

... NEWS FROM ... NORFOLK COUNTY

PLANS FOR "GET TOGETHER" AT DOVER WERE LAID YESTERDAY

Representatives From Municipalities Interested Made Preliminary Preparation

WELCOME MR. CARVELL

Rousing Reception Will be Tendered the Minister of Public Works

NEWS FROM SIMCOE

Many Applicants for County Treasurership are Appearing

A GIANT MAPLE TREE

(From our own Correspondent)
Simcoe, May 31.—About forty or fifty delegates from boards of trade, manufacturers' associations and councils met at Port Dover yesterday to arrange for a "get together" meeting to greet the Hon. Mr. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, when his cruiser drops anchor at the old dock. A strong executive committee including C. G. Elliott, Geo. De Bus, Kitchener; J. H. Hancock, Ga't; Mayor MacBride, Brantford; D. F. Aiken, Simcoe; C. B. Robinson, Paris; Mayor Weaver, Hespeler; Mayor Reid, Preston; W. Wilcox, Watford and Mr. Starn, Waterloo, was chosen to make necessary arrangements.

Messrs. De Bus, Weaver and Whitney were named as a sub-committee on transportation, and Messrs. Hancock, Galt, Barwell, Dover, and Murdoch, Shaveco, a sub-committee on entertainment.

"Is it going to be an all-gents' picnic, or will the ladies be invited?" asked the ever-active secretary of the Kitchener Man's Assn. And the ladies were, by motion, included.

The bin was thrown out that all who can do so should motor for the crowd would likely tax the railway company's transportation power.

There followed open discussion of the main theme, The improvement of Dover harbor at once.

Mayor MacBride of the City of Brantford, described the transportation across the Niagara as trying to take too much through the neck of the bottle, and thought Dover, development essential for the centres of commerce and manufacture north and the only method of relieving the congestion at Buffalo and Black Rock. "It is a war time necessity," and if lack of funds is all that is in the way, no doubt the municipalities concerned could come to the relief of the government in the meantime.

Many of the delegates were unable to remain to partake of the fish dinner provided at the hotels by the Dover Board of Trade, though the invitation to wait over for the 7 o'clock car was pressed.

Their Name is Legion
Among the platoon of aspirants said to be in the field for the county treasurership, we have already heard mentioned the names of the following: Geo. A. Curtis, John Porter and Geo. J. McKie of Simcoe, ex-Warden Moon of Port Dover, Thos. Cunningham of Windham, Morley Knowles, ex-teacher and returned veteran of Pt. Rowan, and Schuyler of Townsend, Hawland, Burnham, and many other names are mentioned. The office carries a salary of some \$650 or \$700. Politics, service at the front, service in the county council qualifications et al are being bundled up to attack the green table.

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Who Can Beat It?

Mr. N. S. Boughner has a tree on his Windham farm that measures in circumference four feet from the ground, 13 ft. 9 inches. Its branches spread over eighty feet. It is a soft maple, and has embedded in its girth pounds of lead bullets fired by three generations at a target suspended from its trunk.

This Seed Good

James Moore dropped in yesterday to tell us that he sowed 16 bushels of government seed spring wheat received from the Government "car" shipped in and distributed by Mr. Neff. He says the ground is now shoe-top high, and one requires to be near by to see in which direction the grain was drilled in. Of course this George Lelsik farm generally produces a crop. The news is good in any case.

Press Photographs

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowyer have returned to town from Bartonville. Senator McCall and Messrs. G. C. Murdoch, D. F. Aiken, W. C. McCall and T. E. Langford were in Dover yesterday attending the meeting of delegates for the purpose of arranging for the "get together" convention to meet the Minister of Public Works when he visits the harbor.

Elliott Moore of Wallaceburg, is home on a visit with his mother, Mrs. Robert Moore, West street. Gunner Rex Bowyer, in writing to his parents, descriptive of the former retreat during the Hun drive, gives a description of the havoc wrought on the enemy which suggests that he and Capt. Selby were in the same unit. At one time they were surrounded, but fought their way out with cannon and machine guns.

Sense and Nonsense; Logic and Guesswork
We would not venture a guess as to where the present local discussion of public works was going to say "municipal" matters will end. Reeve Carter comes back this week with a rejoinder against Geo. Williamson, and to ward off the blow the editor makes a double attack, with the left wing against the council's policy of street watering, and the right "pitted" against "democracy," as "freedom from irksome or exacting restraint." Mr. Carter has the rule of the majority. Mr. Donly bows gracefully to war-time government "tyranny," but looks for a day when every man may do as he pleases. And without being specific, he voices his hope for a not far distant date when war-time legislation will be revoked.

Mr. Williamson says early closing is not in the general interests of the town, but that he has closed early for two years.

