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**C. N. R. TIMFTABLE**  
 Southbound ..... 7.26 a.m.  
 Northbound ..... 11.20 a.m.  
 Southbound ..... 3.12 a.m.  
 Northbound ..... 8.51 p.m.

It was described as a dry time  
 when a Scotsman and an Irishman  
 went into a public house and the  
 Irishman hadn't any money.  
 Teacher asked Tommy for a sen-  
 tence with the word "moron" in it,  
 and he said: "Papa told sister she  
 couldn't go out until she put mor-  
 on."

Some people claim they've never  
 spoken before an audience, and yet  
 the same people have talked many a  
 time over a rural telephone line.

**Wit and Humor**

Two soldiers, having been captur-  
 ed, were ordered by the Arab chief,  
 as a punishment, to be stripped and  
 sent to gather fruit. The first return-  
 ed laden with grapes, and following  
 conversation ensued: Chief—What  
 bringest thou? Captive—Grapes.  
 Chief—Swallow them whole. Captive  
 commences to laugh. Chief (enraged)  
 "What laughest thou at? Captive—  
 I was just thinking of my poor  
 chum; he's bringin' coconuts.

The scene of this story is the far  
 south. A tourist inquired how things  
 were. "Stranger" replied the old fel-  
 low, who was sitting idly on the  
 stump of a tree, "I had a pile of  
 brush to burn and the lightning set  
 fire to it and saved me the trouble of  
 burning it up. I had some trees to  
 cut down, but a cyclone levelled  
 them and saved me the trouble."  
 "Remarkable" said the stranger, "but  
 what are you doing now?" "Wait-  
 ing for an earthquake to shake the  
 potatoes out of the ground!"

**The Champion's Fate**  
 A woman well known locally for  
 her fows sold one to a neighbor.  
 But it proved particularly tough, and  
 as he had paid a big price for the bird  
 he called on the woman without del-  
 ay.  
 "What do you mean by imposing  
 such a bird on me, one of your oldest  
 neighbors?" he enquired.  
 "Why, was there anything wrong  
 with it?"  
 "Wrong! If wasn't good at all!"  
 "Well, it ought to have been. It  
 won first prize at the poultry show  
 eleven years in succession!"

A girl who spends \$3 on a pair of  
 stockings has a right to show \$2.75  
 worth of them—even then some crit-  
 ics harp.

**BRUCE COUNTY DEBT**  
 The debt of Bruce County at the  
 beginning of 1926 was \$164,409.66,  
 made up as follows: for patriotic  
 grants \$87,945.58, for bridge build-  
 ing debentures \$76,464.33. No ad-  
 ditional debentures will be issued  
 this year as the half cost of repairs  
 to Hanover bridge can easily be met  
 out of the current year's receipts.  
 The last debt added to the county  
 was two years ago when an addition  
 was made to the county buildings  
 and a new system of heating the  
 buildings was installed.

**KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS  
 WITH HAMMER**  
 Little Williard Dealy, aged 5 years  
 son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dealy, of  
 Arran Tp., narrowly escaped serious  
 injury on Tuesday of last week. His  
 father was building a fence along  
 with Mr. James Nicholson and was  
 driving a stake with a sledge ham-  
 mer, when the little fellow walked  
 over to his father from behind and  
 came in contact with the sledge ham-  
 mer, cutting him above the eye and  
 rendering him unconscious. Medical  
 aid was summoned and three stitches  
 were required to close the wound.—  
 Tara Leader.

**REPORT OF S. S. NO. 1, HOWICK**  
 Report for May  
 Sr IV—Beatrice Ferguson 53, El-  
 ma Finlay 44.  
 Jr. IV—Lily Edwards 47.  
 Sr. III—Jack Ferguson 64, Elva  
 Dane 44, Harold Wright 33, Clara  
 Detzler 29.  
 Sr. II—Gordon Wright 82, Lorne  
 Edwards 77, Harry Edwards 73,  
 Hartley Barton 35.  
 Jr. II—Robert Ferguson 73, Inez  
 Finlay 49, Bertha Detzler 48.  
 Sr. I—Mac Metcalf 70.  
 Jr. I—Alta Finlay 82, Elsie Barton  
 80, Mildred Dane 71, Mildred Stew-  
 art 70, Leslie Edwards 67, Alberta  
 Ferguson 64.  
 Sr. Pr.—Gladys Taylor 80.  
 Jr. Pr.—Woodrow Dustow 69.  
 Elsie M. Cooke (teacher)

**BRUCE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
 Tax Rate Down One Mill—County  
 Valuers Appointed—Children Aid  
 to be Investigated—County Gyped  
 on Repair Bill—Educational Costs  
 Lower—Hospitals Get Big Grants.

