

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS

We are now in the last month of 1922, and about this time of year, as a rule, there is something said about municipal politics, and considerable speculation as to probable candidates in the next contest.

Last year, through an agreement, he stepped out of the contest, and gave the election to Mr. Calder by acclamation. We have no inside information as to whether or not Mr. Calder will seek the honor for 1923.

There is seldom any trouble in getting enough councillors to fill the chairs, though we have seen the offices go begging, and on two or three occasions it looked as though there might have to be a new election.

Lack of interest in municipal matters is a detriment to any town, but too much interest on the part of incapable municipal aspirants is equally detrimental.

WHO WILL BE WARDEN?

Emerson Brown, Dan. McTavish and John Miller, Reeves of Collingwood, Flesherton and Euphrasia, respectively, are named by the Owen Sound Sun-Times as candidates for the Wardenship in next year's Council.

SENATOR PROUDFOOT DEAD

Senator Proudfoot died on Sunday in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, after an operation for appendicitis, performed only a week previously.

CONSERVATIVES WON LANARK

In the Federal by-election held Monday in Lanark, Dr. R. F. Preston, Conservative, was elected over Mr. David Findlay, Liberal, by a majority of over 1,400.

This was the hardest fought political battle ever fought in Lanark and though the constituency has long been Conservative there was no positive assurance that a Conservative would be returned in a by-election with Premier King and a number of Cabinet ministers using their full influence against Dr. Preston.

The King party is consoling itself now from the fact of the majority of 1921 being cut in half over a year ago. This, however, is of little significance, as the fight a year ago was between a Conservative and a Progressive-Liberal and it is generally believed, and was shown in the last election that urban municipalities are not strongly in favor of a

group system. Had the fight of a year ago been waged between a straight Liberal and a straight Conservative the probability is that the urban votes would have been more evenly distributed and Mr. Stewart's majority would have been very much reduced.

The flop-over to the Liberal side by Mr. Hammill, the Progressive-Liberal from Muskoka, leaves Mr. King at the close of the contest with a majority of two, and from present reports and indications his majority will soon be further increased in the same manner.

TELEVISION BY WIRELESS

Television by wireless was given a preliminary experimental demonstration by Eduoard Belin on Saturday last and will soon become the next great wonder in scientific advancement. The word literally means "seeing afar" by which photographs may be shown at long distances.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Paisley Advocate says there is a man in that village who persists in annoying the ladies of that place, and though he has so far prevented his identity being known, will get into trouble if he persists in this kind of thing.

According to newspaper dispatches the people in Germany are now reduced to eating dogs. Possibly that is what makes them growl so much over the reparations award.

A dispatch from Meaford says that there are to be great changes made in the Hydro system at Eugenia that will greatly reduce the cost of maintenance. Wonderful! Wonder how much they'll raise our rates for this?

"What the Film World is Doing for the Advancement of the Photoplay" is the title of an article in a recent issue of one of our daily papers. We don't know anything about what the film world is doing for the advancement of the photoplay, but we certainly have heard a lot about what some of the so-called high-class "stars" have done to wreck the whole motion picture business.

A "bone-dry world by 1940" is the prediction of the World's W.C.F.U. President. We wonder whose business they'll mind then?

The Globe is happy now! The Conservative candidate had his majority "reduced." He slipped in by the narrow margin of thirteen or fourteen hundred.

Reading the editorials of the Toronto papers would lead one to think that all the people in Ontario live in Toronto. Anyone who doesn't believe in the hydro-radial feeders for Toronto is a man devoid of reason and ordinary common sense.

NEARLY KILLED IN BUSH BY FALLING TREE

Mr. John Williamson of the Old Durham Road had an exciting moment on Saturday afternoon last when both he and his son Walter had a narrow escape from instant death. They were working in the bush and felled a dead tree, which lodged in another tree. Mr. Williamson hitched his team to the butt of the lodged tree with the idea of pulling it down, but the team was unable to move it.

