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## ST. JAMES' WRESTLES WITH UNION ISSUE

The Church Union question was vigorously assailed, for and against, at the two services held in St. James' Presbyterian Church last Sunday. In the morning the Rev. William McConnell spoke against the Presbyterians allowing themselves to enter the United Church of Canada, while in the evening Rev. H. J. Pritchard of Toronto spoke in advocacy of Union. The morning congregation was much larger than usual, but there were empty seats in the front of the church, while in the evening chairs had to be added to accommodate the congregation assembled, many being present from other churches. Both speakers proved quite capable of presenting their case, and did so with all the force and pathos at their command.

It is interesting to note that either speaker occupied precisely the same amount of time, one hour and ten minutes, in presenting their case. Rev. McConnell announced at the outset of his remarks that he was a unionist, and that he believed in the lofty ideals of a united church but he utterly opposed the basis of the present union, and it was chiefly on the bill passed by the Dominion Government that the speaker dwelt. He is a scholarly speaker and was given rapt attention.

The evening speaker was equally interesting and took the question from different points, endeavouring to emphasize the already close relationship between the three churches entering union, and the need of complete union from a missionary viewpoint. Neither speaker announced a biblical text, as is the custom at a normal service.

The Tribune looks on this matter from the standpoint that it is a question to be settled by the family of Presbyterians, and therefore we refrain from publishing the statements of "fact" presented by either side, as space would not permit a complete report of the two sermons, and we do not wish to give merely a synopsis.

Following the Sunday services a congregational meeting was held Tuesday afternoon. Rev. R. Young, moderator, presided, when a vote was taken deciding to start at once to open a poll on the question of Church Union. Mr. George Urquhart was elected as returning officer with Martin Tait and Dr. D.C. Smith as scrutineers for the Unionists and Messrs. A. Mitchell and W. H. Clark for the anti's. This is the question on the ballot paper: "Are you in favor of this congregation entering the Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, The Methodist Church and the Congregational Churches?" Fifty per cent of the possible vote was polled during the time the poll remained open. The remainder who have votes will be able to poll them at Button's hardware store on the following days and dates: Saturday, Feb. 14th, Wednesday, Feb. 18th and Saturday, Feb. 21st, between the hours of two and four o'clock p.m. The poll will also be open at the church next Sunday after the morning service, and also on Sunday the 22nd. On Tuesday, the 24th, the ballot box will be opened after any who have not voted have a final chance to cast their ballot.

A feature of the meeting was a resolution unanimously supported that no matter what the result of the poll may be the congregation will stand together as in the past until the 10th day of June when Union comes into force. What happens after that date will be determined later.

## AUCTION SALE

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 12th—Auction sale at Lot 19, Con. 9, Pickering, including Reg. Shropshire Sheep, choice Dairy Cows, Implements, etc., belonging to John Forgie. Sale at 12 o'clock. F. W. Silversides, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 25th—Extra good grade Holstein cattle, horses, Pigs, implements, etc., belonging to C. E. Brillinger, lot 20, con. 8, Markham, mile north Markham village. Sale at one. Prentice & Prentice, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18th—Auction sale at Lot 15, Con. 3, Whitchurch Farm stock and implements, the property of Elijah Collard. Sale at 12 sharp. F. W. Silversides, auctioneer.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 21st—Credit sale of Farm Stock and Implements, belonging to J. W. Reesor, 9th concession, just north of Stouffville, who has sold his farm. Sale at one. F. W. Silversides, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 24th—At lot 11, con. 2, Uxbridge, farm stock, etc. belonging to J. W. Morrison, who is giving up farming. Sale at one. F. W. Silversides, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 27th—Extensive credit sale of farm stock, implements, etc., belonging to S.P. Foote lot 12, 5th line, Whitchurch. Sale at one sharp. F. W. Silversides, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th—Credit sale of High Grade Shorthorn Cattle, Reg. Horses, Reg. Cotswold Sheep, Implements, Furniture, etc. belonging to Wm. A. Dankeld, Lot 32, Con. 5, Pickering. No reserve. Sale at Twelve o'clock. F. Postill, auctioneer.

