

Municipal Officials In By Acclamation

W. H. Kress Mayor For Third Term With W. S. Hunter as Reeve for Second Year.—Only One Change in the Council, Cameron Lauder Replacing Robert Campbell.—Two New Public School Trustees.

There will be no municipal election in Durham this year. This fact became evident when the time limit for the qualification of nominees expired Wednesday at noon, and only the required number for the town offices had filed the necessary papers with the Town Clerk. It was almost a foregone conclusion that there would be no contest for the mayor's or reeve's chairs, when at the conclusion of the nomination meeting on Monday night only Mayor Kress and Reeve Hunter were in the field for these positions. With eleven candidates for the six council seats it was conceded that there might be a contest, but with the five members of last year's council, Cameron Lauder was the only newcomer to signify his intention of entering the field. The 1935 council is composed as follows:

Mayor—W. H. Kress.
Reeve—W. S. Hunter.
Councillors—J. B. Duffield,
Cameron Lauder,
W. A. MacDonald,
W. R. McGowan,
George McKechnie,
Bert Stonehouse.

Other public officials who received acclamations were Ralph Catton, who was the only one nominated for the Public Utilities Commission, and Messrs Samuel T. Chapman, William D. Erwin, and Thomas Whitmore, Public School Trustees. The last two named replace Dr. D. B. Jamieson and W. J. McFadden, retired.

Quiet Nomination Meeting
It is a fact many years since a Durham nomination meeting was as quiet as the one held on Monday evening. Nomination meetings as a rule are the place where the citizens get a chance to criticize the actions of their municipal officials, and ask pointed questions regarding the various items of business transacted by them, and are usually as peaceful as a Doneybrook fair. Monday evening's meeting, however, was more along the lines of a gathering of a mutual admiration society, and those that attended in the hope of "seeing some fun" left early and by the time the last speaker had finished there was not more than a handful of people left in the hall.

Little interest seemed to be taken in municipal affairs this year and nominations were far below the mark of other years, only twenty-two names being proposed for the twelve elective offices. At the hour of 8.30 when B. H. Willis, Town Clerk, declared the nominations closed, the following names had been proposed:

For Mayor—Bert Stonehouse, W. H. Kress, J. B. Duffield.
For Reeve—W. S. Hunter.
For council—Robert Campbell, Chas. McGillivray, W. A. MacDonald, W. R. McGowan, Cameron Lauder, Thomas Whitmore, Charles Moffat, Bert Stonehouse, J. B. Duffield, James P. Smith, George McKechnie, W. J. McFadden.
For Public Utilities Commissioner—Ralph Catton.
For Public School Trustee—Samuel T. Chapman, Thomas Whitmore, D. B. Jamieson, W. J. McFadden, Wm. D. Erwin.

Nominees Spoke
Following the close of the nominations, Town Clerk Willis was voted to the chair for the evening and called upon the town treasurer, Peter Ramage, for a statement of the year's finances. According to Mr. Ramage's report the town's finances are in a satisfactory condition at present, the standing being much the same as a year ago. The tax situation is slightly better than a year ago, the collections of 1934 taxes amounting to \$26,659.64 as against \$26,511.90 last year. The tax arrears also showed improvement, \$3,568.54 being collected in 1934 as against \$3,061.42 in 1933. The uncollected taxes are still too high for a town of this size, and everyone should make a special effort to get all tax arrears paid up, as only then will there be a possibility of a reduced tax rate. This year, for the first time in 16 years the town of Durham held a tax sale to clear up the tax arrears against some properties. A number of these which were vacant lots were taken over by the town, and the residential properties were redeemed or sold. It is practically a certainty that another such sale will have to be held this year.

Following Mr. Ramage's report an invitation, as far as local nomination meetings is concerned, was introduced (Continued on page 4.)

CAPTAIN BERNIER CALLED BY DEATH

Noted Canadian Explorer Would Have Been 83 Years Old on January 1.—Record in Arctic.

A veteran of northern exploration, Captain Joseph E. Bernier, who would have been 83 on January 1, died at his home at Levis, Que., last Wednesday following a paralytic stroke suffered about two weeks ago.

