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## East Flamboro Council Meeting

The East Flamboro Council met in the Township Hall, Waterdown, on January 13th, 1918.

As a result of the Municipal Elections held on January 6th, the following gentlemen had been elected as members of the Council for 1918, namely: Peter Ray, Reeve; Wm. H. Easterbrook, Jas. A. Attridge, Jas. W. Robbins and Richard Taaffe, Councillors. After making Declaration of Qualification and taking Oath of Office they took their respective positions.

The minutes of the last meeting of last year were read and adopted.

Communications were received as follows:

From the Oscar Hudson Co., stating they would accept the work of auditing, according to the conditions of the by-law.

From the Hospital for Sick Children, asking for a grant from the Council. No action was taken.

From the Secretary of the Waterdown High School, stating that the term of Mr. Frank Baker as Trustee had expired.

It was moved by W. H. Easterbrook, seconded by R. Taaffe, and resolved, that Mr. Baker be re-appointed by this Council as Trustee for another term of two years.

There was also a communication from the Municipal World, asking the Council to subscribe for it.

It was moved by J. A. Attridge, seconded by W. H. Easterbrook, and resolved, that the Clerk be instructed to order seven copies for the Councillors, Treasurer and Clerk, for 1919.

The Clerk stated that the amount of unpaid taxes at the beginning of the present year on which the 5 per cent. was to be added was \$3,634.60.

It was moved by J. W. Robbins, seconded by J. A. Attridge, that this Council approve of the by-law passed by the Council of 1918, appointing Auditors for last year's accounts. The yeas and nays being called for on this motion, the result was: Yeas—Easterbrook, Taaffe, Attridge and Robbins. Nays—Ray. The Reeve declared the motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Attridge, seconded by Councillor Taaffe, and resolved, that Councillor Robbins be given power to look up a suitable building, that the crusher and bin may be put inside.

Three applications were received for the office of Assessor for the present year, namely, Wm. A. Drummond, W. O. Alderson and Morton Williamson.

Moved by R. Taaffe, seconded by W. H. Easterbrook, and resolved, that the Reeve issue his order to pay all accounts passed at this meeting. The following were ordered paid:

Jas. F. O'Donnell, election expenses, Div. No. 4	17 40
Walter Horne, election expenses, Div. No. 1	17 50
A. M. Tansley, election expenses, Div. No. 3	16 00
Ralph Little, election expenses, Div. No. 2	8 00
Walter Horne, for services as Truancy Officer, 1918	10 00
Robert Wigood, for work on roads	18 00
Peter Ray, for expenses attending Hydro meeting at Oakville	2 85
George Church, for election expenses, \$3.40; tel. account, \$3.74; postage and express, \$1.57; putting per cent. on unpaid taxes, \$3.00	11 71
Nassagaweya Township, for East Flamboro's portion of cost for work on town line	2 95
L. J. Mullock, postage, etc., to Dec. 31st, 1918	2 74
Ben Tuck, for attending 6 sittings of Division Court as Bailiff	6 00
J. C. Medlar, for attending 6 sittings of Division Court as Clerk	6 00

A by-law was introduced and given three readings, appointing the following persons as a Board of Health for 1919, namely, Peter Ray, Reeve; Dr. Horper, M. O. H., at a salary of \$100.00; P. C. Sheppard, Sanitary Inspector, salary \$50.00; W. O. Gastle and George Church.

Another by-law was introduced and given three readings, appointing an Assessor for the present year. The vote on this appointment was a tie, and the Reeve gave the casting vote in favor of Mr. Williamson, who was appointed Assessor at a salary of \$175.00.

It was moved by J. W. Robbins, seconded by W. H. Easterbrook, and resolved, that this Council amend the by-law relating to Committee work and mileage.

Council then adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in February, or at the call of the Reeve.

PETER RAY, Reeve. GEORGE CHURCH, Clerk.

### SPECIAL MEETING

Waterdown, January 15th, 1919.

A special meeting of the East Flamboro Council was called by the Reeve at the Clerk's residence on the above date.

Meeting was called for the purpose of considering the advisability of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission taking over the abandoned Hamilton-Oakville Radial Electric Railway. Members present, the Reeve, Councillors Attridge and Easterbrook.

The Reeve explained the matter to the Council and after considering it, it was moved by W. H. Easterbrook, seconded by Jas. A. Attridge, and resolved, that whereas, the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company has ceased to give service over their line and declared the Company insolvent, and

Whereas, the lack of service has already resulted in great inconvenience, discomfort and financial loss to the residents of this Municipality, and

Whereas, it does not seem possible to arrange terms with the said company whereby service may be resumed, and

Whereas, the municipalities in the district from Oakville to Hamilton have voted upon the desirability of constructing and operating a Hydro-Electric Railway under the Hydro-Electric Railway Act of 1914 and amendments thereto, and

Whereas, a clause was inserted in the 1916 amendment to the said Act forbidding active construction until the close of the war, and, whereas, the war is now being ended, there appears to be no reason why the construction of the aforesaid Hydro-Electric Railway should not be proceeded with at once, and

Whereas, the said Hydro-Electric Railway parallels the Hamilton Radial for a considerable part of its length, and

Whereas, apparently the Hydro-Electric Railway can utilize much of the property of the Hamilton Radial, the acquiring of which will eliminate the duplication of railways in the district and should, therefore, reduce the cost of transportation to the residents of this Municipality and prevent economic waste, and

Whereas, the type of construction, equipment and service of the said Hydro-Electric Railway would not only be suitable for a through line, but also allow of the business recently handled by the Hamilton Radial to be transported more economically.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario be requested to:

- (1) Proceed at once with the Hydro-Electric Railway between this Municipality, Toronto and Hamilton, and
- (2) Negotiate with the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company with a view to acquiring the railway owned by that Company and utilizing it wherever possible for the Hydro-Electric Railway, and
- (3) Use every endeavor to acquire and immediately operate the said Hamilton Radial so as to give service between this Municipality and Hamilton at the earliest possible date.

