

## WILL NOT SEEK PLOWING MATCH

Elgin County Council Decides Against a Grant

### NO CHANGE IN BANKERS

Committee On County Constabulary Reorganization Named

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 30.—Elgin County Council wound up its first session for 1925 on Friday morning by unanimously passing a resolution to continue the banking of the county in the Bank of Montreal, and another to take no action in reference to the deputation which waited on the Council on Thursday asking for a grant and their support to have the provincial plowing match held here in 1925. It was expected that the bank move would be made although there was some opposition, but the movement against the plowing match was unexpected, it being thought that the Council would favor the holding of the match here.

Wardrobe Anderson, Reeve; McLachlin and County Clerk McKay were appointed a committee to go into the matter of reorganizing the county constabulary and report at the June session. John Hopkins was again returned as high constable. The request of E. W. Baker to be retained on the permanent force was not considered.

### NO ACTION ON WINTER FAIR.

An invitation from the Middlesex Council to send delegates to come next month to discuss the establishment of a winter fair for Western Ontario in London was not considered. The recommendation of the finance committee to have the members report at the June session the condition of the cemeteries in the territory was passed. An order from the provincial department of public health for better care of the cemeteries was the reason for this move. The matter will be taken up at the next session.

### COUNTY GRANTS.

A sum of \$600 was made to the Elgin Agricultural Association. Barristers J. D. Shaw and A. A. Ingram appeared before the Council on Thursday afternoon and asked for a grant of \$100. Other grants made on Friday morning were: Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, \$100; Canadian Institute for the Blind, \$100; Salvation Army, \$250; Elgin County School Trustees' Association, \$100. Inspector J. A. Taylor, and President Kerr, of the trustees' association, addressed the Council in reference to the annual grants to educational institutions.

The warden and treasurer were authorized by law to borrow \$200,000 from the Bank of Montreal to meet the current needs of the county until the 1925 taxes are collected.

The usual grants of \$55 each were made to the public libraries in Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton, Arismer, Port Stanley, Springfield, Vienna, Sparta, Luton, Bayham and Sheddron, and \$12.50 each to the libraries in Belmont and

## The Book of the Week

Biographical and Critical Sketch of Walter de la Mare—To-Day Considered One of Best of Present-Day English Poets.

"Walter de la Mare: a Biographical and Critical Study," by R. L. Megroz, Wendell Holmes, P. Ltd., London, page 303, price \$2.50. To which among other studies add for further interest the excellent chapters in the following books: B. Priestley, "Figures in Modern Literature"; Middleton Murray, "In Countries of the Mind"; A. St. John Akerman, "Gods of Modern Grub Street"; with portrait by E. O. Hoppe.

A few years ago in Glasgow certain men of letters invented a new game called "Should I buy, should I not?" The person who hit off the value of the book under consideration would win the game. And the better and more tersely a reviewer hits off the merits of the book he deals with, the better has he fulfilled his mission. In "The Book of the Week" I have turned the word of readers to literature of a higher type. The editor of The British Weekly recently somewhat sternly rebuked the pessimism of a well-known writer in this regard by saying: "If you have given leisure to all the books in the library, you have all of whom report a healthy demand for reading of the better sort. Of course one must avoid the danger of being a literary sponge such as Pope spouts."

"Bookful blockhead, ignorantly read With loads of learned timber in his head."

I must hasten to add in recommending Megroz's book that it is not for the amateur, but rather for teachers and scholars. It is an index, in fact, but a prospective guide to further study.

Walter de la Mare was a son of James Edward Delamare, and of Lucy Sophia, daughter of Dr. Colin Arrott Browning, a kind of English poet laureate of St. Paul's Cathedral School he had a place on the editorial staff of the school magazine. In this magazine there was an advertisement which reads as follows:

"STAMPS! STAMPS! STAMPS!!!!".

Keep your stamps! La la la! My gets gets superfluous duplicate collection."

