NORFOLK NEWS

School Debentures Cleaned up; Fire Brigade Organization Complete

Parking Areas for Autos is Designated—$500 Additional to Navy League —The Civic Wood Question

(From our own Correspondent)

Simcoe, Sept. 9.—At last night's meeting of council, Chairman Langford, of the finance committee, reported that the last of the $40,000 school debentures placed on the local market in June, 1917, had been taken up a few days ago.

The total realized, exclusive of accrued interest, was $38,415.20, a total loss of $1,584.80, and though a much better sale than was effected some three years ago, $970 more would have been realized had his advice been taken in the spring of 1917.

Of the proceeds of sale $35,033.77 has already been turned over to the board, and a resolution went through ordering the payment to the board of $4,966.23 to complete the $40,000.

The clerk was instructed to advise the secretary of the board of education that in future the town treasurer would not honor orders from the chairman and secretary of the board, but that this body must hereafter obtain funds in advance of collection of rates by application to council in the conventional way.

Rules and Regulations for Fire Brigade

Alderman Jaques submitted for the approval of council, an exhaustive set of rules and regulations for the organization, discipline and business meetings of the fire brigade and the duties of the various officers. The compilation was the result of much labor on the part of Ald. Jackson, Chairman Jaques and Chief Kendall, and had been pretty well perused by the men. The force is left pretty well to itself in internal organization, and the brigade have the privilege of nominating men to fill vacancies or requesting the removal of undesirables. The chief is appointed by council without nomination, and the brigade elects all its other officers.

Limited Parking Privileges

The police committee recommended the following localities for parking of autos:

Reasonably close to the boulevarde about the court house block, east side of Norfolk street, along the park; east side of Lynwood avenue; north side of Argyle from Falls store to the Phoenix club house. In no case shall cars be left across lanes or private entrances nor within 20 feet of street intersections. The police have been instructed to be lenient regarding lights on cars standing reasonably close under electric lights, but cars parked in shadow or darker areas will not be so dealt with.

Great War Veterans Money

Messrs. John Pratt and Robt. Rawling addressed council on behalf of the Great War Veterans. They asked for permission to hold a tag day on the last day of the Fall fair, and they get it. Their request for a grant was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Jackson, Calder and Jaques. His Worship hoped that tag day results would suffice, but the visitors claimed that the organization is now dead broke, and the men are anxious to do something for the kiddies whose parents are absent, on towards Christmas time.

A communication from James Holden re. damages to property from freshets, was referred to the board of works.

Figuring on a per capita basis, Ald. Jackson showed clearly that Simcoe's share of the Navy League Fund is $1,000. Of this the town pays $500 through the county, $500 addition was voted last night, and those who wish to contribute otherwise than by taxation will be requested to hand their subscriptions to W. C. J. King at the Bank of Commerce. This bank has been designated as receiver for Norfolk. From enquiries already received, it is thought that the additional $200 will be received by voluntary contribution from those not heavily taxed. There was not a dissenting voice about the board. The sentiment prevailed that Simcoe must do its share irrespective of the attitude of other minor municipalities.

The Wood Question

Reeve Carter reported for the special fuel committee, and the Mayor and Mr. Langford reported on their interviews with the Chairman of the Railway and Municipal board. The fuel committee was authorized to enter into agreement with N. S. Boughner for the stand on an 8 1-2 acre wood lot some five and a half miles from town, which it is estimated will provide 800 cords of short wood. This subject to the approval of the Railway and Municipal board and of the Lt. Governor in Council.

Ald. Jackson dissented somewhat from the wood deal. He thought plenty of wood would be available this year as last. It was pointed out, however, that short wood, very short wood is now selling locally in small quantities at $16 a standard cord, which at best is equivalent to $48.00 a ton for coal, and with this price prevailing the town would certainly have a big charity business for the latter part of the winter; that a serious break in the gas main which might occur at any time would jeopardize many householders, especially as the local dealers cannot apparently get their share of coal All of the other members strongly supported the wood policy.

Release the Brake

Council, by resolution, passed over a request to the board of health to remove the restriction on receiving car loads of stable manure, during summer months. The May to October prohibition was invoked two years ago, subsequent to pronounced complaints, the causes for which were well grounded, and will not likely again obtain.

Council was advised that Dominion Canners have paid to the town treasurer $2,407.28 to meet the Litho plant debenture payment of this year.

Help Your Own Community

The corn pack is on in earnest at Dominion Canners, and with it the tail end of the tomato pack, plums and pears. Husking corn is no child's job. And help is required. In the interests of the whole community this crop should be taken care of. Next year's acreage depends among other factors, on the amount of help Simcoe can contribute to the pack.

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Winners C.N. Exhibition; Wyandotte Prince Takes First

Church of Simcoe Has Best Bostons—Milton Porter Has Good Percherons —Yeager's Stables Get Firsts

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Simcoe, Sept. 9.—After 12 years absence from the Toronto show, John S. Martin of Port Dover took down a few birds from his Wyandotte stock and cleaned up the Canada National, bringing home the following prizes:

For Cockerel, against 32 competitors, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

For Pullet, against 43 competitors, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

For Cock, against 24 competitors, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

For Hen, against 30 competitors, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

For Pen, against 6 competitors, 1st.

