen Sound on Tuesday, the oath of office being administered by His Honor Judge Owens of Walkerton. Several spectators were present and many members of the bar of the county.

### PROTON STORE BURNED

Dever Bros.' store at Proton Station, was totally destroyed by fire early Friday morning, the occupants of the building, who lived in the residential section, having difficulty in escaping from the flames. Although neighbors were soon on the scene after the fire was discovered they could do little other than render assistance in preventing nearby buildings from catching fire. The Dever Bros. have been in business at this stand for the past ten years, enjoyed a good trade, and their loss is heavy. Only a small insurance was carried, it is said.

provided for the people of the county, he pointed out. "It has been intimated that, in time, the Dominion Government will take over the entire cost of the pensions," Dr. Jamieson said.

Dr. Jamieson answered a number of questions asked by members of the council.

On a motion of Reeve W. I. Field of Collingwood, chairman of the 1931 Grey County old age pensions board, and Reeve Alex Cameron of Ardenesia, the thanks of the council was extended to Dr. Jamieson.

### Good Dog

A minister delivered a sermon of but ten minutes' duration. At the conclusion he explained: "I regret to inform you, brethren, that my dog this morning playfully ate the portion of my sermon that I have not delivered. Let us pray."

After the service a man who was a member of another church shook the preacher's hand heartily and said: "I should like to know when that dog of yours has pups. I'd like one to give to our minister."