

VETERANS ELECT 1921 OFFICIALS

E. D. Finkle is Local President—Others Chosen Also Live Men for Positions.

EATS, SONGS, SPEECHES
Belleville Branch of The G.W.V.A. Found in Flourishing Condition

Belleville Branch of the G.W.V.A. is in a very healthy condition, according to reports presented to the annual meeting held last night at headquarters, Front Street. President C. F. Wallbridge occupied the chair and told of the amount of work the organization had performed, paying particular reference to relief. The Belleville branch has now a membership of four hundred and fifty.

Comrades of the association enjoyed a four and a half hour program. Before them was spread a banquet of large proportions, full justice to the viands being done by the one hundred veterans who attended.

The elections were a feature of the evening and balloting was very closely contested. The new officers were chosen as follows:

President—E. D. Finkle.
1st Vice-Pres—Leo Blaker.
2nd Vice-Pres—Geo. Irvine.
Committee—J. W. Day, L. G. Madden T. G. Wells.

Comrade R. D. Ponton presented the retiring President, C. F. Wallbridge, with a past president's gold badge.

The G. W. V. A. orchestra supplied the music for the evening.

Following the banquet and elections a toast list was carried out. The pledge to "The King" was honored as Veterans best know how to toast it, the National Anthem being sung. Comrade Matthews prepared the toast of "Canada and the Empire," the response being made by Comrade Roscoe Vandenberg.

"The Newly Elected Officers" referred to the health drunk in their midst. The company sang "The Belle of St. Mary's," after which Comrade L. Blaker proposed "The Provincial Command of the G. W. V. A." to which Provincial President Comrade E. D. O'Flynn replied. Comrade Edwards gave four monologues. The toast of the G.W.V.A. Dominion Command, proposed by President Finkle, was responded to by Comrade R. D. Ponton, member of the executive for the years 1918-1919. Comrade J. Mairnes added to the enjoyment of the evening by his exhibition of stenciling and singing.

Comrade Ponton praised the competent work of Secretary E. H. Liddle. The assembly broke up about 12.30 after the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

FULLER

Rev. Mr. McQuade occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday and preached a most impressive sermon.

Mrs. E. Mitts entertained a few neighbors on Tuesday evening. Mrs. M. J. Haller spent New Year's Day with her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Gay.

Mr. David Thompson of Moira, called in our neighborhood on Monday.

Messrs Geo. Geen, Ben Bronght and Ernest Geen motored to Madoc on Tuesday.

A number from here attended the school meeting at Thomsburg on Thursday.

Mrs. Dan Collins and Mr. John T. Collins motored to Stirling on Thursday.

JUDGE-JONES FIRM HAS \$30,000 SURPLUS

A preliminary statement of the affairs of the Judge-Jones Milling Co., Ltd., Belleville, Ont., which was reported in this correspondence two weeks ago as being in difficulties, now closes a surplus of \$30,000. Apparently the trouble was due entirely to the extraordinary state of the markets for flour and grain, which gave rise to nervousness on the part of certain creditors that would probably never have been felt under normal conditions. George B. Jones, the active member of the company, has had an honorable career in the Canadian trade, and he should be able to make good if the present crisis can be tidied over. Most of his troubles are due to a personal illness that kept him away from his office at the time when his presence was needed.

From "The Northwestern Miller," Jan. 5th, 1921.

Jas. Babcock, Smith's Falls, a C.P.R. engineer, fell off his engine and died from injuries.

BELLEVILLE 60.5 PER CENT PERFECT FINDING OF THREE JUDGES ON DEBATE; SCENERY HEREABOUTS SCORES HIGHEST

Unique Meeting Held in City Hall, With More Ladies Than Gentlemen Present to Hear Arguments—Judge Deroche and Major Ponton lead—Figures Show Where "Our Fair City" Falls to Satisfy Experts.

That Belleville rates 60.5 per cent ideal from the standpoint of attractiveness was the decision handed out by three judges, Mr. L. B. Cooper, Rev. Dr. Cleaver and Mr. A. G. Davis, at the close of a unique meeting held last evening in the City Hall. It was the open forum of the Chamber of Commerce, in other respects the meeting was novel. The hall was filled, but not all were men, perhaps the majority of the audience were ladies. It was the first of a series of meetings to be held at intervals of about two weeks, to which the public is invited to get to know Belleville and to offer suggestions.

Judge Deroche spoke on behalf of Belleville, while Major R. D. Ponton drew attention to the city's shortcomings.

