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## FURNISHED WRONG INFORMATION

Following the resolution introduced by Deputy-Reeve Morgan Baker of Whitechurch, at the opening of the York County Council three weeks ago, demanding an investigation into the activities of the York County Highway Commission especially with reference to the cost of building the Sutton to Sharon roadway, a resolution approving of the Commission's action in the matter was adopted. Deputy-Reeve Baker in his recital of charges against the Highway Commission specifically mentioned the names of Reeve Keith of Newmarket, and Engineer James but the resolution as introduced and adopted Friday dealt only in general with the charges preferred.

Deputy-Reeve Edwards of Mimico complimented Mr. Baker for his action in trying to get information, and said that Mr. Baker was justified. The disposition seemed to be, however, to condone any irregularities in respect to information supplied by the engineer. It was admitted that correct information had not been supplied to Mr. Baker, a difference of \$4,000 being found. The resolution adopted Friday was as follows: "That our York County Good Roads Commissioners have a very responsible position and in our mind they have given the very best that is in them."

**CITY TO TAKE IN SCHOOLS?**  
The report of the Education Committee which had been awaited with interest, was not very enlightening and failed to solve in any way the problem of the high tax rate which prevails throughout the county. A resolution submitted by W. J. Gardner, that the whole matter be referred to the Legislative Committee was voted down, as was another that W. H. Keith moved.

Warden Padgett said that a suggestion had come from the Department of Education that the county schools bordering on the city would be taken in and education provided at the same rate as obtained in the city.

The following grants were made: Royal Winter Fair \$1,000; T. J. Spalding raised from \$175 to \$250; Ontario Good Roads Commission, \$25; Canadian Good Roads, \$10; Toronto and York Good Roads Commission, \$150,000 for construction and \$15,000 for maintenance; Children's Aid Society \$5,000; Institute for the Blind, \$500; North Ontario Relief Committee, \$5,000, and District Representative to Guelph \$60.

The Toronto and York Highways Commission report was adopted as follows: Roads and bridges, for 1923 \$589,307.48; equipment, \$10,369; road and bridge maintenance \$59,769; grand total, \$659,536.11.

Council on Friday adjourned after what is believed to be the longest continuous session ever held in the county, at this session of the year. The representation is growing, due to the incorporation of new towns, and the fact that some of the municipalities have now larger representation than some years ago. Council stands adjourned until the June session.

## DEATH OF DAVID DUNCAN.

The funeral of David Duncan, a well known resident of Unionville, was held on Monday of last week. Mr. Duncan who was 76 years of age has been ill for only two weeks, suffering from pneumonia. He was a native of Markham township and the eldest son of the late Alexander Duncan. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Stiver and Mrs. John Hood of Unionville, and Alexander, an only son, residing in Alberta. The other members of the family are four brothers Peter of German Mills, Alexander of Victoria Square, Thomas of Don, and Robert of Toronto; and four sisters Mrs. Geo. F. Kelly and Mrs. Wm. Leathers of Buttonville, Mrs. C. N. Hagerman of Hagerman, and Hannah of Don.

## Church Notes

**MENNONITE**  
Come to Sunday School at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preaching services. Pastor in charge of the morning, and local helper in the evening.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Sunday, Feb. 18th, Bible Class at 10.30 a.m.; Worship and preaching 11:00 a.m. Subject—Spiritual qualities of a successful church. Fred Sommer, of Toronto, preacher.

## \$8,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE WHEN OLD TOWN HALL IS BURNED

The clang, clang, clang of the fire bell brought citizens hastily from their homes at 9.15 o'clock on Friday night to witness one of the most spectacular fires in the history of the town, and the most disastrous since the burning of the old public school building in 1916.

The first alarm was given by a citizen, Mrs. Cockerill, who when passing along Main street noticed smoke at the south of the old town hall building. Going further to investigate she saw a small blaze under the hall at the rear, and gave the alarm at H. J. Malloy's house to the south of the hall. Mr. Malloy and Ira Anderson in another part of the dwelling rushed for the fire hall, sounded the alarm, and immediately returned to the place of the fire.

However in that space of four or five minutes smoke enveloped the great frame structure to such an extent that it could not be penetrated. An effort to liberate two horses and a pony in the underneath part of the building was unsuccessful, and the animals were smothered in the dense smoke. Like wise, in the upper portion of the building Saunders' shoe repair shop was also consumed in smoke, and later by the blaze.