The Bruce County Council mem-  
 bers opened the June Session on the  
 evening of Monday, May 31st, in Kin-  
 cardine. All reeves and deputies  
 were present with the exception of

Dugall Smith of Greenock. At the  
 request of the Warden, Reeve (Rev.)  
 J. C. Tolmie, of Southampton, opened  
 the session with devotional exercises  
 Warden McDonald spoke briefly, wel-  
 coming the members and asking them  
 to give their best consideration to all  
 business of the session.

**Appoint County Valuers**  
 Twenty-one applications for the  
 positions of county valuers were re-  
 ceived in response to advertising  
 for same. Those applying were:  
 Urban—E. A. Duncan Wiarton; T.  
 A. Stout, Southampton; Wm. McDon-  
 ald, Chesley; J. McLean, Ripley.  
 Rural—R. W. Bain, R. 2, Ripley;  
 C. Brown, R. 3, Wiarton; J. H. Cook,  
 Lion's Head; J. K. Davidson—R. 1,  
 Hepworth; A. Knox, Pinkerton; A.G.  
 Montgomery, Tiverton; D. S. McDon-  
 ald, R. 5, Lucknow; T. P. McDonald,  
 Teeswater; J. S. McEwan Chesley;  
 G. Nickel, Mildmay; T. F. Pearce,  
 Paisley; J. W. Reaney, Port Elgin;  
 A. Robertson, Paisley; W. H. Rut-  
 ledge, Kincairdine; J. Scott, Port El-  
 gin; J. W. Sinclair, Tara; L. Taylor  
 R. 2, Teeswater; Jos. Vogan, R. 2  
 Mildmay; J. Wright, Chesley, T. A.  
 Stout, Southampton.

It was moved that the Equalization  
 Committee and Warden's Committee  
 be a joint committee to report on this  
 item. An amendment to this named  
 only the Equalization committee.  
 This brought the first division of the  
 session. For the amendment 17;  
 against the amendment 15.  
 The valuers accepted were Wm.  
 McDonald, T. A. Stout, J. McLean,  
 Urban; A. Robertson, C. Brown, D.  
 S. McDonald, Rural. The salary is  
 \$5.00 per day with \$75 extra for mil-  
 age for the rurals and \$40 for the  
 urbans, the former not to exceed \$500  
 and the latter \$290 each. The valu-  
 ing is to be completed by Dec. 1st.

**Engineer's Report**  
 The engineer's report stated that  
 the roads had come through the rare  
 weather we have had better than was  
 expected. Erecting portable snow  
 fences and building others had less-  
 ened the winter expenses. As the  
 public demanded a better class of  
 roads the expenditure could not be  
 cut this year. Considerable new  
 equipment would be required. Six  
 small graders were purchased and a  
 team. A gas tractor will be replaced  
 with a new one and one or two crush-  
 ers bought. The road from Hanover  
 to Walkerton is having calcium  
 chloride put on. The paving at  
 Paisley is being completed and com-  
 menced at Lucknow. The latter will  
 cost \$35,000, of which \$10,000 will be  
 paid by the village.

Much gravelling, filling and drain-  
 age work will be necessary, including  
 five miles of gravelling west of Glamis,  
 resurfacing east of Walkerton,  
 and north and south of Teeswater.  
 Between Pine River and the county  
 boundary on Goderich road should be  
 gravelled and approaches filled. The  
 amount required for road purposes  
 will be \$188,000.

**Assisting Summer Resorts**  
 The county council is aiding sum-  
 mer resorts along the lake front.  
 These municipalities have been re-  
 quested to forward reports on attrac-  
 tion for tourists. Pictures and all  
 information will be published in the  
 advertisements and literature of the  
 Ontario Tourist Association.

**Rate One Mill Lower**  
 According to the last report of the  
 Equalization Committee the assess-  
 ment amounts to \$281,461.10. This  
 amount being necessary to meet cur-  
 rent expenditures for the year will  
 necessitate a levying of ten mills.  
 This is a mill less than last year and  
 means a saving of approximately  
 \$28,000 to the people of Bruce.