Mr. Carter wants majority rule, but would not leave the question of early closing to the purchasers rather than to the vendors.

Mr. Donly claims that majority rule is quite apt to be wrong, and that a majority of 70 should not coerce a minority of 7 (even if the latter wished to smoke Havanas during service in church.)

Incidentally we are informed that you can make a first class road bed on any fair bottom if you use enough of fairly good oil.

There's nothing wrong about this

claim but that it cannot be proved in practice. King street got half an inch in 1915 and was in a pretty mess all the following spring. During the years 1914-18 over \$30,000 was spent in oiling some of Simcoe's streets. What a stretch of 18 ft. concrete roadway might have been built in 1914 with \$30,000! But then this self appointed critic will say we should have spent \$60,000; perhaps more.

The policy of cutting out the oil this year is not Reeve Carter's pet scheme. The matter was threshed out in Council. No one wanted oil at 50 per cent. increase on last year's cost.

No one was sure that oil could be delivered this year when wanted. The Council was not aware of this improvement in freight service till yesterday. Last year traffic conditions were not quite so good.

One may know a great deal about the possibilities of a barrel of printer's ink, but street oil is a little different.

Whether was it the oil of last year or the exceptionally dry spring we have just had that caused the streets to be less muddy this year than last?

It is generally observed that town streets are much more muddy than country roads. They must use a lot of oil outside the corporation.

But what's the use? Will some one tell us whether Robt. Rawling may hand out fresh government fish after seven o'clock of evenings? He is going to get the fishy news by afternoon express. He shut down at 7 Wednesday evening as a precaution.

Certificates of Honour.

The town fathers are about to issue certificates of honor to all returned soldier citizens and to next of kin of all who died overseas, and all such are requested to give the particulars as to full name, number and battalion to T. E. Langford, Chairman of the committee in charge.

OWN HANDS OF NEWS.

Max Rubin has moved the residence of his stock to Delhi where he can do business during evenings.

Harry Marlett has sold his cash and carry grocery business to a Mr. Ryan of St. Thomas, the transfer was made on Wednesday and stock taken the same evening.

Another business concern contemplates opening in the premises recently vacated by Max Rubin.

A fire in the Pennam factory at Waterloo was smothered in its incipient stage owing to the prompt action of the employees in applying the ready chemical.

When the weather settles the oil on hand since last year will be put on the leading streets as far as it will go.

(Held Over From Wednesday)

The Industrial Committee has now prepared for potatoes, beans and roots, and allotted to deserving citizens who will work the same, a goodly area of vacant lots. The work has been done systematically and the results are good. Each lot holder has signed a former lease, undertaking to cultivate the crop and keep down the weeds or relinquish the right thereto. There are to be no neglected gardens here. The leases have been prepared without cost by Alderman Jackson and Chairman Calder states that the whole enterprise will be carried out at trivial expense and that the greater part of the \$50 allowance made by Council will be untouched. This result is in part due also to co-operation with the Board of Works, in that the latter removed the trees from the G.T.R. property. And the Board in turn got even by converting the trees into charity wool and selling it to the charity committee.

In another direction the works department and the parks committee are working in conjunction, and the cleaning up and care of the park is being done by the members of the street squad. By this method a small staff of men are given continuous work by the corporation, and the bills for new shovels, spades, picks and axes sent to a small fraction of what they have been in the past.

Yesterday the tractor turned in at six with a train of two wagons and the grader. The substantial wagons are the running gears of the old water tanks and the gravel boxes have been made by the men of Supt. Fidler's staff for they are all round handy men. And they are to be congratulated at the evidence of municipal thrift that has drawn favorable comment from not a few men of municipal experience in past years.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS
Kemper, Matthes & Co., 140 Dal-housie street, quotes New York stocks, 1 p.m. Railroads: B. & O. 54 3-4; N.Y.C. 71 3-4; C. & O. 57 1-2; Erie, pld. 32; L. V. 59; Mo. Pac. 23 5-8; Penna. 43 7-8; Rdg. 36 5-8; R. I. 22 3-8; So. Pac. 32 1-2; Un. Pac. 120; Ex. Div. 2 1-2 p.c.; St. Paul 43 1-2. Industrials: Anaconda 61 3-4; Car Pndy. 74 7-8; Smelters, 74 1-8; U. S. Steel 97 7-8. Div. 4 1-4 p.c.; Utah, 77 1-2; Crucible, 60; Linseed 38 3-4; Distillers 54 3-4; Beth Steel B 77 3-4. Corn Products 39; Ann. Can. 42 5-8; Mex. Petroleum 90 1-8; Baldwin 80 1-4; Westinghouse 144; C. F. I., 45 1-4.

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