PETER RAY, Reeve. GEORGE CHURCH, Clerk.



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### "FOR VALOR."

Soldiers From Dominion Awarded  
the V.C.

The London Gazette gives an official account of how Lieut. Graham Thomson Lyall, 162nd Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment, won the Victoria Cross. The official citation says that the Cross was awarded for "most conspicuous bravery and skillful leading during operations north of Cambrai. On July 29 last, while leading a platoon against Bourlon Wood, he rendered invaluable support to a leading company which was held up by a strong point, which he captured by a flank movement, together with 13 prisoners, the field gun and four machine guns. Later his platoon, now much weakened by casualties, was held up by machine guns at the southern end of Bourlon Wood. Collecting any men available he led them towards a strong point and springing forward alone, rushed the position single-handed, killed the officer in charge and subsequently captured at this point 45 prisoners, he consolidated the position and thus protected the remainder of the company. On Aug. 1, in the neighborhood of Belcourt, when commanding a weak company, by skillful dispositions he captured a strongly-defended position, which yielded 80 prisoners and 17 machine guns. During two days' operations, Lyall had thus captured altogether three officers, 182 other ranks, 26 machine guns and one field gun, exclusive of the heavy casualties inflicted. He showed throughout the utmost valor and high powers of command.

Pte. G. J. P. Nunney, D.C.H., M.M., 28th Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, is granted a Victoria Cross, according to the Gazette, for most conspicuous bravery during operations against the Drocourt-Queant line on Sept. 1 and 2, 1918. On Sept. 1, when his battalion was in the vicinity of Vico and Artol, preparatory to advancing, the enemy laid down a heavy barrage and counter-attacked. Nunney, who at this time was at company headquarters, immediately on his own initiative, proceeded through the barrage to the company outpost lines, going from post to post, encouraging the men by his own fearless example. The enemy were repulsed and a critical situation saved. During the attack of Sept. 2 his dash continually placed him in advance of his companions. His fearless example undoubtedly helped greatly to carry the company forward to its objectives. He displayed throughout the highest degree of valor until severely wounded.

Pte. Walter L. Rayfield, 7th Battalion, British Columbia Regiment, according to the Gazette, secures the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and initiative during the operations east of Arras from Sept. 2 to Sept. 4, 1918. Ahead of his company he rushed a trench occupied by a large party of the enemy and personally bayoneted two and captured ten men. He later located and engaged with great skill under constant rifle fire an enemy sniper, who was causing many casualties. He then rushed the section of the trench from which the sniper had been operating and so demoralized the enemy by his coolness and daring that 30 others surrendered to him. Again, regardless of personal safety he left cover under a heavy machine-gun fire and carried a badly wounded comrade. His indomitable courage, cool foresight, and daring reconnaissance were invaluable to his company commander and an inspiration to all ranks.

### FINE SPOT FOR REST.

Village That Never Grows Has Its Appeal.

In the glorious summer time, when vacationists from the cities scatter in a thousand and one directions to seek pure air, rest, recreation and inexpensive experience, some of them come across the village that never grows. It is found here and there, but not everywhere. Usually it consists of a postoffice, a schoolhouse of field stone or of the "little old red" variety, a church, a dozen or twenty dwelling houses and a population of less than a hundred.

It was founded a century or two ago, and it has changed some since then, but has not grown. There is but one place that shows increase, and that is the churchyard. Sometimes a railroad searches out the village and the bell and whistle of the locomotive disturb the long-established quiet of the place, but it refuses to grow, even when a station is added to the number of buildings. For the good but inert inhabitants simply tolerate the innovation and make use of the trains when need requires them to do so; but sooner or later an old shed is burned down and the normal number of buildings is thus happily restored.

Yet the village that never grows has its proper place in rural economy, and is not to be despised, as those well know who have found it for their summer vacation. All around it are farms and the village is the place where the farmers attend religious services, where the children go to school, where the "garden sass" is sold, and where much of the farm produce is sent to be forwarded to the Government storehouses or to the front. There is no reason why the village should grow. It fulfills its purpose perfectly as it is. It holds fast to the old-time religion, conserves old-time religious virtues, has no ambitions and does not envy other places that double their population every decade and their taxes and responsibilities in proportion.

And what a restful place is the village that never grows for the work-weary vacationist who has no taste for the ocean resort, no regard for the big mountain hotel and no pocketbook for either. It is the place of delicious quiet, of restful inactivity, of good victuals, clean water, pure air, homelike attention, courteous though unpolished companionship, the privilege to go when and where one pleases, to do anything or nothing as inclination suggests and to have as good a time as it is possible to enjoy. The village that never grows is like a diamond in the mine, a treasure for the one who finds it. And in spite of automobiles, trolleys, railroads, electric lights and modern improvements of all kinds, there are more of these quiet, restful, charming villages than many people suspect.

### Heroes of the Everyday Life.

Illustrating the strain under which western doctors have labored during the epidemic of influenza, it is recorded that Dr. Jackson of North Battleford did not once get into his bed in fourteen days and nights, stealing his only snatches of sleep while being rushed by automobile from one sick-bed to another.

### "Somewhere in Germany."

Letters received within the past few weeks from Canadian soldiers serving with Imperial units show a variation from the old familiar "Somewhere in France." The date now follows the words "Somewhere in Germany."