Attractiveness was dealt with under ten headings, one thousand points being given for the ideal city. A comparison of the ideal city and Belleville under these headings follows:

	Ideal	Belleville
Dwellings	100	65
Laws	50	35
Streets	100	50
Parks	100	40
Amusements	125	40
Vacant Lots	25	10
Hotels	100	80
Scenery	100	75
Spirit of People	200	125
Miscellaneous	100	75
Total	1000	605

Creation of Community Spirit

President Bob Gorman, of the Young Club, who occupied the chair, outlined the aim of the Chamber of Commerce—to create community spirit as a result of which would grow a city of thirty or forty thousand people. "We are going to try and make Belleville a one hundred per cent city, from the standpoint of attractiveness," said Mr. Gorman.

Mr. J. O. Herity, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that this body was not a one man organization, nor one run by directors. The reason for holding meetings of this character is that while Belleville is a good city, it can be made a better city and if the people are only willing, it can be made the best city on the continent.

Aristotle had said the ideal city was a "plain where men, women and children may lead happy and noble lives." The secretary outlined what he thought an ideal city should be.

Judge Deroche sees fine point.

"We have in this city of Belleville the best police force we have had in twenty or twenty-five years. I say that first because all the attractiveness of your city falls to the ground if there is not respect for law and order," said Judge Deroche. "Give the police a word of encouragement. It is so easy to knock them. We just got the force completed about ten days ago."

The speaker referred to the city's fine streets, hotels, hospital, shelter, schools, colleges, School for the Deaf, Armouries, houses, lawns and parks. But the spirit of the people was what counted, too, much attention having been given to talk on population, money and industry.

"Belleville has many fine men, keen and honest in business and with varied social and philanthropic interests."

"The trees of the city are an asset. In all the cities I have seen, none excel Belleville in the summer time. Big cities have beauty spots, but Belleville is a beautiful city," Judge Deroche would not except Washington, Edinburgh, even Paris.

Judge Deroche said an improvement in punctuality in opening meetings might be possible in Belleville.

Where Improvement is Needed.

Major Ponton opened the negative side with an attack on the assessment laws, which made improvement of property something for which a man could be taxed. He referred to the tumble-down houses in certain sections, which were bringing high rentals, the unfavorable views of the city from the railway lines and the waterfront and criticized the city's dumping of garbage.

He favored the appointment of a parks commission to control boulevards, parks and playgrounds and suggested waterfront improvements. The destruction of Zwick's Island was scored by the speaker.

He favored more wholesome recreation and places of amusement.

Advocated civic toboggan slides and public playgrounds. He saw an opportunity of better lighting of the streets.

The natural habit of owners of vacant land to raise prices when sites were desired for industrial purposes called forth the major's satire and the suggestion that the assessments be made one hundred per cent of the value.

The New Spirit.

QUEBEC LIBERALS COUNTER ATTACK

Voice General Opposition to Government Plan of Control of Liquor TO MEET HALF WAY

Caucus Takes Strong View Following Premier's Speech in House.

QUEBEC, Jan. 14.—General opposition to the Government scheme of taking over the liquor business and controlling it both as sole importer and having its own retail shops, was announced today, was voted at the caucus of about thirty Liberal members of the legislative assembly held last night.

The members however were willing to meet the Government half way by agreeing that the Government shall do the importing but they want the sale to the public to be by authorized vendors.

The meeting came after Prime Minister in his speech in the House had reiterated his determination for immediate and complete control of the business.

Citizens' Suggestions.

Ex-Ald. DeMarsh favored a filtration plant on Zwick's Island. Inspector Ruston suggested improvement of the market square surroundings and a deeper community spirit.

Mr. A. F. White related some laughable incidents to show Belleville's improvement from conditions seven years ago.

Mr. Blackburn suggested that the City Council seriously consider the appointment of a parks commission and the appropriation of a certain sum of money for civic beautification.

Mr. Ed. A. Kellaway mentioned instances of roads being closed and fenced off. The council will not act because of the influence of some citizens. He declared the council should open up every street on the map.

During the evening Mr. S. R. Burrows led in the community singing and was assisted by the Belleville quartette.

At future meetings some such topics as Belleville's educational facilities, business, people, recreational advantages, living conditions, accessibility, employment problems, health and progressiveness will be taken up in open forum.

