

Community Tree Idea Sanctioned

Town Council Granted \$25 Toward Expenses.—Merchants, Board of Trade and Citizens to Provide Whatever Other Funds Required.—Town Council Held Last Meeting But One Last Monday Night.

Durham town council fell in with the majority of the citizens to have a community Christmas Tree this year and at their regular meeting on Monday night granted \$25 toward the expenses. The tree is to be a community one in that preparations are under way for entertaining between 800 and 1,000 children on Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst., when a real live Santa Claus will dispense cheer to the children of Durham and the surrounding territory. No boundary limits have been set, and so far as distance is concerned, "the lid is off."

With the council, the merchants, and daughters of the Empire, members of the Red Cross, and the citizens in general behind the movement, it is sure to be a success. This year, more than ever before, Durham is to have a Christmas appearance. For the whole length of the main business street it is planned to have rows of evergreens and colored lights during the last week, and with the community tree at the main corner the town should present a most gala appearance.

It was the last meeting of the year, excepting the statutory December 15 meeting, and it was a fairly busy session. Messrs. J. A. Graham and Dr. Smith were a delegation from the Red Cross hospital regarding a patient whose funds are exhausted. He was a former property owner here, was taken ill, and was at present indebted to the hospital for a considerable sum. There was considerable discussion, but Mr. Graham is to notify the county clerk of the circumstances. Mr. J. B. Duffield who handled the assets of the patient testified that so far as he knew there were no further funds.

R. L. Saunders and T. M. McFadden were the spokesmen for the merchants in the interests of the Christmas tree proposition.

D. M. Saunders wanted to know what the council intended doing regarding outsiders selling merchandise in town and not being required to pay the license fee of \$10 per day. The clerk had reported that the bylaw did not cover manufacturers' agents, but a letter from the Retail Merchants' Association said the fee could be collected. Who was right? He cited the case of a man who was allowed to operate here and was later arrested at Barrie and fined \$100. The council promised to look into the matter and see that the necessary fee was paid.

Robert Campbell wanted to know why the clerk was not at the weigh scales at 8 o'clock in the morning. He had to wait there to get coal weighed. The clerk said he did not run his office on hours altogether and never refused to be at the scales before 8 o'clock or after 5 if there was any weighing to be done. Usually coal was not weighed until after 8.30 and had Mr. Campbell told him he would have been there. He was willing to conform strictly to office hours if necessary but could not be expected to be on duty at other times. His explanation was accepted.

A letter was on the table from the agricultural representative regarding a short course in domestic science to be held here from January 30 to February 24. There would be from 60 to 90 in attendance and the council was expected to furnish accommodation. The clerk was instructed to write Mr. Cooper that the council would co-operate.

The matter of a local resident having obtained relief to which he was not legally entitled was settled by council asking this man to sign an order for payment of the amount, to be taken off his pay.

The board of health reported that the health of the town was in good condition. During the year there had been 54 births and 31 deaths, 60 cases of measles and one of scarlet fever.

The necessary bylaw for the holding of the nominations and election was passed and the following officials and places of voting named:

North Ward, at the public library, with Jos. Pirth, deputy returning officer and A. Pierson poll clerk; East Wd. at McFarlane's shop, with E. McDonald and L. Aljoe; West Ward, at the town hall, with Howard McDonald and H. Rimmer.

The nominations will be held on Friday, the 23rd inst.

The finance committee passed accounts amounting to \$1,075.98, and the council by resolution passed other accounts amounting to \$5,406.88, of which \$4,860 was for county rate.

MONEY INFLATION OF TEMPORARY BENEFIT

E. N. Rhodes, Dominion Finance Minister, Addressed Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association—Canada Not on Gold Standard, He Said.

That the British war debt note to Washington opened the door for discussion of vast importance to the world, and that its result would have a telling effect upon Canada as well as every other nation, was the opinion expressed at London, Ontario, Friday, by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Federal Minister of Finance.

Mr. Rhodes was commenting in an interview on the debt inflation proposals. In the evening he addressed the Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association at the annual banquet.

