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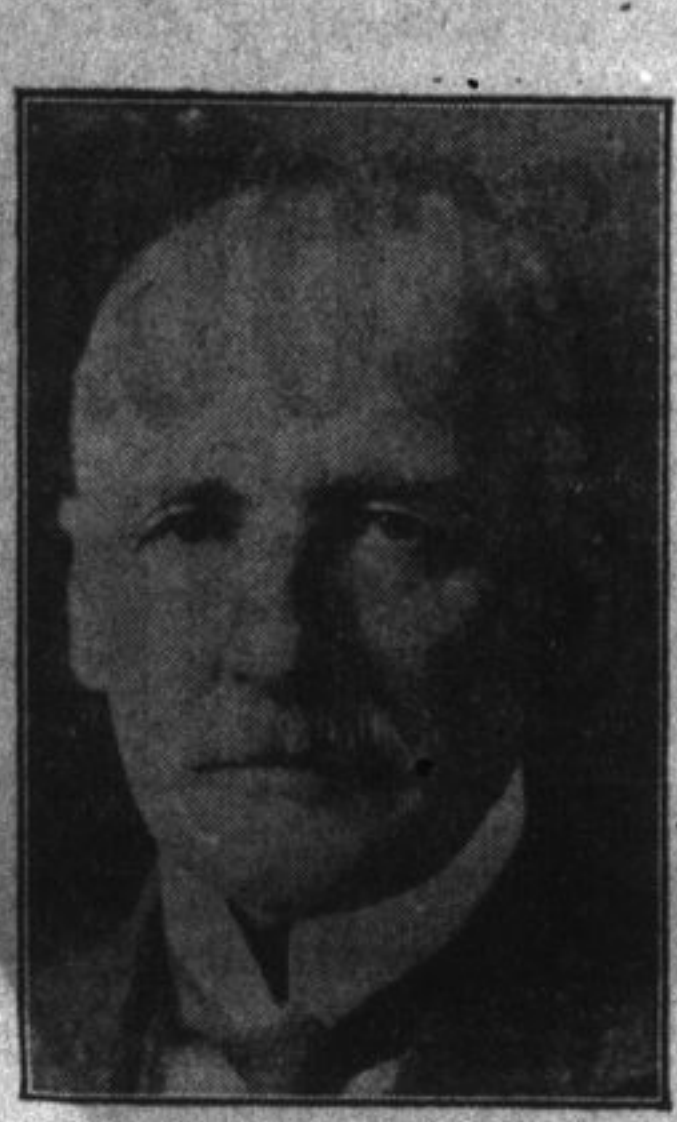
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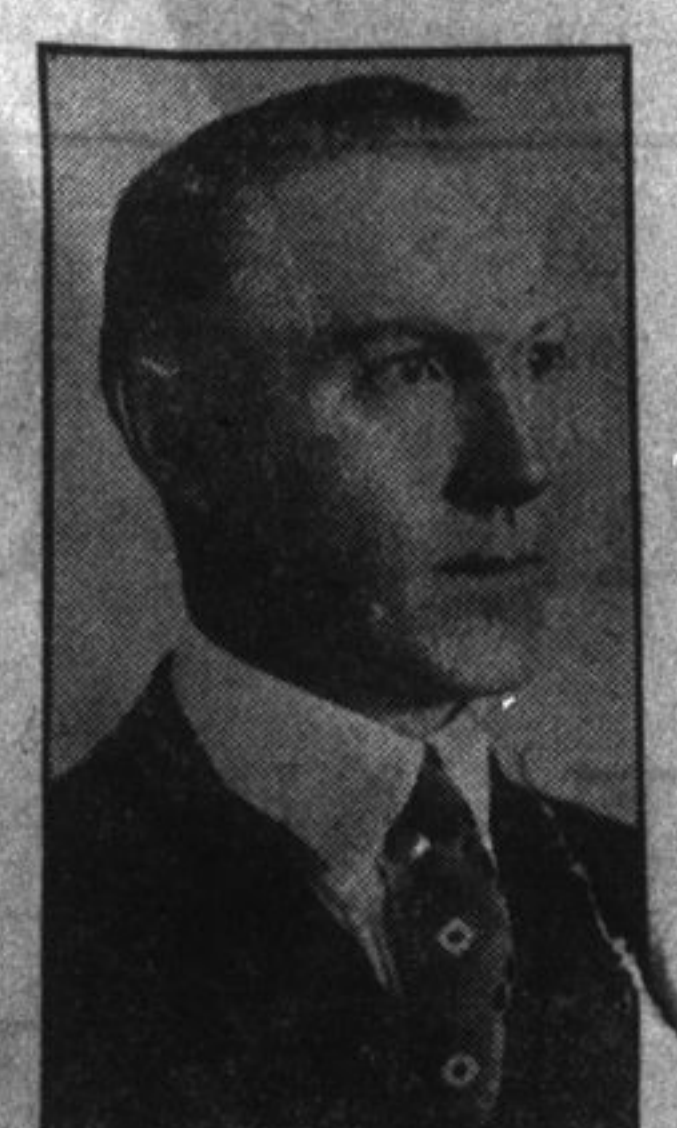
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Subdued the Fire. Tamworth, Dec. 31.—The old council was elected by acclamation. Dr. Thornlee and wife, Kipack, Mich., are visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Thornlee. Mr. and Mrs. G. Way are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. L. Way. H. Wells and wife are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wells. E. Floyd, a student of Queen's University, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Floyd. Miss Bernice White is visiting her sister, Miss Harrison, of the University of Toronto, is home with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison. The fire brigade answered a summons to a fire at the home of Reuben Woodcock, this week, but the neighbors had extinguished it before they arrived at the scene. An election for school trustees will take place in the near future. Mrs. McCallum is visiting her son, Mack, of the Standard Bank. Paul Thornlee and brother, Kenan; Kenneth Thornlee, North Bay, and Miss April, Toronto, are at the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Haines, Toronto, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Shields. Joseph Murphy, Toronto, is with his sister, Mrs. Cunningham. Mr. and Mrs. Whelan and Mrs. Woolf, Philadelphia, were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Caracallen over Christmas.