THIRD OF HILLIER

Mr. George Rielly returned last week from visiting relatives at Barry's Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey called Sunday afternoon on Mr. and Mrs. Sid. Palmer.

Master Cecil Boyle, of Wellington, is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benway entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Tait, Hilda and Annie on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Leavens spent Tuesday in Trenton.

Killing the winter's beef and skating seems to be the order of the day. The Hillier Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Nelson Ford on Thursday.

Miss Vera Crandall, of O.B.C., Belleville, spent Sunday with her mother at Hillier.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rootie spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Benway.

Mr. Earl Palmer, of Pleton, spent the week-end at his father's, Mr. Jas. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Leavens entertained company on Sunday.

Mr. Will Miller is doing some carpenter work for Mr. Joe Harvey.

"The Ladies' Institute of Hillier intend to have a social evening on the 21st of this month.

GILEAD

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. York and Kenneth spent Tuesday at Mr. Don. Hall's, Latta.

Mrs. George Carter and wee babe are spending the winter months with Mrs. James Hutchison.

FINDS INDIAN CULTY OF THEFT

Member of Mohawk Band Sentenced by Judge Deroche in Local Court. STOLE FISH NET

Missing Property Found in Possession of Accused—Crowd Hears Evidence

A member of the Mohawk Indian band, Abram Brant, was today found guilty by Judge Deroche on a charge of stealing a net belonging to Murray Benn and was sentenced to a term of two months and fifteen days in the county jail at hard labor.

As the prisoner is an India the case attracted a big crowd of spectators. Crown Attorney Carnew prosecuted and Mr. E. J. Butler defended the accused.

The evidence for the crown showed that Brant had laid nets at the mouth of Sucker Creek, Tyendinaga, about the last of September and that on the following day when he went to get them, they were gone. Early in December the nets which Brant claimed were his, were found in possession of Brant. Brant's story was that his nets were so placed that it seemed impossible for them to be released except by human agency. The recovered nets had vermillion corks, while those of the lost nets were of natural color, with bands of green. Evidence for the crown showed that the colorings of the corks had taken place after they were placed on the nets.

Witnesses for the defence claimed to have run into the net one afternoon tearing it with a motor boat propeller. Brant claimed to have found a boat with traces of nets caught in its propeller, but Brant said the pieces were not those of his nets.

Brant claimed to have found the net floating in the creek, tangled up with his. He pulled the nets into his boat and took them ashore, where he cut them loose. He put the recovered net, which was not his, and the owner he did not know, on a stone, thinking the owner would come along. There he left it eight or ten days, then put it on McDonald's reel, he claimed, for three or four days, later taking it off and putting it in his box. After that he used it. He denied coloring the floats.

Judge Deroche found the net belonged to Brant and said the motor boat incident was explained by Mr. Brant. The net had apparently been removed with intent. Brant had evidently made no attempt to discover the owner. The judge said he could not believe Brant's story of the nets having vermillioned spoils when found and his claim of not having painted them. All pointed to an effort to disguise the nets.

MADOC JCT.

The members of Stirling Rebekah Lodge report the most delightful time with Madoc Rebekahs last Friday evening in Madoc.

The service here on Sunday afternoon was well attended and our pastor preached an appropriate sermon, making an earnest appeal for more consecration of "the life we now live in the flesh," also an appeal for those suffering in China for which a special offering was asked.

The choir rendered appropriate selections with Mrs. Clarence Pitcheff as organist and Mrs. Andrews as leader.

Those who attended the evening service in Stirling Methodist Church report an inspiring sermon for the beginning of 1921 by the pastor, part of the text being from the third chapter of Joshua. "For ye have not passed this way heretofore."

"Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." The numbers by the choir under the new leader, Mr. Gerald Clute, were given in a way that delighted those who enjoy good music.

A number are planning to attend the special services that start at West Huntingdon this week.

LITTLE KINGSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hamilton spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose Bush entertained company on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Demeral.

Mr. Bart. Russell, Bay Front, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. David May and family took tea with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mastin Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer, of Hillier, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murphy, of Coiscon, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Baylve Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Terry visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parliament Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Drummond, of Allisonville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickerson on Sunday.

Mr. Cleveland Clapp has been very ill for the past week with pneumonia but is a little better at the time of writing.

Mr. and Mrs. David May and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Terry on Sunday.

Our school teacher, Miss Fox, is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Demeral spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Terry.

