

Charge Five Sitting Illegally Ontario County Council

Five townships in the County of Ontario have deputy-reeves sitting illegally on the County Council. Mayor Harry Jermyn charged last week. He declined to name the townships but he referred to East Whitby Township and four from the northern section of the county. Warden D. B. McIntyre promised an immediate investigation and a report by the time of the first meeting of County Council in January, so that if irregularities are found, representation would be restored to a proper basis at that time. Specifically, it is charged that many housewives are listed as owners and therefore eligible to be listed as voters for county purposes.

However, in view of Warden McIntyre's promise to look into the situation, the town council declined to pass a motion prepared by the mayor which called upon the "guilty" municipalities to pay back to the county treasurer, all monies which had been paid to the irregularly-seated representative.

Reeve McIntyre said: "This situation was brought to my attention for the first time yesterday. The County Council meets tomorrow and I propose to have a committee set up to check the records."

Mayor Jermyn: "I don't think you are going about it right. This has been going on for several years. It's pretty flagrant. Someone must have known this was go-

ing on." Councillor Nick Strynaka: "This council is only interested in seeing how quickly and thoroughly the situation is cleaned up."

The text of Mayor Jermyn's prepared statement read:

"It has come to my attention that certain municipalities within the County of Ontario are not entitled to the representation that they are presently enjoying on the County Council. I should explain that electors, whose franchise counts for county purposes, must be either owners, tenants and in rural areas, farmer's sons—under no other circumstances do electors count for county purposes. For representation on the County Council a municipality may have: one reeve for up to 999 electors eligible for county purposes; one deputy-reeve for from 1,000 to 1,999, and from 2,000 upwards the reeve has an extra vote to a maximum of four votes on County Council for any single municipality."

After studying the voters' lists of certain townships who are among the municipalities which go to form the County of Ontario, I have been struck by the open discrepancies that appear to exist—I will quote you one—upon the voters' list of which there are 1,152 voters—of which 1,094 are tenants, owners or farmers' sons, and as such count for county purposes. This number is great enough to allow that township a deputy-

reeve, which to me appears extraordinary, and to say the least, very unbelievable, for on their list less than two per cent are not eligible where Whitby has 27 per cent who are not eligible. To me there appears to be four or five deputy-reeves who are in a similar situation.

When one considers that there are 27 members on County Council, who hold between them around 30 votes, it seems to me it is time to check up when there are some of those votes which are illegal. Indeed, it could be that from 10 per cent to 15 per cent are illegal.

We, at this end of the County, namely Pickering Township, Ajax, Whitby Township, East Whitby Township have somewhere around 12 votes out of the 30 and yet they pay towards County costs the lion's share. The Town of Whitby, for example, has three votes, which represents 42,000 Whitby dollars in the County Pool. Yet one Northern Township pays less than \$17,000 and has two votes on the County. Our members from our end of the County are out-voted on nearly all quarters. All told, the County handles in revenue from taxation and provincial subsidies something over 1/2 million dollars annually. It is an urgent necessity to make sure all representation on the County Council is legal, according to the Act.

"I maintain that, had this situation been rectified some years

EDITOR'S MAIL

Mr. Editor:

Will you kindly allow space for comment concerning an item that appears in your issue of December 11th, under "Bible Questions and Answers."

One question is: "What about modern versions of the Bible?" In the answer The King James Version is recommended as being the best, and to this recommendation is added the comment "other helps may be used in the study of the Bible, but it should be remembered that they have been compiled by man..."

I submit that this statement, with its context, suggests that the translators of the King James version were divinely guided, while other versions were "man made" only.

Your writer may not have intended to convey this impression: if so, I apologize—but if the same impression is made upon other readers as was made upon me—when I read the paragraph—and if this is accepted as being the truth—the result will be unfortunate.

The King James version was made by men; even as the most recently translated Revised version was made by men; and both are subject to errors made by

other action taken by the County Council of the County of Ontario, particularly the voting of monies for any purpose whatever."

fallible men: the only difference being that the translators of the Revised version had the advantage of having access to several more ancient manuscripts than those that were available to the translators of the King James version—therefore the Revised version should be more accurate.

Of course those of us who were brought up on the King James version will always prefer it, but when in reading it, we come to an obscure passage, or to an archaic phrase, we will do well to turn to the Revised version for enlightenment.

In conclusion I would add that if we discard all modern religious thinking as being merely man made, we are also discarding our belief in the most cherished of Jesus' address to His disciples, when on the eve of His betrayal, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide those who might believe on His name.

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Ear muffs for sleeping people aid health, says a doctor. Especially if there is a snoring husband in the room.

Old timers can remember way back when an aviator could make front-page news flying across the Atlantic.

A grand opera star says singers should not drink. We don't know about that, but we do know that drinkers shouldn't sing.



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