The commerce of the world had suffered to no small degree from war debts, and he believed that the sooner steps were taken which would allow for a freer movement of trade and a return to normality in that quarter, the better it would be for all concerned.

No lasting benefits to this country would come of currency inflation, he said.

"Inflation might have stimulating effect, but its results would not endure. And, like every other stimulant, its after effects would be disastrous. Inflation has been resorted to before, and history has told the story of its failure," the Minister said.

And prospects suggested by bringing the dollar down to the pound are so alluring, and the idea has found favor to such an extent, that there are those who would link our dollar with the pound sterling. Assuming such a course were practicable, are we prepared to yield up old fiscal autonomy and to surrender control at a time when financial stability is pre-eminently essential to world recovery?" he asked.

If the dollar were brought to parity with the pound, Mr. Rhodes estimated that \$150,000,000 would be added to what Canada has to pay on obligations maturing in New York within the next year. He doubted if the taxpayers could stand this additional strain.

"No country today, can live unto itself alone," he said. "I believe it was an effort to do that which paved the way for the world economic reverses."

Asked if there was any prospect of this country going off the gold standard, Mr. Rhodes contended that Canada was not on the gold standard, and had not been for months.

He was of the opinion that business in Canada had begun to show improvement about June last, and that it would steadily continue to do so. The coming winter might be a hard one, however, since many people were now beginning to reach the end of their resources. So even though conditions might be returning to normal, there might be a temporary period of intense difficulty.

PEST OF GRASSHOPPERS TO BE WORSE IN 1933

Warning Given by Entomologist Who Fought Pests Last Summer.

Warning that the grasshopper pest in the prairie provinces will be worse next year than it was last Summer, was voiced last week by Norman Criddle, of the Entomological Laboratory, Treesbank, Manitoba, who was in Ottawa, attending the annual convention of the Entomological Society of Ontario.

Mr. Criddle characterizes the combat waged against the insects last Summer as "the biggest battle ever waged in Western Canada."

"Even the wars with the Indians cannot compare with it," he added.

Between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 had been saved to the country as a result of the conflict, and 20,000,000 bushels of wheat had been saved from the ravages of the pests.

At present in the prairie provinces there were 150 grasshopper eggs to the square foot in some places, Mr. Criddle said, predicting that next Summer the "plague" will be worse than ever.

SCARLET FEVER SCARE CAUSED ANXIETY IN EGREMONT

An outbreak of scarlet fever in Egremont caused anxiety on the part of some of the residents of Egremont two or three weeks ago, so much, that a resident is said to have telephoned in to Dr. Fraser, the District M.O.H., Guelph. Dr. Fraser came up last week and paid a visit to No. 12 section, made his investigation, and said there was nothing out of order or to be worried about. He found everything in good shape and the local board handling the outbreak in a satisfactory manner.

Hockey Club Held Annual Meeting Friday

Officers Elected and Four Teams Entered in O.H.A. Intermediate and Junior Series and in N.H.L. Senior and Junior.

At a rather well attended meeting, held in J. N. Murdoch's office last Friday night, the Durham Hockey Club got away to a good start for the coming season. Officers were elected and after some discussion teams were entered in both O.H.A. and Northern series.

As a full and complete statement of receipts and expenditures, etc., was published at the close of the last season, and the treasurer's report was dispensed with and the following officers elected: Hon. Pres., P. Gagnon; Hon. Vice-Pres., D. B. Jamieson; Pres., J.N. Murdoch; Vice-Pres., C. E. Herrington; Secretary-Treasurer, W. J. McGirr; Executive Committee, Royden Burnett, Erben (Duke) Schutts and Bert McDonald; Manager and coach for the intermediates, R. L. Saunders.

It was decided to enter teams in the intermediate and junior series of the O.H.A., and the secretary was instructed to try to secure a southern grouping, if possible. Teams will also be entered in the senior and junior Northern series but as no notification of entry dates had been received this was left in abeyance.

Tuesday's daily papers carried the groupings as announced by the O.H.A. and those affecting Durham are as follows:

Intermediate series, Group 15—Walkerton, Durham, Owen Sound, Warkton, Conventer, W. J. McGirr, Durham. Meet at Durham.