## DISTRICT & GENERAL HELPS THE BAND TO TUNE OF \$100

Mrs. Jas. Reynolds of Aurora had rhubarb pie last week, made from rhubarb two feet long and grown in her own cellar.

The Ontario County Council on Friday appointed W.J.H. Richardson of Whitby, Inspector of the House of Refuge for the year 1925, at a salary of \$100, replacing Owen Davies of Uxbridge Township. A total of 35 inmates were admitted to the County House of Refuge during 1924, and the number in residence on December 31st was 68, according to the annual report presented by Inspector Owen Davies, of Uxbridge Township, to the County Council on Friday of last week. It cost 46c. per day to maintain them.

A sudden death occurred on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Mrs. W. Robinson. Her mother, the late Mrs. Angus Cameron passed away while sitting in her chair, due to heart failure. She was in her 75th year. The late Mrs. Cameron who was the daughter of the late Peter Sinclair was born in Vaughan Township. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and is survived by five sons—John and Penetanguishene, Neal of Alberta, Norman of Whitchurch, and Donald and William of Aurora and five daughters, Mrs. J. Terry and Mrs. Geo. Holt, of King, Mrs. Elmer Shauntz of Kitchener, Mrs. Walter Robinson and Miss Florence Cameron of Whitchurch.

As a result of the extreme frost last week and inability to help himself, Benjamin Cowie, of Thorah, near Bolster, is now an inmate of Midland hospital awaiting the result of attention as to whether he will lose both feet and an arm as the result of frost bites. Cowie is a man well on to the eighty mark and lived alone in a poorly appointed house on his farm near Bolsover. For some days he had not been seen about and the neighbors finally decided to investigate. On entering the house the old man was found huddled beside the stove in which no fire had been for a long time, he being too feeble to help himself. He was found to be badly frozen.

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## SENSATION OVER FIRE IN STORE AT ZEPHYR

### Merchant Charged with Arson

Wm. Hillis, the notorious safe blower recently sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary, was taken from Toronto Jail to Uxbridge on Thursday of last week, where he gave evidence against Thomas Slee, merchant, of Zephyr, charged with arson in connection with the burning of the general store and post-office at Zephyr kept by T.O. Bartlett of Zephyr.

Hillis in the witness-box said that just after he had been released from the Kingston Penitentiary last May he met Slee at a King street east hotel in Toronto, and they talked about getting some more work for Hillis. Slee, according to Hillis, said he would give him a job of "burning his opposition out."

Hillis said he went to Zephyr in June and "looked over the ground," but did not like the idea, as there was a dwelling house close to the Bartlett store. Nothing was done until Sept. 30th, when according to Hillis, he, with Alex. Lang, now in Kingston Penitentiary, and a third man, stole an auto and drove to Zephyr. Hillis swore they broke into Slee's gasoline tank and carrying a supply to the Bartlett store, spread a quantity over materials in the building and set a match to the premises. They then drove back to Toronto, and on the return journey watched the fire from a hill.

Hillis claimed he had been promised \$100 for the job, but had been paid only \$50, which he divided with the other two. The payment was made in the King street hotel two or three days after the fire, he said.

T. O. Bartlett said his loss was about \$7000.

Inspector W. H. Stringer of the Criminal Investigation Department, Ontario Provincial Police, who took Hillis to Uxbridge, also gave evidence regarding a conversation he had with Slee. Slee admitted knowing Hillis, but denied any knowledge of the origin of the fire. Slee was committed for trial, and was taken to Whitby Jail. The hearing took place before Police Magistrate Hamilton.

The large room where the evidence was heard was crowded. Bail was fixed at personal bonds of \$6,000 and two sureties of \$3,000 each. Crown Attorney Grierson of Oshawa appeared for the Crown, and W. H. McGuire of Toronto for the Postmaster-General.

Slee will be defended at his trial by T. H. Lennox, K.C., of Toronto.