LONDON JOBLESS IN UGLY MOOD

Seventy-Five Per Cent. of Them are Ex-Service Men, Now Broke. WANT WORK, NOT LOOT

Deputations to Cabinet Ministers Get Nothing but Vague Promises.

(By Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Labor leaders are demanding urgent legislation to solve in some way the problem of unemployment in Great Britain. Warnings have been given of a serious social or industrial upheaval of some kind of startling "direct action" unless the British Government acts promptly.

"If nothing is done within the next six weeks," said J. R. Clynes, member of Parliament, the other day to Dr. Macnamara, the Minister of Labor, in the course of a discussion with labor leaders, "a situation may develop that will threaten the life of the state itself."

In Ugly Mood

There is said to be an ugly temper among many of the 1,000,000 or more unemployed over what they regard as dilatoriness on the part of local and governmental authorities in taking steps to meet the situation adequately. About 100,000 of these idle men are in London.

Homeless and destitute, they have seized about 30 suburban public libraries, baths and assembly halls. From some of these they have been forcibly ejected by the police and this has caused more ill-feeling.

Delegates from employed committees in a score or more of London boroughs have recently formed a central council, which is holding secret meetings at which "direct action" is planned.

"What form this 'direct action' will take is not divulged by the leaders, who proclaim their intention to act independently of the Labor party or trades unions; but Dennis Jennett, the chairman of the committee, told The Associated Press representative they will be of a startling nature.

Ex-Service Men

"Seventy-five per cent. of the London unemployed are ex-service men," Jennett said. "We are not out for loot, but we want work provided at once. Deputations to cabinet ministers result in vague promises and don't help us. Relieving acute distress is by no means our full program. We want to re-shape the relations between capital and labor. Workers of all trades must be admitted to control of enterprises. We propose to make this our main issue, and get all workers to adopt this idea. This, we realize, is not obtainable without a fight, and we are certain there will be a big social upheaval this winter."

KEDNERSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Russell and Harold took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brickman on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weese entertained company from Bayside on Sunday.

Miss Lillian Russell returned home on Tuesday after visiting with friends at Little Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell spent Friday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. McMurtter.

Those who attended the party at Mr. Mitts on Friday evening reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brickman and Glepcoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brickman, took tea at Mr. Wesley Sager's on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brownson were in Belleville on Thursday.

Mr. Ray Weese, of Albany, and Mr. M. Weese, of Cleveland, Ohio, took tea at Mr. Clarence Russell's on Saturday night.

"JILLS" WANDER AFIELD SEEKING LONELY "JACKS"

Many Marriageable Women in Old Country Who Can't Find a Man are Bent on trying Canada or U.S.—Necessity Makes Them Enter Frizing.

(By Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 14.—"Jackless Jills" are emigrating in considerable numbers from England in the hope of finding suitable "Jill-less Jacks" for husbands in Canada and the United States, according to North March, Bachelor of Science, Her comments on England's "marriageable women who may never marry" before the National Birth Rate Commission some time ago were widely discussed in the British press.

Government figures show there is a surplus of a million women in England whose only hope of marrying depends on their migrating to some part of the earth where there is a more even distribution of the sexes. According to Miss March they are doing it. She says she is receiving letters from America that are "significant of the loneliness of some men's lives."

"Women are enterprising today," she added. "Many are emigrating who a few years ago should have feared to take the great adventure."

FREIGHT RATES TANGLE SOLVED

Canadians to Pay 60 P. C. on Exchange Surcharge Adjusted Semi-Monthly. EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 22

Decision Outcome of Conference With Dominion Railway Commission

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—From January 22 a surcharge equal to 60 per cent of the prevailing rate of exchange, adjusted semi-monthly to meet any fluctuations in the exchange rate, will be added to the Canadian freight rate to cover international freight other than coal and coke. This surcharge will apply in all cases where the charges are payable and collected in Canada.

This decision is the outcome of the conferences of railways and shippers with the Board of Railway Commissioners on the subject of exchange and international freight haulage, it was announced by the Railway Association of Canada in a statement from that body tonight. Arrangements are also being made to permit prepayment of the charges on shipments to the United States and also to permit shipments from the United States, other than coal and coke, to come forward with the charges "to collect." Telegraphic advice will be sent to every railway agent in Canada on the 14th and last day of each month, stating the rate of exchange applicable for the ensuing two weeks.

"After going into the results of all the carriers," says the Railway Association statement, "it was found that 60 per cent. to the United States carriers and 40 per cent. to the Canadian carriers is as close an estimate as can be made of the general distribution of revenue between the lines north and south of the international boundary."

