

NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

SIMCOE'S TAX RATE 25 MILLS

Rate Struck by Town Council Last Night—Was 23 Last Year

(From our own Correspondent)

Simcoe, June 11.—The meeting of the town council adjourned from the 3rd last night, was concluded last night. The big feature was the reviewing of the estimates. Council was prepared for a 28 mill rate, but through persistent pleading and the good offices of the board of education in cutting their estimates by \$1,500, the committee was able to recommend a 25 mill rate. The usual law was passed.

The details of the report follow:

Estimates for 1918	
Actual 1917	Estimated 1918
Court fees . . . \$ 234.00	\$ 175.00
Fines . . . 188.00	175.00
Hydro Electric (fixed) . . . 1,948.91	1,948.91
Licenses . . . 691.00	650.00
Market (re school) . . . 150.00	150.00
Snow shovelling not shown	100.00
Taxes, dog . . . 407.00	500.00
Taxes, poll . . . 375.00	300.00
Taxes, local frontage . . . not shown	6,822.47
Taxes, rail-way . . . 516.32	258.16
Taxes, special levy . . . 6,822.42	6,822.42
Taxes, general levy, 25 mills . . . not shown	62,427.70
Unique Shoe Co., fixed . . . 1,673.58	1,673.58
Waterworks . . . 4,500.00	4,000.00
Total . . . \$86,003.19	

EXPENDITURES	
Uncontrollable	Controllable
Bank interest . . . 602.00	1,000.00
Board of Education . . . 13,610.31	16,721.36
Board of Health . . . 42.40	100.00
County levy . . . 6,600.00	12,000.00
Debitures and interest, general . . . 22,561.51	23,246.70
Debitures, frontage . . . not shown	6,822.42
Insurance . . . 53.40	36.00

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Public Library, 1-2 mill	1,247.50	1,249.55
Street lighting	4,009.80	3,424.00
Total uncontrollable	\$64,600.03	
Controllable		
Board of works	4,500.00	4,500.00
Contingencies	369.95	1,000.00
Fire, water and gas	6,539.87	5,000.00
Lawn costs	258.79	200.00
Market	50.43	50.00
Miscellaneous	3,500.00	3,500.00
Printing	169.77	200.00
Park, special	75.00	25.00
St. oil and water, town share	485.17	500.00
Salaries and allowances	3,141.87	4,676.00
Total controllable	\$21,403.16	

Total expenditures . . . \$86,003.19

Notwithstanding the fact that we had but one small local improvement debenture retiring and have an abnormal county demand, and last year's sewer installation, and an abnormal county demand, almost double that of last year, and nearly three times that of 1916; it is gratifying that we have been able to proceed with the public services under present conditions at this rate.

We believe that the public will receive the announcement with genuine surprise. The chairman of the finance committee himself was so surprised that he insisted on the revision of the figures.

Economizing Man Power.
Chairman Carter of the Board of Works reported that Supt. Fiddis had perfected an attachment to the watering cart whereby the driver of the tractor also controls the valves of the sprinkler.

Auto Owners Uneasy.
Chief Canning has caused some uneasiness among auto owners who

have been saving their batteries and Council may shortly designate certain portions of streets where cars may be parked to avoid the necessity of keeping the lights on. Meanwhile the livery barns are available.

Speeding and evading the necessity of purchasing a license are receiving attention, and while police officials were measuring out a test strip of road for observation an enquiring caller at the agency wanted to know if there were going to be some new construction work that would boost the taxes.

Juveniles at the wheel are being held up of late but the storm may blow over without injury to any save the defiant on careless drivers. The charity committee reported a peculiar case of a woman who wanted \$2.00 a week from the town for looking after her grandchildren during the temporary illness of her daughter.

Chairman Crabb gets credit around the Board for being able for the charity end. In the case in point, it is a soldier's wife's family and double the Patriotic Committee have been obliged to curtail through the trust fund route.

Messrs. John Pratt and Secretary Harry French of the G.W.V. interviewed council with reference to the application of Mr. Wakford, one of their member, for the position of Supt. of the Works Dept. He was foreman on the street before going overseas. As the matter had been referred to the Board of Works, no action was taken pending the report of the Board.

New Policeman.
On recommendation of the Police Committee Mr. Gay of West St. was the successful applicant for the vacancy on the force. He goes on for a month on probation at \$70.00. Mr. Gay enlisted for overseas but was discharged at Camp Borden.

Press Photographs.
Dr. and Mrs. Dey left yesterday afternoon to spend the summer at Wood's Hale, Mass.

