

Death of Alexander Johnston

A profound shock was felt in the community, when word came that Mr. Johnston, of Three Sideroad Brooke, had died from a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. Johnston was about his usual work so late as Thursday of last week, and on Tuesday morning his death occurred. Mr. Johnston was one of the early settlers of Brooke who cleared the timber from what is now one of the most up-to-date farms in the locality. Of late years he took a deep interest in fruit culture, having planted one of the largest orchards and set out a large area in strawberry and other plants. His son Lyl is secretary of the local Co-operative Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Johnston leaves besides his widow, one son at home and four daughters. His childhood home was near Forest and many of his relatives still reside there. The funeral is to be held on Thursday at Alvinston Cemetery. Mr. Johnston was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church at Inwood and a constant attendant at its services. The family have the deep sympathy of the community in their sad loss and bereavement. —Free Press.

A fire in the business section of Strathroy on Saturday evening did damage and loss to the extent of \$80,000.

The Municipal elections in Blenheim were fought on the questions of propriety of granting a pool and billiard license at a reasonable fee. The result was a clean sweep for those who were supported by the friends of the pool players, all their candidates but one being elected, and only one opponent getting in, at the bottom of the winners.

BROOKE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The annual meeting was held in Alvinston on the 15th inst. The President and Secretary were re-elected.

The only thing that needed to be done apparently at the meeting of the subscribers of the Brooke Municipal Telephone System, held in Code's Hall, Alvinston, on Monday afternoon was to endorse the excellence of the financial report submitted and to insist that the board from President to Secretary remain on the job until they finish their good work by completing the sale of debentures this fall.

Mr. Duncan McEachern, President, told of the growth of the organization in 1916 with 35 subscribers to 840 subscribers and 43 renters in 1917. The harmony with which the subscribers and the board worked for the interests of the society was attributed as the cause of the wonderful success of the undertaking. The money for the institution was all raised locally and the fact that the debentures sold for 5% was a creditable showing for the local interests which financed the undertaking.

The President also spoke in connection with the building of new lines and said that with the consent of the subscribers the board would leave new construction work until such time as the price of labor and supplies returned to normal. The prevailing high prices made it prohibitive for the system to extend very extensively. A number of subscribers urged the early building of the trunk line from Inwood to Watford which it was thought would be of great benefit to the whole system. They were willing however to allow the

board to use their own discretion as to the proper time to build.

Reeve Annett of Brooke who explained that his place on the board is to care for the interests of the Township highly commended the work of the board and advised the ratepayers to insist that the old hands stay on the job. He stated that he did not believe that there was another man in Lambton county who could equal the record of the President during the past six years. The other members of the board were also deserving of much credit which was given to them unstintedly by the speaker. He was not in favor of any further extensions of the system until conditions improved. The other members of the board spoke along the same lines and endorsed the stand of the President stating that only on condition that the former retained his office, would the other members continue. The meeting was then opened for new business and several minor matters in connection with the service were taken up. The officers stated that they had always had excellent treatment from the Bell Telephone Co. which helped a great deal in making service satisfactory. The Inwood trunk line was the chief topic of discussion.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BROOKE TELEPHONE FROM 1911 TO JAN. 1, 1917.

RECEIPTS	
Liabilities from Tp. Brooke 1911	\$ 7800.00
" " " " 1912	9600.00
" " " " 1913	17700.00
" " " " 1914	2800.00
" " " " 1915	5580.00
" " " " 1916	6300.00
Inwood System 1915	17500.00
Debiture No. 1 1913	2201.58
" " " " 1914	2201.58
" " " " 1915	2201.58
" " " " 1916	2201.58
Debiture No. 2 1916	3185.81
Interest on Inwood system	875.00
Taxes from paid to board	1403.49
	\$ 71550.62

EXPENDITURES	
1913 Township debentures No. 1	17200.00
1915 " " 2	24600.00
Taxes from 1911 to 1916 inclusive	22479.47
	\$ 64279.47
Balance	\$ 7271.15
Unsold debentures	\$ 7864.50
Surplus over liabilities	593.35

ARKONA

Miss Adele Mellor is visiting her brother in Detroit, Mich.

Messrs. Broad and Claude Bastram, of Breckenridge, Mich., are visiting their father, Mr. Wm. Bastram.

Miss Louise Percy left on Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Richard Wilson is visiting her sister in Thorndale.

Winter underwear for men, women and children.—Fuller Bros.

Messrs. Harry Percy and Clarence Eastman are spending a few weeks in Sarnia.

Mrs. H. Stoner, of Parkhill, has been spending a few weeks with her sons, Messrs. Roy, Arthur and Orville Stoner.

Mrs. Stewart, of Detroit, Mich., and Miss G. McKay, of Stratford, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

Mr. Arthur Innis left on Monday for Toronto, where he intends enlisting in the British Navy.

Miss Ethel Pauls, of Moose Jaw, is renewing acquaintances in and around the Ark.

The Women's Institute will hold a ten cent tea and social evening at the home of Mrs. Wes. Lucas on Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, in aid of the Belgium Relief Fund. There will be a program, consisting of solos, duets, quartettes, readings, banjo and piano selections, also violin and clarinet selections.

Boxes all ready to send to the boys at the front, sealed and containing chocolates, cakes, etc.—Fuller Bros.