With the death of Captain Bernier is closed a life which was full of hardy exploits and adventures. The captain's name will always be linked with the discovery of many Arctic areas of which he took possession in the name of Canada. Among these are Lincoln Land, Ellesmere Island, Melville Island, Prince of Wales Island, North Somerset Island and Bellot Island.

It was in 1908 that the veteran French-Canadian navigator set the Canadian flag on Cone Island where he found the lost records of Admiral Peary.

The son of a mariner, Captain Bernier went to sea at an early age, getting his first command of a vessel when only 17 years old. For a quarter of a century he steered his course in the Arctic seas and was the best known white man of the frozen north where he was popularly known as "The Bear". In addition to his exploration which he considered his life work, Captain Bernier found time to travel in many other parts of the world and crossed the Atlantic Ocean 269 times.

To people who would remonstrate with him for the risks they believed he took on his voyages of exploration, the skipper would always reply: "Never fear. My grandfather and my father died in their beds and I will certainly not break the tradition." His prediction came true for he died in the home which was shared in his affections with his quarters on the Arctic, the ship in which most of his northern travels were accomplished.

The navigator was born at L'Islet, Quebec, on January 1, 1852, and was the son of a sea captain, Thomas Bernier. He got his first command of a vessel at the age of 17 and made many trips in charge of a schooner when still a youth. He established a record for the round trip in a sailing ship from Canada to England which stood for many years. Temporarily retiring from the sea, Captain Bernier accepted the governorship of Quebec jail for four years, but could not resist the lure of the ocean and resigned this position.

Recipient of Honors
Honors poured upon the veteran sailor and explorer. He had enough medals to cover his broad chest, including the Imperial long service medal and the Confederation medal for his services to the Dominion presented by the Earl of Willington when he was governor-general of Canada.

The Roman Catholic church also bestowed recognition to one of its faithful adherents when Captain Bernier was given the title, diploma and insignia of Knight of the St. Sepulchre Equestrian Order.

The veteran mariner always insisted it was the life at sea that kept him hale and hearty. "I have known the sea since I was two years old," the captain once said. "My father was a sailor and he made sure I would be one."

In 1904 Captain Bernier went to Kiel, Germany, to buy the famous schooner Arctic in which he had hoped to make a trip to the north pole. He was disappointed after he had made preparations for the voyage, when he was ordered, instead, to take Royal Northwest Mounted Police to open the first outpost of the force on the shores of Hudson Bay.

Even after this, Captain Bernier did not give up his idea of a trip to the north pole. Two years later he began again. He did not reach the pole but it is to Captain Bernier that Canada is indebted for the possession of many islands in the polar region.

I.O.D.E. SPONSORS DANCE

The Canadian Greys I.O.D.E. chapter were hostesses at a dance in the town hall on Thursday evening. Music for dancing was played by the Mount Forest orchestra. A good crowd was present and an enjoyable time was spent by all. Visitors were present from Owen Sound.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	12	24	8	—
Friday	28	30	24	—
Saturday	30	30	24	—
Sunday	20	20	10	—
Monday	14	30	5	—
Tuesday	30	30	19	6
Wednesday	23	28	11	—

On Again, Gone Again, Home Again, Finnigan

Local Residents Cross-Eyed and Tongue Wary Looking and Asking About New Year's Train Into Durham—Cancelled First, Then Ordered To Run.

Local residents were somewhat twisted New Year's Day as to whether the local C.N.R. noon train from Palmerston to Durham would come into Durham that day and it was not until about 11 o'clock that final word came through from the powers that be that owing to the number of passengers aboard the northbound main line trains, the train would come through. Previously, the announcement had been made that the train would not run, but no general public information had been given out by those in charge of advertising. At the last minute a reverse decision was made, and the train came in as usual. It is only fair to say that the order to cancel came through Montreal, so far as we can find out and not through any act of the officials in charge of this system of the road, and was done in an effort to enforce this "economy" we hear so much about these days. On a through bus route, the passenger business has been badly cut into, and as a result railroad revenues have fallen considerably, so that in the last analysis it is the people, not the railroads, who are primarily to blame.