The prompt action of the fire brigade soon had four streams playing on the great blaze and their heroic efforts to save adjacent buildings were successful. In fact it was a marvel how the frame buildings surrounding were denied to the flames. Reeve W. E. Morden's house within six feet of the fire was so deluged with water that its only damage was from smoke and scorching of exterior wood work, the veranda in the rear was burned however.

On the east side a great fight was made to save the fine brick block of Ratcliff's. Repeatedly it took fire, but was quickly extinguished by one of the two streams on that side the hall. Another bunch of firemen did good work on the nose at the south of the hall, and in the intense heat they stood and fought to a finish, thereby saving the houses and barns in that section.

Great burning embers hurled themselves skyward, and alighted long distances from the main conflagration. Fortunately every roof was

laden with snow, otherwise many fires would have been started. Only a moderate wind blew from the north, and that was mighty lucky. Had it been from any other direction, whole sections of the town would have been imperiled.

Morden & Lownsbrough's flour and feed store right up against the hall, was quickly demolished, but not before its contents were removed.

The big hall and the flour and feed building belonging to Levi Hoover, who purchased the place at a very moderate price some years ago, now lie low in the ruins. The lower part of the building was rented to George Watson as a stable, while a portion of the upper floor was leased by Geo. Saunders, for his shoe repairing stand. The government also had a considerable supply of rifles and red coats, all obsolete, stored in the place, and these were destroyed.

The origin of the fire is a puzzle. Ten minutes before it was noticed passers-by saw nothing in the way of either fire or smoke, yet in that space of time it had broken out. The belief is that a cigar or cigarette stub had been thrown down and caught in the straw at the rear of the stable.

The reflection of the fire was quite plainly seen at Aurora and Unionville. Fire losses are reported elsewhere on this page.

The fire removes another of the old familiar landmarks which are connected so intimately with the town's earlier days. The hall was built by a native of Stouffville, R. J. Daley, (now an immigration officer at Winnipeg) in the year 1885. It served as market building, public hall, skating and curling rink. Several of our present citizens recall working on the erection of the structure. Of late years it had grown into disuse, and was regarded as a "fire bug" in the centre of the town. Now that it is down many whose properties were threatened give a sigh of relief. Mr. Hoover's insurance was \$600, in the Mennonite Aid Union. The Massey Harris agent, N. Langtree, had just vacated a portion of the building recently, and took a stand to the south of the hall.

## THE HYDRO BYLAWS

Elsewhere in this issue appears the Enabling Bylaw and the Money Bylaw, to be voted on on Monday, March 5th, to procure hydro electric light and power for Stouffville. While the money bylaw calls for \$11,000, it is not expected that this amount of money will be expended by the council. In a bylaw of this nature, it is however, always the part of wisdom to provide plenty of money to cover unforeseen expenditure, but if the full amount is not required, it will not be raised. This money will be used solely for rebuilding our electric light system within the corporation. The contract line from the west town limits to Yonge street will be constructed and paid for by the Hydro Electric Power Commission. The Commission issue their bonds and meet the payments out of the \$70 per h.p. which we are to pay them for power. In connection with the expenditure within the corporation, arrangements will probably be made to pay for the work from a special account in the bank, then when the actual expenditure is learned, debentures will be issued as provided for in the bylaw. The amount may run between \$5000 and \$7000. If a few "bees" are held many citizens are willing to give their services free to dig necessary post holes, etc., for it is realized that the less money we spend, the cheaper will be the lights. Operations would commence as soon as the frost is out.

## Union Prayer Meeting.

The Annual United Prayer Service of the women of the various churches will be held in the Baptist church on Friday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock. All women are invited to attend this service.

## THE FIRE LOSSES

The losses sustained by Friday night's blaze, are estimated herein, and in most cases are fully covered by insurance.