HIGHWAY WORK CLOSSES

Because of the appropriation for highway work has been exceeded, all work on the Provincial Highway in Brockville vicinity, has been shut down. It is not expected that it will be resumed until the session opens when further funds will be forthcoming. Messrs Scott & Nicholson are, however, continuing work on the section near Yonge Mills, where much rock excavation is under way.

PASSENGER AGENT

Announcement is made at the Canadian National headquarters at Toronto of the appointment of G. A. Harrison, formerly of Brockville, to act as general agent for the passenger department of the C. N. R. at Portland, Me. Mr. Harrison has been acting in this capacity for the Grand Trunk at Portland for the last year and will now have charge of passenger traffic for both lines. His office will continue to be in the Grand Trunk station at Portland.

OF OLD TIME ORIGIN

William Allen, Balderson, found a pair of iron soles for boots under a stone pile. From the appearance of them they must have been riveted onto the uppers of the boots as there are a number of rivets still intact. None of the older residents of the community remember of seeing those iron soles in use, therefore they must have been discarded many years ago.

SHOULD CHANGE NAME BACK

Hope Council will petition the Grand Trunk to build freight sheds at Campbellcroft station. Dr. Beatty and some other residents in that section think the first step to be taken is to have the name changed back to Garden Hill.

Lady Kirkpatrick has gone to California, accompanied by her brother, Mr. W. Molson Macpherson, of Quebec.

BIG TOURNAMENT STIRS M'DIAR

All Roads, he Writes, to Pasadena on New Year Day and Rightly So. NATIVE SONS ON

Spicey Letter From a Known Believer in At Pacific Coasts. (FROM WALTER MACDIA Los Angeles)

All roads led to Pasadena Year's Day. It was the 32nd anniversary of the tournament. It was the greatest of them for once you would have to the native sons. Three miles is what the sponsors of the promised and they made it was a sight that would never gotten. The day was an id. The sun shone out of cloud and you felt more comfort the shady side of the street. California's day all through native sons defeated the O'victory team. Thirty thousand admission to the stadium at of the seats sold for \$10 each the constitution of the United real. All men and women stated equal and have a perfect in the pursuit of happiness course everyone was not a millionaire on Orange Grove came out and told a rough. take his Ford off the lawn. owner of the beautiful lawn the laugh from half a hundred nickers, who were eating lunch on the grass. The mill got red in the face, turned and walked back to the home. Pasadena welcomes every New Year's Day. In all large there are some who want rough.

A Flower Ship.

In the parade there were floats. The one that caused most favorable comment was Admiral Rodman's flagship "Mexico" that guards the port Angeles. Sailors from the turned guns on the crowd as line of march and shot roses spectators out of little wood now worked with air. The kind of shooting that is safe and inexpensive in California.

Another float that caused deal of favorable comment was Long Beach. A floral sea a pink inside made of pink rock carnations, was the background of a bunch of Mack Sennett's beauties. The girls were in costumes, and a bathing cost this part of the country, is a suit without the frills.

Kellerman, who spends a great part of his time here, says a bath should be made so as to limbs plenty of freedom took her advice and if the girls at the beaches here were off in Chicago or Coney Island would be promptly arrested, could pick out the tourists when the mermaids went by.

Superb Horses.

Lovers of horses took great right in the superb number seen that led the procession, were genuine Arabian horses the stables of Miss Baldwin, et of the late Lucky Baldwin ranch is only a short distance Los Angeles. The King and of Belgium were to have been tained by Miss Baldwin, plans did not turn out as expected.

Lucky Baldwin bought thousand acres for a ranch retired from the turf and mile track on it, where he bred races of his own up to his de was lucky in selecting this lot off was discovered after his and the millions he left a piling up. Miss Baldwin is beautiful woman and is now over California for her C. Her brother, becoming aware her generosity, tried to get late out of her hands. It was legal battle but Miss won.

A Baker's Dozen.

In the parade were thirteen of different kinds. The Kill me in mind of Tom Powers, famous band of Scotch German musician a Scotchman is in by himself. He plays the well, but that is not music. a Scotchman's protest without on the high cost of living.

In the passing of years, which time the writer has

TOURING CAR STOLEN

High County Constable Conquer, Lindsay, is in receipt of a warrant from Newmarket for the arrest of a young man in Haliburton County, charged with the theft of a Ford touring car. A similar warrant has been sent to Gooderham.