## BIRTHS

Stover—In Stouffville, on Feb'y 5th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover, a daughter.

## MARRIED

Frank—Todd—At the residence of her son, Mr. Lou Todd, on Wednesday, Feb'y 5th, 1925 by the Rev. R. Young, B.A., Mrs. Florence Todd of Stouffville, to Mr. Francis Frank of Erin, Ont.

The February meeting of the council of Stouffville was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, with all members present, and Reeve F. W. Silvester in the chair.

A number of citizens appeared on behalf of the Stouffville Band requesting a grant of \$100 to assist in paying the expenses of carrying on the band. The following spoke in support of the grant: Messrs. Harvey J. Lawson, A. C. Burkholder, Dr. S. S. Ball, W.H. Shaw, Harry Perry, Alex. Scott, J. R. Hodgins and F. L. Button.

The reeve expressed his sympathy with the band organization, which was concurred in by all the members and a unanimous vote granted the request of the petitioners.

The auditors report, signed by Messrs. A. H. Lawson and W. H. Clark was presented. They found the books of the treasurer correctly and properly kept.

A third reading was given the by-law giving Aluston & Sons a fixed assessment for five years of \$5000, as consented to by the votes of the ratepayers on Jan. 5th last.

The electric power load for December showed a decrease from that used in November. The December account was \$522.05 for \$9.5 h.p.

There being a surplus in the water works account of \$1100, it was decided to pay off an indebtedness of \$1000 held on note by Geo. Dowdwell. Only three more water works debentures issued at the time the system was installed remain unpaid amounting to about \$4335.

Council approved of an agreement made with Chas. Nendick to read meters and do all line work at a salary of \$50 for the first three months, \$60 per month for the next six months, and \$50 per month the last three months of the year.

Accounts Passed.

J. Nendick, shovelling	\$12 30
D. H. Cook, work	11 21
Light, clerk's office	4 00
Northern Electric, supplies	85 65
Dog tags purchased	3 88
Municipal World, supplies	15 05
Freight	1 82
Tribune, ptg and advertising	82 93
Firemen, clerk and caretaker	15 00
W. Crossin, draying	1 20
J. Urquhart, postage	3 00
Northern Electric Co. supplies	10 34

## MARKHAM AUDIT MAY COST

After an audit extending over more than three months, and an initial cost after the examination had proceeded for one month of \$1,000, the investigation into the Markham Township accounts is apparently as far from an end as ever. The investigation was entered into at the instance of Deputy-Reeve Robert Smith and Councillor Clarry, both of whom were decisively beaten at the January municipal elections, and following a request signed by 30 residents of Markham Township. The audit is a provincial one, and while ostensibly covering only the period during G.A.M. Davison's occupancy of the clerkship, some eight or ten years, is likely to run the Township into between \$4,000 and \$5,000 costs. The finding will be submitted to the Auditor-General's Department.

## COUNTY MEETING L.O.L. HELD IN BEAVERTON TUESDAY

A County meeting of the Loyal Orange Lodge was held in the lodge rooms of L.O.L. 129, Beaverton, on Tuesday of last week. Representatives from all the primary lodges in the County were present, including three from Stouffville lodge, namely Truman Holden, Richard Rae and Fred Paulkat.

Election and installation of officers and other business was carried through. It was decided to hold the annual celebration of the 12th of July in Beaverton on Saturday, July 11th, as the 12th falls on a Sunday. Stouffville lodge made strong recommendation to have the celebration held in this town, but the sentiment of the meeting was favorable to Beaverton. Stouffville was just three votes short in carrying the decision to meet here, which would easily have been overcome had a few more members turned out from the local lodge.

## GORMLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hoover of Toronto, visited the home, David Hoover, and other friends over the week end.

The Misses Elma and Marlon Cherry were week end guests of Miss Rena Wilson.

Miss Ethel Burwick will be greatly missed in Gormley after Saturday, as she is going to Toronto.

The few fine days we had, makes us wish for spring. All that was lacking was the chirp of the robins.