Ratcliff's block	\$1500 00
Saunders, shoe repairs	1000 00
Geo. Watson, horses, rigs etc	800 00
Reeve Morden, house	300 00
W. H. Shaw, plate glass	300 00
Ratcliff's grocery stock	250 00
N. Langtree's implet shop	100 00
H. Porter, windows	50 00
N. E. Smith, glass	50 00
Mrs. Forsyth, glass	7 50
Total	\$4357 50

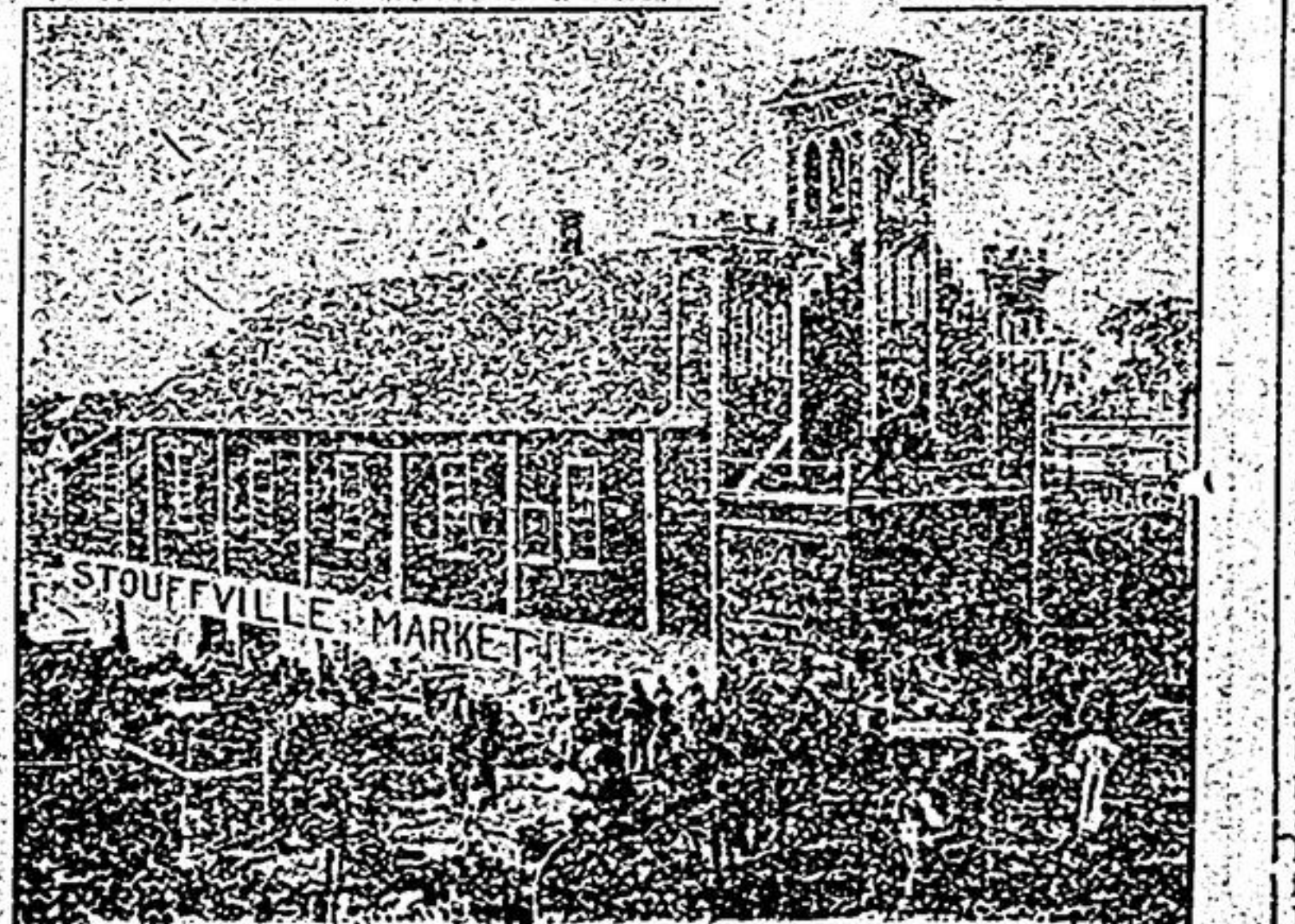
Add to this the loss of the hall at a fair valuation of \$2500, and \$500 for the flour and feed shop brings the total loss to \$7357.50.

## PETITIONING THE PREMIER

A petition is in circulation praying the Hon. member for North York in the Parliament of Canada, to use his good offices in securing a new post office building for this town. Ex-Reeve Lehman has the petition in his store, and citizens who are favorably disposed to the matter, are requested to call and sign same.