News of Clarendon. The roads are very good for both autos and sleighs. Miss M. Ross, teacher in the local school here, has gone to her home at Owen Sound for the vacation. Miss Lillie Campbell, Perth, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ambrose Boleas. Roderick Boleas, Unity, Sask., returned after visiting friends in this vicinity. Rev. H. H. Coleman, Sharbot Lake, held services in the Anglican church here, Sunday last. Mrs. Appleby spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Kingston, returned to her home here for Christmas.

For Racial Rights

La Patrie encourages the French-Canadians of the West to keep up the struggle for their racial rights. "The reception that is being accorded to the pilgrims from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the 'fair province' could not be more cordial. It is a real family festival. "Our compatriots of the West are struggling valiantly to obtain the recognition there of all the rights that they possessed in the Province of Quebec. They wish to speak and to teach their language freely, to have Catholic bilingual schools such as those which exist on the banks of the St. Lawrence, and to practice their religion as they wish. In Alberta and Saskatchewan they have already obtained more liberty than their brothers in Ontario. "The main grievance of French-Canadians in other provinces are those connected with separate denominational schools and the teaching of the French tongue. So far as the practice of their religion and the use of their own language are concerned, we do not know that there is room for serious complaint.

ON CHARGE OF THEFT.

Youth Accused of Stealing Coat and Sum of Money. Roy Howards, a young man in his early twenties, who was arrested on Christmas Day, at McDonald's Corners, near Mississipi, by Officer Tomlinson of Sharbot Lake, charged with the theft of a mackinaw coat and \$48 in cash from a resident of Oso, was brought before Judge Lavell on Thursday morning to elect trial. Howards chose to be tried before Judge Lavell and the trial was set for Wednesday, January 13th, 9.30 a.m. When asked if he wished to plead guilty or not guilty, the young man said that he was guilty of the theft of the coat, but that he was not guilty of stealing any money. Howards was not represented by counsel.

Are Elected Directors Of Belleville Chamber

Belleville, Dec. 31.—The annual election for directors of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce concluded yesterday, was perhaps the most spirited that has taken place since the Chamber was first organized. The ten citizens who were candidates for the positions were among the most prominent business and professional men in the city. The five candidates who received the majority votes and were elected for two years are: H. W. Ackerman, Chas. T. Dolan, R. J. E. Graham, Mackenzie Robertson, E. W. Worth.

Honored on Birthday. Cornelius Chapman, Pembroke, was remembered on his eightieth birthday. Led by Rev. Dr. Ellis, members of the official board of Wesley United Church, of which Mr. Chapman is one of the oldest members, waited upon him and presented him with an address of heart congratulation on the attainment of his eightieth birthday, and of appreciation of the long and valued service which he has rendered to the church. One of the interesting recollections of Mr. Chapman was the fact that Rev. Dr. Ellis, who headed the surprise party, when about fifteen years of age, was a clerk in his hardware store for about a year, a position which he left to study for the ministry.

Passing of Mrs. Robert Seeley. The death of Mrs. Robert Seeley, occurred at North Augusta, on Dec. 24th, after an illness of only one week. The deceased, whose maiden name was Eliza Ann Stephens, leaves besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Edward Flynn, Cleveland, Ohio; one son, William Byre, Brockville; two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lawson Greer, Hugh and William Stephens, Toronto. She was first married to the late George Byre, Elizabeth town, and on April 15th last was married to Robert Seeley. Mrs. Seeley was sixty-seven years of age and was a Methodist.

Robert Burns, Veteran, Dies. On December 26th, at Freeport Sanitarium, Kitchener, the death occurred of Robert Burns, formerly of Brockville. Mr. Burns' death was the result of overseas service during the war. He was a patient of the hospital for over three years. He was a moulder for over thirty-two years in the James Smart works.

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