Added to this was the storm of Monday night and Tuesday. This, it was thought, would interfere with the bus service which, when the roads get blocked, sits back and yells for the government to do something about it. The railroads, on the other hand, look after their own right of way, and if there is a storm, put out a snow plough. They run independently of Hephurn and Bennett, something the public forgets when the weather is fine and the going easy. Private passenger cars, too, are used extensively on good roads, and it is only when a storm develops that the people turn back to the railroads and yell their heads off if they are placed at any inconvenience. The only point for criticism of the railroad authorities is that the order was issued by the powers higher up and not advertised. Had the general public known there was to be no train on the Durham-Palmerston line of the C.N.R., they could have come by some other route or never have started out.

There is a humorous side to it, too. It reminds the writer of the story of the railroad wreck which took place on a high bridge. Two trains came together, crashed, and knocked each other off the high bridge to the riverbed below, with great loss of life and property. At the inquest a Swede who had witnessed the accident was called to give evidence. Asked by one of the learned lawyers as to his opinion on the accident, he said he did not have any other than he had said to himself: "Well, this bane one hell of a way to run a railway." It was perfectly within the right of the railway to cancel a train on which no passengers were anticipated, but to attempt to do so "on the quiet among themselves" without the public being informed—well, we were for a time a little Swedish.

However, the train was finally run, the passengers arrived safely, and a Happy New Year was had by all.

CELEBRATED 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Courts Feted by Friends Who Presented Them With Silver in Commemoration of the Day.

Over 100 friends and neighbors gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Courts on Friday evening in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary, and presented them with silver cutlery. An address was read by Miss Christine McCulloch and presentation was made by Mrs. G. Mighton, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Courts replied, each expressing sincere appreciation of kindness shown. Mr. William McCulloch was chairman. Messrs. Wm. Adam, Joseph Brown and George Turnbull gave short speeches. The U.F.O. Club members sang "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," and Mrs. G. Mighton, Jr., sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold." The neighborhood orchestra supplied music for dancing. Lunch was served at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Courts began home-making on the farm on which they now reside on the 2nd concession of Ben-tinck, N.D.R., and of their family of three, two sons and one daughter, one son Gordon, who is in Western Canada, was unable to be present.

Egremont Township To Have Election

All Positions on Council to be Contested and Two New Councillors Sure to be Elected.

At the Egremont nominations at Holstein on Monday afternoon, this old township, which takes its municipal affairs seriously, made no exception for 1935 and a busy and husky afternoon was spent. As a result we see Reeve W. H. Hunter being opposed by the old war-horse, John A. Ferguson, while in the field for Deputy Reeve are, we believe, two newcomers for the higher position, although old in council experience. They are S. M. Patterson and Albert Owens, both members of last year's council. This makes a shake-up in the council field, where William Aldcorn, a councillor last year, will have as his running mates Henry Cowan, William J. McDougall and William J. Thompson. This means there will be at least two new faces at the 1935 council board, and, if Mr. Aldcorn is defeated, three. In Holstein, where three police trustees have to be chosen, there was only one, George T. Calder, to qualify. This means another nomination will be necessary to fill the positions.

45 CANADIANS INCLUDED IN KING'S HONOR LIST

Three Knighthoods and Forty-two Other Honors Awarded Citizens of the Dominion.—Eight Women in the Number.—Largest List Since Titles Restored.

Three knighthoods go to Canadians in the King's New Year honors and awards made public Monday night, and 44 lesser titles, eight of them to women. It was the third occasion for Canadians to figure in the King's honors since the custom was revived by the Canadian Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, a year ago.

Colonel Albert Gooderman, Toronto philanthropist, is created a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; Charles William Lindsay, of Montreal, blind philanthropist and manufacturer, becomes a Knight of the Order of the British Empire (civil division); and Hon. J. A. Chisholm, chief justice of Nova Scotia, is made a Knight Bachelor. These three are entitled to the salutation of "Sir".

Philanthropy, devotion to duty, enterprise and heroism in the field of aviation, and long unselfish services, won Canadians their place in the New Year's list. The humblest of workers shared place with these in high positions.

In addition to the three knighthoods for Canadians, five out of a total of 11 awards of the honor of Commander of the Order of the British Empire distributed among the Dominions go to Canada. Canada has 14 of the 20 awards of officers of the British Empire Order that go to dominions. A total of 22 memberships in the British Empire Order go to the dominions, and of these Canada has 16.

Nursing Profession Recognized

The nursing profession was signally honored, most of the women receiving awards having been recommended because of their outstanding work in that line of duty. Men whose names have figured largely in Canada's history of aerial navigation and epoch-making flights on errands of mercy, had their place in the list.