Mrs. W. G. Weskes of Brantford spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. John Sharp, Colborne St. north. Miss Mary Clement Luscombe, daughter of the late James Luscombe and of Mr. Luscombe (now Mrs. J. Sharp) of Simcoe were in Saturday married in Detroit by Byron Jones Kaufmann of that city and will reside there at 343 McCraw Ave. after June 15th.

Mrs. R. S. McGill, Mrs. Dugit and Master Robert are off to Toronto for a few days' visit with friends. Sgt. Chas. Luscombe is khaki and is training in California. He is a son of Mrs. John Sharp of Simcoe.

C.H. Pick was in Hamilton on Sunday to see Supt. L. Harry Wood go through en route overseas.

Mr. W. C. Sills of Brantford, formerly of Victoria and Simcoe is in town superintending the installation of the cold storage plant at Dominion Corners. The Canadian Ice Machine Company has the contract.

Major Boyd was up from Niagara for the week-end.

Mothers with sons! Boys' Suits and Bloomers at genuine bargain prices should appeal to you. See them at Whitlock's Big Moving Sale, Dalhousie street.

Men's Suits are marked down even below pre-war prices at Whitlock's Big Moving Sale, Dalhousie street.

AFRICA MUST OBEY CALL
By Courier Leased Wire.
Estorier, June 11.—In an address here General Botha said that South Africa would be unworthy of its free constitution if it did not recognize the call in behalf of the Allied cause.

"To-day the Allies are fighting against odds," he said. "But I believe in God, and He never allows a righteous cause to fail. Even if Paris fell we will win, because we cannot surrender our faith, our freedom. (Cheers). General Botha urged all fit men to enlist. He dwelt on the success of the scheme of obtaining recruits by substitutes.

HELP RETURNED MEN.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Chicago, June 11.—Addressing the American Medical Association, T. K. Bender, a vocational secretary of the Invalided Soldiers' Commission of Canada, told what the Dominion had done to provide employment for soldiers returned because of wounds. He said that of the thousands of men sent overseas from Canada, less than 60 had returned blind and that many of these had been provided with employment. The total number brought home who had lost legs or arms, he said, was about 1,500. Rehabilitated cripples had been given training in 197 occupations with success, he said.

SUFFERING CATS!
GIVE THIS MAN THE GOLD MEDAL

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THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED.
The moon got between the sun and the earth on Saturday, casting a black shadow at the rate of half a mile a second across the United States from the State of Washington to Florida. The shadow's width varied from 66 miles on the Pacific and to 40 on the Atlantic coast total eclipse lasted 20 minutes at Aberdeen, Wash., 45 seconds in Florida. While the path of total eclipse was narrow, all North America saw it as a partial eclipse.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON VISIT TO LONDON

Duke and Duchess of Devonshire Welcomed to Forest City in Rainy Weather

London, June 10.—Despite showery and chilly weather many thousands turned out to-day to welcome their Excellencies, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The civic reception was held this morning in Victoria Park, 7,000 school children participating in the singing of patriotic songs. From there the viceregal party made a tour of the city, inspecting a number of public schools and hospitals. After a civic luncheon tendered His Excellency, the visitors attended the General Assembly, where the Governor-General delivered a brief address. The visit wound up by a review of the troops on Carling Heights. The Duchess was entertained to a luncheon at the Keenels by the National Council of Women.

Officially their Excellencies are to leave the city to-night at 6.30, but it is anticipated that they will stay in London until Tuesday morning.

It is rumored that the Duchess is not in the best of health at present and it was hoped that the short rest in London would bring about an improvement.

Their Excellencies are due in Woodstock and from there they go to Galt and Kitchener.

AMERICAN COMMUNIQUE.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, June 10.—General Pershing's communique to-day reports the repulse of a heavy attack in the vicinity of Bouresches, with severe enemy losses. There was lively artillery fighting in the Chateau Thierry and Picardy sections.

SUB SANK HOSPITAL SHIP
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, June 11.—Although Lord Newton, head of the British delegation to the prisoners of war conference at The Hague states he refuses to believe that the hospital ship Konigen Regentes was torpedoed, the weight of evidence seems to leave very little doubt but that the ship was the victim of a U-boat.

Men's Odd Trousers, \$2.50 values, for \$1.89, \$3.50 for \$2.99, \$4.00 for \$3.59 and \$5.00 values for \$4.39. Whitlock's Big Moving Sale, Dalhousie street.

Men's Socks, 40c cashmere for 33c pair. Lisle thread socks, 50c for 44c, and 75c for 68c. Whitlock's Big Moving Sale, Dalhousie street.

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