Mrs. Sanford Lucas, of Alvinston; Mrs. Williamson, of Watford, and Mrs. J. Hall and daughter, of Sarnia, attended the funeral of their father, Mr. S. Waterman, which was held on Wednesday.

Showler Waterman, a well-known Arkona man, died suddenly on Monday, in his 81st year. He had been unwell for many years. He is survived by four

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daughters, two at home, and Mrs. F. Lucas, of Alvinston, and Mrs. Hall, of Sarnia. The funeral was held Wednesday.

LAMBTON COUNTY LIVESTOCK BREEDERS

Lambton County Livestock Breeders Preparing for a Dispersion Sale.

At an Executive meeting of the Association held in the Agricultural Office, Petrolia, on Wednesday, January 17th, the date of the Sale was chosen for Wednesday, February 28th, 1917. Some forty head of pure bred Livestock are already listed for this Sale. Inspectors are appointed to inspect all livestock before it is accepted and listed. The object of this Sale is to encourage the breeding of better stock by bringing the stock to a central point for sale, to develop a market for such stock and to distribute it widely in Lambton County. Breeders of pure bred stock wishing to take part in this will forward the animals' numbers, together with copy of pedigree, to the Secretary of the Association, W. P. MacDonald, Petrolia, before February 15th, to have the same inserted in the catalogue for distribution. Copies of Rules of Sales can be had on application to the Secretary.

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County Representatives of 1877

The County Council forty years ago this year was composed of the following reeves and deputy reeves. The late George Shirley was warden.

Bosanquet—Robt. Rae; reeve; J. C. Pollock, deputy reeve.

Brooke—Geo. Shirley, reeve; Wm. Kelly, deputy reeve.

Dawn—Hiram Wilson, reeve.

Euphemia—J. Roberts, reeve; W. Drew, deputy reeve.

Enniskillen—D. McNaughton, reeve; H. Gooden, deputy reeve.

Moore—Robt. Fleck, reeve; James White, deputy reeve.

Plympton—F. Smith, reeve; W. Sparling, deputy reeve.

Sarnia—John Lowrie, reeve; D. Livingston, deputy reeve.

Sombra—W. Kimball, reeve.

Warwick—E. McGillicuddy, reeve; J. Campbell, deputy reeve.

Sarnia Town—A. C. Poussette, reeve; E. M. Proctor, deputy reeve.

Petrolia—W. H. McGarvey, reeve.

Forest—A. Rawlings, reeve.

Watford—Robt. Campbell, reeve.

Oil Springs—A. V. Elliott, reeve.

Arkona—W. Vatey, reeve.

Wyoming—H. H. Hunt, reeve.

BORN.

In Warwick, on Thursday, January 18, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh, a son.

MARRIED.

On Friday, Jan. 12, 1917, at St. John's church, Strathroy, by Rev. Rural Dean Robinson, Mr. F. J. Moore, of Warwick, to Miss Rosina Clara Chambers, of Metcalfe.

DIED.

In Watford, on Friday, Jan. 12th, 1917, Ann Thexton, relict of the late Robert Thexton, aged 75 years, 8 months.

In Warwick, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1917, James Spalding, aged 80 years, 7 months, 7 days.

Strathroy, Jan. 5th, William H. Welch, in his 88th year.

In Forest, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1917, Catharine Cameron, relict of the late John Hayne, in her 88th year.

In Forest, on Friday, Jan. 12th, 1917, Ann Spearman, relict of the late Joseph Owens, aged 76 years, 1 month, 29 days.

In Bosanquet, on Monday, Jan. 15th, 1917, Mrs. Harry Taylor, aged about 70 years.

On the old lighting system Strathroy paid 32 cents per 1000 candle power hour. Under Hydro the cost is 3 1/4 cents with the prospects of a reduction this year.

A Shick Trick

Saturday afternoon, a woman, muffled up to the eyes, for it was a cold day, drove up in front of one of the town stores, and seeing a man walking by on the sidewalk asked him to be kind enough to tell a clerk in the store to come out for two baskets of butter. The clerk coming out, the woman stated that she had two baskets of butter for Mr. ——— of Kitchener (the clerk has forgotten the name, but that does not make any difference), who was going home on the four o'clock train, and would he (the clerk) mind advancing her the price of the butter, and the man from Kitchener would pay for it when he called. The clerk went to the back of the cutter and took the two baskets of butter into the store, weighed them and brought the woman out \$12 for the butter, thirty pounds. About train time, the man from Kitchener not having called for the butter, the clerk began to get anxious and thought he would look into the baskets. He removed the top paper and saw pound prints nicely wrapped in dairy wrappers, but on taking out one print discovered it was tallow instead of butter. Tallow is nine cents a pound, and the woman had made \$9.30 on the transaction, less the price of the two baskets. The clerk has given up looking for the man from Kitchener, but is still peering into the faces of the women from the farms, trying to recognize the woman who sold him tallow and called it butter. —Rodney Mercury.

Out of the thirteen names in nomination for the two vacant seats in the Petrolia council, only two qualified, and are elected by acclamation, namely, James Pitman and C. Umphrey, both new men at the Council board.

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mlinson, an old resident of , Adelaide, is dead, age 69