A goodly number around here had an enjoyable time at the miscellaneous shower, which was given to the newly weds on Monday night.

The meetings at Richmond Hill conducted by Dr. Crossley and Mr. Leonard have been the chief attraction of the people of this vicinity.

A big load of our young people went to Richmond Hill rink on Saturday night, and all went well and jolly with the exception of the couple that were nearly left behind when the tall board fell out of the sleigh.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. W. C. Jewitt of Toronto, is visiting at the home of her son Mr. Alex. Scott.

Mrs. Ross Davis and baby have been spending a week visiting her father in Toronto.

Dr. Kenmare of Toronto, spent a few days last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. H. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Marshall were in Toronto on Monday evening attending the annual dance of the staff of The Bank of Nova Scotia, held in the Crystal Ball Room of the King Edward Hotel.

Mrs. G. Crawford of Toronto, has been visiting her son F. R. Crawford in town. She has left on a trip to New York and thence to San Juan, Porto Rico, where she will visit other relatives.

W. R. H. Heaslip of Heaslip, New Ontario, a small village near Englehardt, has just spent a week at Fred Stephenson's, 9th con., south of town. Mr. Heaslip has a great affliction in that he has never heard a human voice in nine years, having gone deaf.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### BAPTIST

Rev. W. W. Fleischer, pastor.

Sunday, Feb. 15th.

Hear the third sermon in the series, "Famous Women of the Bible" at the Baptist church, Sunday night. Title, "The woman who never Married". Subject for the morning service: "The man who thought he failed". Remember our 6.15 p.m. meeting for prayer.

### MENNONITE CHURCH

A. G. Warder, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 15th.

10 a.m.—A growing Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Truth Series: Subject, "Fall and Redemption of Man."  
7 p.m.—Preaching by the helper, Altona (Union)

7 p.m.—Subject, "Three Great Things."

### METHODIST CHURCH

Geo. E. Coulter, pastor

Sunday, Feb. 15th.

11 a.m.—The pastor. Text, Matt. 5: 13, "Ye are the salt of the earth"

7 p.m.—Song service and short address.

The following numbers will be rendered by the choir:

1 "The day the Lord hath made."

2 Anthem—"Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand"

3 Ladies' Double Quartette.

4 Anthem—"Our Songs shall rise"

5 Mixed Quartette and Solo.

6 Men's Double Quartette.

7 Anthem—"Praise to the Lord"

Monday, Feb. 16th—Young People's League will hold their meeting at the home of Miss Eva Hoover, O'Brien Avenue.

Tuesday, Feb. 17th—The Ladies' will serve a New England Supper in the church basement. Miss Story of Markham, Elocutionist, is engaged for the occasion.

Wednesday, Feb. 18th, Prayer

## ROBUST MAN TAKEN

Mr. Walter Muston, head of the local firm of Muston & Sons, wholesale florists, died on Tuesday morning, Feb'y 10th, 1925, from apoplexy (stroke) suffered just three days to half an hour from the time of his death. Last Friday afternoon Mr. Muston, who was a healthy appearing, robust man, was curling in the local rink, and walked to the post office in the evening, apparently in good health, but that night he felt restless and was unable to sleep, when at 2.30 o'clock he was overcome with a stroke. The late Mr. Muston was 63 years of age, and was a native of England.

For many years he was in business in Toronto, but four years ago the firm located in Stouffville, buying out Brillinger Bros., and largely extending the business. He was a member and past master of York Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Stouffville Curling Club, and the Church of England. Surviving are his wife, two sons and two daughters, namely, James who was associated with the father in the Stouffville business, and Stanley, who conducts a retail florist shop in Toronto, also Mrs. Harcourt and Miss Evelyn Muston of Toronto.

The remains were taken to Toronto on Wednesday, following a service in Christ Anglican Church, Stouffville, which was attended by the local Masonic Lodge in a body. The last funeral rites will be performed from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harcourt, and will be under Masonic auspices. Interment at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

## IN MEMORIAM

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