Junior series, Group 11—Palmerston, Durham, Owen Sound, Walkerton, Conventer, Chas. Pratt, Owen Sound. Meet at Durham.

IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED FROM BONE GRAFT

W. R. Browning Writes Stating His Condition Is Fair, But Further Improvement Expected From Treatment After New Year.

We received a letter today from Mr. William R. Browning of Toronto, formerly of Durham, stating that he expected to have further improvement in his injured leg after a bone graft that will be performed after the new year.

It will be remembered that Mr. Browning, an employe of the Toronto Transportation Commission, met with serious injuries a year ago when run into by a motorist while at his duty on the street car tracks of the city. He was a patient in the Toronto General Hospital for some months, but has of late been at his home at 134 Harvie Avenue.

Mr. Browning states he is getting along fair and was back in the hospital for two weeks having screws removed from his leg and cleaning up some infection. After the new year he is to go into hospital again for bone graft, which, he says will likely give him a "fairly good leg". He reports the other members of the family in good health.

Mr. Browning's injuries could scarcely be described by pen picture, and for some time after his injuries when visited by the writer, his leg was in a terrible condition. It is a tribute to present-day surgery that Mr. Browning's leg was saved at all and we are pleased to know that his chances for recovery are so good.

ECONOMY BLAMED AS BABY SUFFERS

Loss of Vital Organs Laid Indirectly to Relief Heads.

St. Thomas—Serious charges were made by representatives of the medical profession before the city's relief committee recently, that an infant girl will never enjoy the happiness of full womanhood because she was deprived of a certain expensive type of feeding by the city's relief department.

Dr. Gliddon, who presented the case, stated that he had prescribed malt sugar for an infant suffering from rupture and "infant intoxication." On orders from relief department, he said, the food was changed from common sugar, which is considerably cheaper. Strangulation almost resulted, and an operation was performed during which it was found necessary to remove certain vital organs.

The physicians claimed that, had the baby been allowed to continue on the prescribed food, the injury might never have occurred.

A special committee is investigating.

Bank Raid Suspects In Owen Sound Jail

Brought From Toronto Saturday and Remanded For Week.—Alleged to Be Men Who Robbed Fisherton Bank.

Arrested at Toronto last Friday as the men who robbed the Fisherton branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce on November 28 of \$6,352, John M. Burle, 30, and John O'Brien, 30, both of Ontario street, Toronto, left that city at 3.45 p.m. Friday by motor for Owen Sound. They were remanded without ball for a week.

Friends of the accused are confident that Burle and O'Brien will be able to put up a good defence at Owen Sound, claiming that an alibi would be offered for the consideration of the court by which they would seek to prove that they were in Toronto on the day of the Fisherton hold-up.

The men were in charge of Inspector John Miller of the provincial police, and Detective-Sergeant P. Hogan.

The information laid against them is as follows: "That John O'Brien and John Michael Burle, did unlawfully, being armed with offensive weapons, to wit pistols, rob E. A. Preston and others, of \$6,352, the property of the Bank of Commerce."

The arrest of the men was brought about on information secured by Toronto detectives who immediately notified Inspector Miller. The charge was laid last Friday when members of the bank staff identified the two men at police headquarters as the two gunmen who had held them up and forced them into the bank vault.

DRY LEADER SEES LIQUOR DICTATOR

Irwin Says Breweries Merged Under One Leader—Ontario Temperance Advocates Convened at London.

In an effort to organize public opinion against the sale of beer and light wines by the open bottle in restaurants, hotels, and clubs, the Ontario Prohibition Union held a special meeting in London, with afternoon and evening sessions.

Definite opinion was expressed by the speakers that the question must be kept out of politics. Temperance workers of the province, it was indicated, felt that a proposal was under way, promoted by the Moderation League and brewery interests, to have such a measure introduced into parliament.

Rev. A. J. Irwin, general secretary of the Ontario Prohibition Union, spoke of the growing interest in the province among people for temperance. He said that there was practically complete absence of aggression except in politics or trade interests.