While for years, Mr. Martin has been busy with the big shows over the border he has listened good-naturedly to the taunting inquiry, "Why don't you show at Toronto, Mr. Martin." Mr. Martin has answered.

Boston Pulls Home.

Mr. Joseph Church stopped in for the week-end on his way from Toronto to London with his three dogs. He does not trust the express companies this year after his experience in having three animals smothered last year. "Peter Church" took at Toronto five firsts and the bronze medal for best Boston in the show under 17 pounds.

"Miss Canada," a sister puppy won 2nd and 3rd

"The Spirit," 3 years old, won 1st open and 2nd in limit.

A Good Come Back.

Ansley Yeager reappeared at Toronto with five horses. He took 2 firsts in combination, 1 first in single high stepping class and a number of seconds and 4ths.

Mr. Porter's Percherons.

We learned indirectly that Milton Porter, who had five Percherons down to Toronto was quite pleased with the winnings made by his entries.

Pte. Gordon Jackson Wounded.

Pte. Gordon Jackson, son of E. H. Jackson of the E. H. Jackson Co., Simcoe, was yesterday reported wounded in the leg and arm. The news came from a private source through a Glasgow friend. A letter recently received by his parents and written just after the Canadians made their early August forced march and surprise attack on Fritz indicated that his brother Bruce though in another division was quite near him. They met a day or so after the smash in a dugout which the wounded man recognized as one he had occupied before. The letter describes in graphic detail the march in at midnight. The writer was in the front line of the attacking party. They laid flat in the mud till precisely 4.20 when the barrage went over from guns of all calibre like "all hell let loose." They advanced through thick ground fog till well on in the forenoon and on reaching their objective dropped as the supports rushed past them to the attack. He was sent to the rear in the afternoon with prisoners, where he got breakfast, and slept soundly till 9 next morning. It took him the remainder of the day to catch up with his battalion. He speaks of Brown being wounded and of his death next day, and had heard that Smithson too, was severely wounded. They were all in the same unit. They were all of the intelligence section of the 14th Battalion.

Henry Westgarth, listed in yesterday's casualties as "wounded" enlisted on October 27th, 1914. His brother Robert signed up with Norfolk's unit.

Leonard Gauthby, listed with him, was one of three brothers resident here. Their father had charge as chief gardener of the then "Hodges" property.

P. McDonald, the third of the same Simcoe list was a 133rd Batt. man.

Lt. H. M Camp of Teeterville was the fifth Norfolk man news of whose casualty came to hand yesterday.

Capt. Jaques Slated for Furlough.

Mrs. Jaques received a letter from the nurse in attendance on her husband stating that before taking ill the Captain was slated for furlough to Canada and that he will embark as soon as he is able to make the trip.

Lawyers Home From Holiday.

It is wonderful how soon the legal mill begins to grind after the lawyers hit town from vacation. Magistrate Gunton's court had to adjourn a four o'clock appointment after a preliminary session on another case because the solicitor retained to defend a quartette of youths charged with gambling or something of the sort, was busy on another case across the way.

Charge Reduced.

Samuel Robinson, of Southeast Woodhouse, married, doffed his hat to Magistrate Gunton at two o'clock yesterday afternoon to answer a charge of indecent assault on a 17-year-old girl, the ward of Hamilton Children's Aid Society, and domiciled at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells.

The charge was by consent reduced to common assault, in fact, that was somewhat the tenor of the original wording before the mill began to grind.

Robinson was found guilty and taxed ten bucks and costs for being indiscreet. T. J. Agar for the Crown, W. E. Kelly for the defence.

Duck Shooters Interested.

There was a man for every chair and then some at the Judge's Court yesterday afternoon, when the evidence in the appeal against the decision of Robert Craig, J.P., in a case for trespass proffered by Dr. McInnes of St. Williams against some residents down that way for trespassing on his water lot. It will be remembered that the original case opened at Vittoria several months ago, and was adjourned to Simcoe and judgment was given against the accused.

Mr. McInnes produced a deed of a waterlot in front of property owned by or controlled by him, said waterlot extending out 40 rods into the bay. He has the confines staked off and had wire fencing up. Sportsmen say that in some weather they have to go through the property. But there is often good duck shooting within the stakes and there is the bone.

The afternoon was spent hearing perhaps more than a dozen witnesses. Argument of the case was set for some days ahead. Meanwhile there'll be duck shooting down that way.

Innes (Simcoe), Lamport (Toronto) for appellants, Porter (Simcoe) for respondent.

Press Photographs.

Miss Clement of Brantford is visiting Mrs. C. A. Chadwick.

Several citizens fancied yesterday evening that our townsman, D. G. McKnight, was caught in that front page cut in last night's Courier. It would be just like him to get around near where Sir Robert was speaking, for he has a sneaking regard for the Premier.

Mr. C. Osborne began yesterday to article with T. J. Agar.

Odd Ends of News.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Bedford, mother of Mrs. Plummer of Chapel street, was held to Oakwood Cemetery yesterday.