If you are too fat to run and too weak to fight, there is nothing for you to be proud of except your humility, says the Peterborough Examiner.



JAMES FAX

THE ORIGINAL JIMMIE

with the Fax Fun Co., in the Town Hall, Tues., Dec. 12

MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of the Local Board of Health, and Members of the Council of the Town of Durham:

Gentlemen,—I have the satisfactory report to make that the Town of Durham for the past year has been free from contagious disease and that the health of the town generally has been remarkably good.

A great deal of this healthy condition can be attributed to natural physical conditions. The Saugeen River flowing as it does through the centre of the Town acts as a natural sewer drained into which by natural slopes and tributaries practically all the filth and debris that otherwise would be a source and hotbed of disease.

Considering this, steps should be taken to preserve this natural sewer for this purpose alone.

The pipe sewars that dispose of the house sewage should be carried into a main public trunk sewer and thus prevent this natural superficial scavenger from becoming a cesspool of contagion.

I had a test made of the public water supply of the Town during the month of October, the report of which is herewith submitted. It shows presence of bacteria of intestinal origin in both the East and West springs, the spring on the east side slightly more contaminated than that on the West side, but in neither to such an extent as to cause alarm.

The quality of the water supply is not as good as it was in 1919. The report of that year did not show the presence of bacteria in any of the specimens submitted for test, and it never has been as good since.

The present system, however, is ageing and cannot help but become less safe for drinking purposes and less efficient as a supply for domestic purposes and the increasing demand for flushing purposes makes the situation more acute.

I think it high time that some tangible steps should be taken by the town to procure a report through some qualified Hydro Engineer as to source and cost of a good and efficient water supply satisfactory for domestic and industrial purposes and for fire protection.

There are two apparent sources from which this water supply could be obtained, viz: from Wilders' Lake which barring the cost is the ideal source. The right of way for the purpose of laying the pipes along the old cement plant switch line has been secured. The other source is from that part of the present water supply which is obtained from the springs situated on the East and West sides of Upper Town.

Personally, I think there is sufficient water to be obtained from these springs if properly controlled to supply both Upper and Lower Town, by collecting all the water from all the springs and leading it into two main reservoirs, one at the East springs and one at the West springs. In this way Lower Town could be supplied by gravitation from both reservoirs and Upper Town could be supplied by pumping water from one of the other of these

reservoirs to a standpipe situated at some suitable point in Upper Town. In an emergency, in case of a large fire in the business portion of Lower Town the water stored in the standpipe in Upper Town could be drained back into the main reservoir by having a switch pipe tap the pumping pipe near where it emerges from the reservoir, giving an added supply in case need should arise.

I inspected both the High and Public schools at Easter and at the commencement of the schools at midsummer. I found both buildings clean and tidy on each occasion and the grounds kept trim and neat, a copy of my report I also enclose.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. HUTTON, M.O.H.

THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council met in regular session on Monday night, Mayor Allan in the chair. Members present: W. Calder, Reeve; William Macdonald, John McQueen, A. Catton, S. P. Saunders and J. L. Smith, Councillors. The minutes of the former regular and special meetings were read and confirmed, after which the following accounts were examined by the Finance Committee and payments recommended:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes W. Nicholls, salary, Nov. \$ 8.33; W. B. Vollet, salary, 50.00; W. B. Vollet, stamps, .70; Bell Telephone Co., 2.05; Dr. Hutton, M.O.H., salary, etc., 37.95; R. J. Alexander, teaming, 1.75; C. Ramage, Div. Cl. Clk., 24.00; Hydro, street lights, 124.00; Hydro, Clerk's office, 1.00; Hydro, Town Hall, 1.25; H. J. Snell, water, 4.00; County Rate, 1923, 3600.00; Hunter & Son, elec. bulbs, 2.00; R.G. Lindsay, wood, 50.00; G. McMeeken, fire practice, 11.25; Hugh McDonald, repairing, 42.00; Thos. Daniel, com. dog tax, for half cord cedar 1.50, 7.60; W. D. Connor, tile, 5.26; J. N. Modurek, posts, 1.00. Total: \$3974.15