"This is the third effort of the brewery interests of Ontario to break through," said Dr. Irwin, with reference to the present effort to establish beer by the bottle in hotels, restaurants and clubs.

He said that there had been a business amalgamation of nine breweries at present with one man in power.

"Here is a great big commercial interest with certain financial objectives ahead," said the speaker, again referring to the breweries. "They are able to stand up in the face of the premier and say: 'We want what we want and we are going to get it.'"

Stating that Canada had a fine stock and hoped to produce a fine people, Dr. Irwin said the health of the nation would be affected by drinking.

"Here is an issue on which we can unite the temperance sentiment of the province," said Dr. Irwin, speaking of the petition which is to be circulated. "If there is not some expression of public opinion, this will be a question at the next election, which would be a serious mistake. If we do this we will silence for the time being the breweries interests and the Moderation League and keep this out of politics."

"We owe it to the Premier to stand behind him. We are fighting against a traffic that is deeply rooted, and we must get more of the thinking people of the province interested in temperance."

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	30	47	28	
Friday	40	43	40	
Saturday	34	44	32	
Monday	32	39	30	1
Sunday	30	48	30	1
Tuesday	36	42	35	3
Wednesday	50	50	27	17.0
				• Rain

TRELLE IS BARRED AT CHICAGO SHOW

New Rules Prevents Three-times Winner Exhibiting for 3 Years.—Eating Also Hits Mrs. Mary Maycock of Milford, Ontario.

Under a new rule adopted by the management of the International Hay and Grain Show, Chicago, after an exhibitor has won the highest award obtaining in a crop contest three times he will then be considered a "super-crop" man and barred from competition for three years before he can again compete in the class in which he won the crown.

This applies to any exhibitor, whether he has had consecutive wins or the laurels spread over a number of years.

The new rule will mean that Herman Trelle, Wembley wheat king, a four-time champion will not be able to compete in the winning wheat classes again until 1936, and it will also bar Mrs. Mary E. Maycock of Milford, Ontario, who for three years has annexed the blue ribbon for the championship sample of beans with her navy exhibit.

In announcing the adoption of the new rule, M. S. Parkhurst, superintendent of the show, stated it is to encourage and give a new and green exhibitor a better chance to score in the larger prizes.

The new rule, despite the consistent victories of Dominion exhibitors, is not, it was clearly stated, aimed at Canadian entrants, but applies to all, including C. E. Troyer of Lafontaine, Ind., who won the crown for the best corn in the show. It was his third premier honor and he will be barred till 1936.

Robert McEwen, and Sons of London Ontario, captured the grand champion ribbon for the best flock of South Down lambs in the sheep division. The contest which required a flock of not less than 50 sheep, was taken by the McEwen entry on their remarkable uniformity and fleshing.

MacLaren, Buckingham, Quebec, in the milking shorthorn division of the International Livestock Exposition, captured a total of 14 awards, including three blue ribbons.

The new super-crop exhibitor rule, barring entrants from the International Hay and Grain Show who have won three grand championships, such as Herman Trelle, Wembley, Alta., for a period of three years, applies to crops having two or more varieties. Wheat, oats, and barley, with their various types, come under the new order, but such exhibits as rye do not.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM WRIGHT

Mr. William Wright, formerly of Durham, died at his home at Hamilton on Tuesday of this week, in his 53rd year. Outside the announcement of his death, we have no particulars of his illness.

The late Mr. Wright was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wright of Durham. He was born in Bentinck near Hutton Hill and received his early education at the Hutton Hill school. With his father and brothers he was engaged in the brick making business here, and left Durham about 25 years ago for Kincardine, where they ran the brickyard there for a number of years. For the past few years he has lived at Hamilton, where, with his brothers, he has been engaged in brick-making.

He is survived by his widow, four sons and one daughter, Sydney, Maurice, James and Murray, and Olga, all at home. His eldest son, George, was killed in a motor accident at Hamilton four years ago. He is survived also by two brothers and two sisters, Messrs. Samuel and John C. Wright, Hamilton, Mrs. McCue, Kincardine, and Mrs. John Bryon of Durham. Mrs. Bryon left yesterday afternoon to be present at the funeral. Interment will be at Hamilton.