GLENELG NATIVES TRAIN WRECK VICTIMS

Mr. John MacDougall, Alice MacDougall in Dundas Crash.—Funeral At Priceville.

Mr. John MacDougall of Chapin Crescent, Toronto, and his daughter, Miss Alice MacDougall, also Chapin Crescent, who were killed in the C.N.R. train wreck at Dundas on Christmas night, were former residents of Priceville.

Mr. MacDougall who was born in the 9th line of Glenelg township, had lived for a number of years in London but more recently resided in Toronto. With his daughter, he had spent Christmas at London, and was returning with others of the holiday crowd when the tragedy occurred. He was 76 years of age while his daughter was 44.

He leaves two sisters, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Campbell of Duluth. The remains of both father and daughter were brought to Priceville on Monday where interment took place, services being held in Priceville Presbyterian church.

OBITUARY

MRS. KATE HUNTER

Mrs. Kate Hunter, widow of James H. Hunter, former M.P.P. for South Grey, and one of Durham district's best known residents, died at her Toronto residence, 16 Spadina Gardens, on Saturday, following a long illness. She was 92 years of age.

The passing of Mrs. Hunter marks the severance of a link with the days of Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir John A. Macdonald, William Lyon Mackenzie, and other famous figures in Canadian political life. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Macdonald and Eusetta Sophia (nee Goodrich) Macdonald, of Inverness, Scotland, and a descendant of Simon Fraser, discoverer of the Fraser River, in British Columbia.

Mrs. Hunter was born in Belleville, Ontario, on January 10, 1844, and was the mother of four children, of whom two, Mrs. Blanche Sommerville and Colonel F. Fraser Hunter, D.S.O., M.P., both of Toronto, survive. Surviving also are five grandchildren: R. Hunter Grant, Chicago; W. G. Fraser Grant, K.C., Toronto; W. Whyte Hunter, Minneapolis; Mrs. J. Halliday Crane, Toronto, and Edith Hunter, Winnipeg. Three great-grandchildren are also living.

The prominent lady was laid to rest Sunday from her Durham home. On Sunday evening a service was conducted from the Toronto residence with Dr. H. J. Cody officiating.

Mrs. Hunter was nine days older than Sir William Mulock, and the Chief Justice of Ontario, a lifelong friend, acted as one of the pall bearers. Others were Colonel John Bayne Maclean, Colonel A. E. Kirkpatrick, Dr. David Jamieson, Sir Henry Pellatt, W. R. P. Parker, K.C., Carl Hunter, Colonel Fraser Hunter, Fraser Grant, Major F. Lorne Crosby of Cuelph, and T. F. Ray.

Throughout her long and active life Mrs. Hunter was known for her remarkably keen intellect and her clear grasp of important political questions, both national and international, a quality which proved of great assistance to her husband during his long political career as a member of the Mowatt Government, and to her son in his own experience as a soldier, author and member of Parliament.

Widely travelled and read, her influence upon the progress of Canada from its early pioneer stages to the present has been deeply felt. To her at home, "The Hedges", in Durham, came as friends or as students many who have excelled in the world of art, literature and statesmanship.

In Dakota, the late Mrs. Hunter was known by the nickname of "The Duchess of Dakota." It was on a quarter-section of her land that Sitting Bull was killed and to the time of her death, she retained large holdings in that State.

She crossed the prairies with the distinguished company who were present at the driving of the last gold spike for the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

She numbered among her close friends Sir Wilfred Laurier, George Brown and Mackenzie Bowell, and was a relative of Sir John A. Macdonald.

She and her husband crossed the continent with the late T. P. (Tay-Pay) O'Connor in the early days of Canada. The remains were brought to Durham Sunday my motor, arriving at 12 o'clock noon, and taken to her late residence, "The Hedges", from where the funeral was held the same afternoon. The service was taken by Rev. J. R. Thompson of Trinity Anglican church and interment was in Durham cemetery in the family plot. The pall bearers were Dr. D. B. Jamieson, O. S. Hunter, W. S. Hunter, Col. F. Fraser Hunter, Fraser Grant, and J. A. Graham. There were a great many floral tributes and the death of this old and highly respected citizen is regretted by all.