"We have them on the run," wrote a Simcoe boy on a field card and he enclosed the card in an envelope along with three short shoulder straps from Hun tunics and sent it home.

H. Carter, chairman of the Board of Works, can advise Council at a moment's notice exactly how much his department has expended to the moment. And he is keeping tab on what the department is earning, through charity wood, snow shovelling on private property, street watering and all such. And he claims every department head should do likewise.

The closet system specified by Messrs. Chapman and McGiffen, architects for the new school and of an automatic type, made by an English firm, has, up to the present, refused to operate. For about a month the architect has been colored under the collar about the affair. We hit the probable source of trouble. Simcoe water is pure, not like that Toronto stuff. But why worry. This firm produced the new Knox College in Toronto, and ought to be able for our job. It's rather embarrassing here just now, however.

County Treasurer J. Porter left for London this morning to attend a meeting of the executive of the I.O.F.

There was a large attendance of Dover citizens at the funeral of the late H. H. Reeves of Port Dover yesterday morrning. The procession reached Simcoe at ten o'clock. Interment took place at St. Mary's Cemetery, Rev. Father Nagle officiating throughout.

FRESH LOAN TO TURKEY.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—The Turkish minister of finance has announced that Turkey has concluded a fresh loan from the German Government for 45,000,000 Turkish pounds, the Berlin Vossische states. The conditions are identical with those of previous loans.

MILLIONAIRE DIES.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Watertown, N.Y., Sept. 9.—Col C. G. Staples, millionaire Washington banker and hotel owner, died suddenly at the Thousand House at Alexandria Bay last night, aged 83 years. Col. Staples formerly operated the Willard, Riggs and National Hotels in Washington and was proprietor of the Thousand Island House at Alexandria Bay, New York.

MILITARY VICTORY IS A DREAM

So Says President of Hungarian Independent Party

By Courier Leased Wire.

Basel, Monday, Sept. 9.—President Wilson's program as a basis for negotiations for peace is endorsed by Count Michael Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independant party. A Dispatch from Budapest, quoting from an open letter written by Count Karolyi to his electors to whom he recommends an early peace, says;

"A decisive military victory, despite its successes is a dream for which it is useless to pursue. The prime conditions of peace negotiations is the democratization of nations and the abandonment of imperialistic theories. A second is that we should not become slaves to the idea of a middle Europe, either militarily, economically or politically and that we should not strengthen our alliance with Germany which would form the first step towards the realization of this central Europe.

FEDERAL REVENUE UP BY $12.5

For the First Five Months of the Fiscal Year

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—An increase of over $12,500,000 in the revenues of the Dominion for the first five months of the current fiscal year, ending August 31, is shown by the financial statement for the month of August, issued to-day by the Department of Finance. The increase is encouraging because of the fact that customs collections have fallen off by approximately $7,000,000.

A jump in miscellaneous receipts, including a number of the new war taxes, from $6,803,937 for the April-August period, 1917, to $16,877,079 for the same period this year makes up for the loss in customs revenue and provides $3,000,000 of the $12,500,000 increase. Despite the enforcement of the prohibition measure excise revenues have increased by over $1,000,000 and Government railway receipts are higher.

The total revenue for the five months' period is $118,350,020, as compared with $105,785,600 for the same period last year.

War expenditures for the five months have totalled $63,580,275, as compared with $51,427,162 last year. For the month of August alone Canada spent $19,571,723 on the war.

The net debt now stands at $1,196,239,346, as compared with $864,143,590 on August 31, 1917.

BOYS ARE VICTIMS OF SHOOTING ACCIDENTS

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 10.—Carlyle Grisdale, 14-year-old son of Reeve Grisdale of Thorold, was accidentally shot through the stomach by one of a party of young friends late yesterday. He is in a critical condition. Within the past two months two other sons of Reeve Grisdale, Arthur and Lionel, have been officially reported killed in action. Another son is still on service overseas.

Belleville, Sept. 10—Jas. Ketcheson, aged 15 years, youngest son of ex-Mayor Ketcheson of this city, was last night the victim of an accident which may prove fatal. In company with a companion named Ward Luffman, he was examining a revolver when the weapon discharged, the ball entering Ketcheson's abdomen, inflicting a gaping wound. His condition is serious.

RY. MAIL CLERKS MEET.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Quebec, Sept. 9.—The second annual convention of the Dominion Railway Mail Clerks Federation was held in this city last week and was attended by delegates from all the Dominion W. F. Griffiths, St. John, N.B., was elected president for the ensuing year; E.C. Bell, Calgary, first vice-president; A. Methot, Montreal, second vice-president; A. E. Cain, Toronto, third vice-president; C. A. Hines, Winnipeg, secretary, and M. McLellan, Mosejaw, treasurer.

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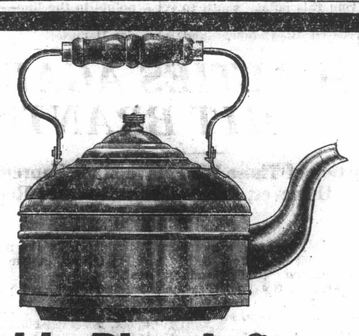

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