SNOW CLEANING MACHINE REJECTED TO GIVE JOBS

Taking the stand that the welfare of the city's 47,000 unemployed and their claim upon snow shovelling jobs was of more importance than bolstering the prosperity of a company promoting mechanical snow cleaning and loading devices, the Toronto Board of Control rejected the proposal of the representative of such a company for the purchase or rental of one or more of the machines produced by his firm. When the representative reported that a member of city council had assured him several years ago that the city would purchase such a machine, he was advised to attend a meeting of the works committee and see if he could pick him out.

Glenelg and Bentinck Elections Held Monday

Brodie and MacDonald Returned at Head of Their Councils, With New Faces on Council Boards in Both Townships—Upsets General Throughout County.

The elections in Glenelg and Bentinck townships are over and the electors can settle down to general business for another year. In Glenelg, with T. J. Brodie and J. A. Boyd in the field for the reeveship, the former won, his majority being 310. For the council, Archie N. MacCusag headed the poll, and was followed by John McKechnie, (Glenroadin), John McGirr and S. H. Wright of the Markdale Ward. John McKechnie (Priceville), a member of the council for some years past, was defeated, and Charles Weppler, a former member, but not in municipal life for some time, was also left behind.

In Bentinck the contest was more warmly contested. D. J. MacDonald was opposed by H. W. Hunt, a former reeve, but managed to defeat his opponent with the comfortable majority of 300. For the deputy-reeveship, George Magwood and Alex Hopkins were in the field, the former winning out by 113 majority. For Council, Fred Torry, a newcomer, headed the poll, while another newcomer to the municipal life of the township came second, Charlie Bailey, a councillor of some years back, was a poor third, with Robt. McCaslin, also one of the township's old war horses, in fourth place and out of the council for 1932 at least. From the final results, it looks that had there been another new man in the field, Bailey would also have been thrown into the discard. The electors wanted a change in the council.

Next to the contest for the reeve and deputy, most interest centred in the vote on whether the township would return to Statute Labor or continue the system now in use. There was a heavy vote polled, and Statute Labor was defeated, a majority of 283 being cast for the present system.

Results Elsewhere

In Hanover, R. Brigham defeated N. Peppler by 397, and in Artemesia J. A. Davis had a majority over Garnet Magee, last year's deputy reeve, and W. W. Shier of Keppel was defeated by J. D. Hewitson.

Walkerton's election upset opinions of the experts when W. A. Burrows defeated G. A. Schwindt, seeking his fifth term, and Campbell Grant was returned over Roy Robertson with a majority of 107. Previous to the election it was conceded that Schwindt's election was assured, and that of Grant doubtful.

Throughout the country there was quite an upset in the different councils. The later elections will be held on the first Monday in the new year. The vote by wards in Glenelg and Bentinck are given in another column.

BALDWIN FAVORS MORE PROTECTION

Would Tighten Markets Against Foreigners to Help Ottawa Facts.

Stanley Baldwin, Conservative leader in the House of Commons, told an audience at Glasgow, Scotland, last week, he believed Great Britain could do a great service to the world by tightening its markets against foreigners and using its restrictions as an argument for abandonment of high protection by other countries.

Mr. Baldwin, who was speaking to a meeting of Scottish Conservatives, described high and extravagant protection in other countries as the "greatest curse of international trade."

The United Kingdom's delegation to last Summer's Ottawa Economic Conference, he said, had aimed at freer trade for the sake of Britain, the dominions and the world in general. He maintained the Ottawa Conference had made a great move toward freer trade, and that it was now up to statesmen of the Empire to watch and develop the situation and to build on the foundations laid down at that conference.

The Conservative leader urged business men of the United Kingdom to take advantage of the concessions won them at Ottawa. He said he hoped and believed some of Britain's principal industries would be able to expand considerably as a result of the conference agreements.

A Scotchman was stripping the wallpaper from the walls of his house when a friend called to see him. "Weel, Donald," said the latter, "are ye goin' to put on some new paper?" "Na, na," replied Donald, "Ah'm moving."