While for the past number of years the deceased had spent a considerable time in Toronto, and in her Florida home in the winter, it was her custom to spend the greater part of the summer at her old home here. She never lost interest in Durham and was never happier than when in town fraternizing with her many old friends here.

As the notice of her obituary given above, a dispatch from Toronto, points out, the death of Mrs. Hunter is a distinct break with the past history of the town and Canada.

MRS. HARRY HUNT

Residents of Dornoch district learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Harry Hunt, a former well known resident of Dornoch, who passed away at her home in Calgary on Sunday, December 23, after a short illness. The remains were brought to Owen Sound (Continued on page 5.)

Durham Wins First Game On Home Ice

Defeated Milverton 9-2 in First Home Game of O.H.A. Schedule.—Large Crowd Delighted With Local's Showing.

Playing before the largest crowd to attend an opening game in years, Durham's yellow and black clad O. H. A. Intermediates defeated the fast Milverton team by the one sided score of 9-2 in the local arena here last night. Milverton scored the first and last goals of the game, but the Durham boys sandwiched nine in between, and from the second period on had complete charge of the game.

The game, which was advertised for 8.15 did not get under way until almost an hour later owing to the late arrival of the Milverton players who were held up by blocked roads. In the first period both teams were more or less feeling each other out, but the locals soon had the measure of their opponents, and from the time that Bolger tied the score when the visitors were a man short, it was more or less a question of how big the score would be. Lack of space at the last minute before going to press will not permit a detailed account of the game, but the goals were scored as follows:

- First Period**
Milverton—Tye
Durham—Bolger (Currie)
Durham—Currie (alone)
Durham—Raybould (Elvidge).
- Second Period**
Durham—Elvidge (Raybould)
Durham Elvidge (Raybould).
- Third Period**
Durham—Raybould (Tucker)
Durham—McGirr
Durham—Dean (Bolger)
Durham—Tucker
Milverton—Smith
Milverton—Goal, Mohr; defense, F. Kelterborne, Schmehl; centre, Bastendorf; wings, Smith, Merryfield; alternates, Tye, E. Kelterborne, Robinson, Schmeuler.
Durham—Goal, Schutz; defense, Wilson and McGirr; centre, Raybould; wings, Elvidge and Tucker; alternates, Murdock, Currie, Dean, Bolger.

DURHAM N.W.O.H.A. TEAM DEFEATED BY CHESLEY

Local Team on Short End of 3-1 Score in Exhibition Game Played in Chesley Friday Night.

Playing their first game of the season the Durham North Western Hockey Association squad dropped a 3-1 decision to the Chesley Colts in that town last Friday night. After going into the lead on a nice combination effort by "Hap" McGirr and "Tim" McIlraith after about six minutes of play the locals were unable to hold the hard-driving Colts at bay and the homesters tied the score and then went one up in the first period and scored the last goal of the game in the second.

Six minutes after the game started McGirr and McIlraith broke through on one of their many rushes that had the Colts tied in a knot, and a pass from McGirr inside the blue line was perfect and McIlraith rapped in home. Black, for Durham, drew the first penalty for tripping Phillips when he was right through. A minute later he was through again and passed to Green in front of the goal mouth but McEachnie saved. Green came in with Durie and drove one past McEachnie that gave him no chance, Durie and Murphy both getting assists. After a change of players, Phillips picked off a rebound from Schneider's shot and scored the second goal. Both teams started to lay on the gas in the second period but the referee kept the game pretty well in hand. Moon took a penalty for tripping Schneider. Phillips and Green combined to go through the defence. Green shot and went in for his own rebound and drove a back-hander past McEachnie for the third and last goal. Moon again was penalized for boarding Durie. McEachnie made a nice save when McRorie went right in on top of him with what looked like a sure goal. Ries took the penalty box just at the end of the period for slashing Allen. The third period produced the fastest hockey of the game but neither team was able to score.

Durham—Goal, McEachnie; defence, Ries and Moon; centre, McGirr; wings, Lawrence and Lauder; subs, McIlraith, Black, McDonald, Rowe, E. McDonald, sub-goal.

Chesley—Goal, Thompson; defence, Blohm and McRorie; centre, Murphy; wings, Green and Durie; subs, Schneider, Phillips, Allen, Beetz and Knapp, Hetherington, sub-goal.