**Council Was Soaked**  
 Last fall R. G. Sturgeon, of Peter-  
 borough, was hired to inspect the  
 heating system of the county build-  
 ings. This he did and sent in his re-  
 port outlining a number of necessary  
 changes and repairs. He claimed he  
 was an expert and was ready to do  
 the work, which he stated should be  
 done without delay. The Property  
 Committee engaged him. For the  
 time he spent on the job and the work  
 done, his bill for \$1200 was stagger-  
 ing. The committee came in for  
 some severe criticism and the price  
 was declared exorbitant. The Coun-  
 cil are of the opinion they were badly  
 stuck. Sturgeon's tender for repair-  
 ing the House of Refuge plant was  
 thrown out right smartly. It called  
 for repairs amounting to \$2200.

**Street Paving**  
 The village of Mildmay attempted  
 to butt in on Kincairdine by request-  
 ing that pavement be laid in 1927.  
 However, the council deferred action  
 until the provincial government an-  
 nounced the plans regarding the  
 highway that passes through Mild-  
 may. Chesley asked for pavement in



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1928. It was decided to leave this in  
 the hands of the highway committee  
 of that year.

**To Investigate Children's Aid**  
 Considerable dissatisfaction as to  
 county's connection with the Child-  
 ren's Aid Society is in the minds of  
 members of the board. As it is the  
 county funds that practically support  
 the institution, it is felt that the  
 board should have greater authority,  
 such as the appointing of the board  
 of managers, etc. The \$2000 grant  
 was made this session as requested,  
 but the clerk was instructed to se-  
 cure full information as to the coun-  
 ty's responsibility to the Aid for the  
 December session, and that in future  
 fill large purchases, such as changing  
 of car and improvements be referred  
 to and approved by the Property  
 Committee.

**Hospital Grants**  
 Walkerton hospital requested a  
 grant of \$3000 and Kincairdine hospi-  
 tal \$2500. Comparison between the  
 two financial statements of these in-  
 stitutions was made by members of  
 the council. Kincairdine had more  
 patients and more free patients than  
 Walkerton yet their expenditures  
 were around \$2000 less in the year.  
 Almost every item on Kincairdine's  
 statement was lower than on Walk-  
 erton's. Favorable comment was  
 made on the efficiency of the man-  
 agement of the Kincairdine hospital.  
 Both institutions were granted \$2500.

**Education**  
 The cost of education in Bruce is  
 some \$13,000 less than last year.  
 The heavy item last year was the  
 building of the new school at Luck-  
 now. This year continuation school  
 grants amounted to \$15,658. The  
 following grants were made to high  
 schools: Chesley \$452; Kincairdine  
 \$819; Port Elgin \$4270; Walkerton  
 \$872; Wiarton \$4747.

**Roads and Bridges**  
 The road and bridge committee was  
 quite lavish in their recommendation  
 of grants 'as follows: Riversdale  
 bridge \$250; Indian road at Chippewa  
 \$150; Cape Crocker reserve \$150; St.  
 Edmunds \$100; Eastnor and Albe-  
 marle townline \$100; Amabel \$50;  
 Brant bridges \$500.

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Regarding the bridge known as the Durham Road. The county would  
 Snake Creek bridge, in Saugeen, be required to pay one-fifth of this  
 there was considerable discussion, or \$35,000. A motion was passed  
 Had Reeve Dugall Smith been presen- requesting the Dept. to take no ac-  
 tion in this case this year as the  
 the result might have been differ- road was in a good enough condi-  
 ent. A few years ago the county tion. It was felt that the county  
 took over a Saugeen bridge and did- could not afford the expenditure at  
 n't feel like doing so in this case. this time.

**Miscellaneous**  
 Representatives of the Globe In-  
 demnity Co., and the Adams Grader  
 Co., addressed the council, the latter  
 demonstrating with several films of  
 moving pictures. L. Warner of Tees-  
 water, was appointed a county con-  
 stable. Only one hawk's license  
 and four auctioneer's licenses were  
 issued. A complimentary grant of  
 \$200 was made the town of Kinca-  
 rdine. Motions of regret of the ill-  
 ness of Judge Klein and Reeve Dugall  
 Smith were passed.

The Dept. of Highways of Ontario  
 informed the council that they pro-  
 posed spending \$160,000 on surfacing  
 Smith were passed.