The Dept. of the Interior has just announced that they will at once build a monument on the historic site of Port Mowat near Port Elgin, N. B. to bear record of a historic event. While we realize the government should not spend money only in urgent cases, surely a post office where one is needed, has a prior claim to a useless monument in a remote part of the Dominion.

Mrs. J. N. Raymer, a former settler of Cedar Grove, died in London, Ont. at the age of 82 years. She located at Cedar Grove in 1860.



THE OLD STOUFFVILLE MARKET, AN OLD WOODEN STRUCTURE, WHICH IS NOW IN RUINS, AS A RESULT OF THE BIG FIRE

## PERSONAL NOTES

J. R. Miller returned on Monday to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Ada McCarty entertained at bridge on Friday of last week.

Dr. Smith is at his office again after an illness of several days from influenza.

Mrs. Nelson Smith is spending a short time with her daughter, Mrs. Lot of Milton.

We are pleased to see Mr. Darlous Clendenning on the street again after his long illness.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. N. Forsyth left to visit her sister Mrs. (Rev.) Lee of Parry Sound.

Miss Gertrude Crossen of Toronto spent a couple of days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crossen.

Mrs. Leonard Burgess, sister-in-law of Harry Burgess of this town died in Toronto on Saturday from pneumonia.

Mr. Robt. Vague of Markham is now a permanent citizen of Stouffville, having got located in his house recently purchased from F. W. Silversides.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Your chance to get new wicker furniture at your own price, at S.H. Swedlove's sale, Feb'y 17th.

The local Orange Lodge have issued invitations to a euchre party to be held this Friday evening.

Don't fail to see Mrs. Deacon Spriggs at the Women's Liberal Club Concert in Ratcliff's hall on Friday Feb'y 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Proceeds in aid of northern fire sufferers. Lost Their Baby

On Monday this week death removed the baby boy, (Harold Jacob) the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reesor, 10th con., Whitechurch. Bronchial pneumonia was the sickness, and although the little one was a big strong baby he soon faded away. Those who have lost an infant, are never as it were, without an infant child. Their own children grow up to manhood, but this one alone is rendered an immortal child. Death hath arrested it, and blessed it into an eternal image of youth and innocence. A little sister, Florence, May, is left to the grief-burdened parents. Rev. W.M. McGuire of the Mennonite church conducted the funeral service.

The hugh frame of Joseph Hoover one of the big men in Markham township, will be a familiar figure on Stouffville streets, no more, he having died on Sunday, Feb'y 11th. The funeral was held on Tuesday to the Wideman cemetery, 5th con., Markham. Deceased was a man of powerful physique, and was widely known. He was in his 59th year, and had been somewhat broken in spirits since the passing of his wife a few months ago. A family of 4 sons and 3 daughters survive, Messrs Jacob, Tillman, Harvey and Bert, also Rena and Ada (married), and Miss Mary at home. The deceased was a faithful member of the Mennonite body.

## WANTED FOR MURDER

Lewis Austin appeared before Judge Winslow in New York last week, and an order given for extradition to Canada on the charge of being implicated in the Mount Forest and Stouffville bank robberies. Just after the judge made the order Sheriff Hancock of Eldorado, Ark. provided a sensation by presenting a requisition warrant for the arrest of Austin on the charge of murder. The judge however decided that the Canadian Government was to have the first opportunity of trying the accused. Sheriff Hancock then announced that he would proceed to Washington to demand that Austin be turned over to him. When Austin was arrested at New York on Dec. 29, he had in his possession \$6,700 war bonds alleged to have been stolen from the Royal Bank at Mount Forest.

## VESTRY MEETING

The regular annual Vestry meeting of Christ Church (Anglican) was held in the church on Wednesday evening last week, the Rector Rev. Mr. Nind presiding. There was a good attendance and the reports for the past year from the different branches of the church were read. Mr. F. W. Silvester read the wardens report, which showed debts, assessments, and all calls had been fully met. Collections, subscriptions and attendance had increased and a snug surplus to be carried over to 1923. The Woman's Auxiliary also showed a very satisfactory and successful year's work and carrying over a surplus to 1923. The Sunday school and the Chancel Guild both showed a most successful year, both of which also carried over a surplus. The Rev. Mr. Nind gave a lengthy report of his work in the parish during the year. This is the most encouraging year the church has had for many years. The following officers were elected for 1923.—F. W. Silvester, rector's warden; A. S. Leaney, people's warden, S. J. Foote, lay delegate to Synod.

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