VETERAN STAR THEATRE TWO SHOWS: 8 and 9 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY December 1 and 2 PEARL WHITE IN "Without Fear"

DURHAM MARKET Corrected November 30, 1922. Live hogs, \$10.25 @ 1.12; Wheat, .38 @ .42; Oats, .55 @ .60; Barley, .60 @ .65; Buckwheat, 1.35 @ 1.40; Peas, 10.00; Hay, .30; Butter, .40; Eggs, .50; Potatoes, per bag, .08; Hides, .50; Sheepskins, 20 @ .25; Chickens, per lb., .18 @ .20; Geese, .20 @ .25; Ducks, .40.

By-law 772 re Municipal Nominations, passed its several readings and was ordered engrossed in By-law book. An account of \$14.00 for burial of indigent child was presented, but payment was refused. A rebate of \$16.00 was allowed to Red Cross, being payment made for use of hall in connection with hospital work. Moved by J. L. Smith, seconded by W. Macdonald, that \$400.00 be paid the Library, being balance of grant for 1922.—Carried.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVED MANY MORE DONATIONS

Since last reporting, the following donations have been received in aid of the Hospital: Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petty, 10.00; Joseph Cain, a handsome lamp, made by himself; Zion Women's Institute, flock of hens; Mrs. Jas. Donnelly, pair hens; John Bier, Normanby, bag of apples and bag of potatoes; Miss Kate Firth, a handsome quilt; D. Flett, Mc. Forest, plants and cut flowers; Mark Wilson, pair of dressed chickens; Dornoch Women's Institute 100.00; Mrs. Porter, Allan Park, pillow.

The subscriptions and donations to date have all been received without any effort being made to collect, and the Trustees express their appreciation of such a remarkable display of generosity on the part of the citizens of the town and others. But the time has now come when it is necessary to raise sufficient funds to meet expenses of building and furnishing, at a cost of about \$7,000, and collectors are going to call at every house in town this week so that every person may have an opportunity of contributing, no matter how small an amount, to this most useful public institution.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. E. Cameron, B.A., B.Th., Pastor. Sunday, December 10, 1922. 11.00 A.M.—"The Messiah in the Old Testament." 7.00 P.M.—"Ezekiel's Messianic Story."

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" SAVED HER LIFE This Fruit Medicine Always Gives Relief 917 DORION ST., MONTREAL. I suffered terribly with Dyspepsia. I had it for years and all the medicines I took did not do me any good. I read something about "Fruit-a-tives" being good for all Stomach Trouble and Disorders of Digestion, so I tried them. After finishing a few boxes, I was entirely relieved of the Dyspepsia and my general health was restored; and I am writing to tell you that I owe my life to "Fruit-a-tives" Mlle. ANTOINETTE BOUCHER. 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

Sam.—Say, Rastus, Ah had a funny dream last night. Rastus.—What you-all dream? Sam.—Ah dream ah was eating shredded wheat an' when ah woke up half mah mattress was gone. Well Qualified. "What makes you think Dauber will succeed as a painter?" "He has the soul of an artist and the perseverance of a life insurance agent."

BATTERIES Stored Recharged Rebuilt and Cared For. We Know How NOBLE'S GARAGE DURHAM

PRIVATE CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS \$2.00 the Doz. and up with Envelopes to match Our samples this year are exceptionally fine and, with your name and address neatly printed make an ideal Christmas remembrance. Remember, we stand behind every Private Christmas Greeting Card we sell, and every card must be as good as the sample on display. Leave your order now, and save yourself the worry of a last-minute selection. At the same time you are assured of a full and complete stock. Say It With Private Greeting Cards. They Cost No More. THE CHRONICLE DURHAM