In 1890 he entered the office of the Anglo-American Oil Company at the age of 17. For 20 years he knew "that dry drudgery its tasks its dead desk in a city office. Meantime he wrote under the pen name of Walter de la Mare for such notable publications as The Bookman and The Times Literary Supplement, and composed poems, poems, poems, fantasies to Cornell and The English Review among periodicals. Gradually men discovered a new light in the literary firmament. He is now considered the most modern, the most independent, and the most original of our English-speaking poets. One cannot connect him closely with any previous literary lineage such as that which

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## MOTHERHOOD PAID REAL PRICE OF WAR

Rev. Capt. Easton, Brantford, At Ingersoll Kiwanis Club

### NOT FINANCIAL QUESTION

Characterizes War As Arch-enemy of Christianity

INGERSOLL, Jan. 30.—Rev. Capt. G. S. Easton, of Brantford, addressed the local Kiwanis Club here to-day, stating that the real price of the last great war was to be paid by the mothers, the bowed form and the sad countenance of the motherhood of the world. He said that one should not look to the cost of the war in a financial aspect, but to the cost in human life. His point of view is that the true meaning of the great losses of the war is one should not try to fathom its significance from the aftermath.

The great significance and the real price was in the motherhood of the country which represented the highest standard of the womanhood of the times. These mothers gave up their sons for the last war in the feeling that it was a just cause. But in all the magazines and great papers to-day told of the arming work of the nations. They were adding to their armament with every known thing of war.

In view of this, the speaker wondered if the people of to-day were keeping faith with those mothers who gave up their sons for a just cause. People should turn their thoughts all thought and talk of war if they were to keep faith with those furrowed brows of motherhood and those sons of whom Col. Macleod speaks in his immortal poem: "Came Easton, open mouth, that three years in service in France and Belgium.

It's a very odd thing

That whatever Miss T. eats

Turns into Miss T.

I shall not pursue Megroz's acute interpretations. It is de la Mare's unique gift in prose, to interpret the world to judgment, but to entertain and inspire. He never descends to the sepulchral or charges his readers with the flagrant impossible. His dream world is real, and his poems, fantasies to Cornell and The English Review among periodicals.

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## Opportunity's Knock

### TRUE HAPPINESS

The man who can look calmly and misfortune and without mistrust will see his own happiness. He is superior to his surroundings.

And when a man is busy with the work he loves, he looks as he feels — happy. When his mind and heart stay with his hands in the work, there is no room for worry to lodge over-night.

Happiness must be earned or it cannot be gained. The pleasure all lies in the effort made to earn what you desire.

Watch the pleased expressions on the faces of the regular readers of The Free Press Classified Ads.

## "EXPORT" ARGUMENT FAILS AS DEFENSE

Judge Confirms Fine of \$200 Imposed On Edward Giroux, of Sandwich

WINDSOR, Jan. 30.—County Judge J. Coughlin to-day dismissed the appeal of Edward Giroux, of Sandwich, who was fined \$200 and costs by Magistrate Smith in Sandwich police court a month ago for keeping liquor for sale illegally.

Giroux based his appeal on a judgment of Magistrate Gundy at Windsor who held that export papers were not essential in the case of a legitimate export transaction. Giroux held that 12 quarts of liquor seized at his home by the police were being kept there for a Detroit customer.

Provincial police, who had raided his home, said, however, that a raid of his motor car was waiting outside the house. They suggested the liquor was kept by Giroux for sale to men who visited his home.

Judge Coughlin ruled there was no evidence of a bona fide export transaction and ordered the appeal dismissed.

### DRAWSURES NECESSARY.

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### FAVOR ALLOWANCE FOR WIDOW WITH ONE CHILD

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Delegates to the Ontario Good Roads Association's convention in Toronto were named by the members of the Council, when the educational committee recommended a favorable vote of confidence in the County Council to help rural schools. A vote was taken on a resolution favoring such a move, but this was lost.

### MONEY QUALIFICATION

The Council also passed a motion to increase the Provincial Government to receive the states revised so that a reeve or deputy reeve shall be worth \$1,000 before he can qualify for office.

The Bayham bridge was before the county engineer, who said the bridge was approaching a dangerous state.

The Council inspected the new hospital and Collegiate Institute and was impressed with the improvements in both cases.

### COLLEGIATE REOPENED

The formal opening of Goderich Collegiate took place this afternoon and evening when several hundred citizens availed themselves of the privilege of attending the first remedial school. Short programs were given in the assembly room, after which luncheon was served. J. L. Killoran acted as chairman. Short addresses were given by Mayor Montsith and Ex-Mayor Patterson. It was resolved to ask the Provincial Government to give the necessary power to the Minister of Education to permit Ontario to pay allowances to widowed mothers with one child, where the circumstances were necessary and circumstances warranted the same.

### REALIZATION

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## REORGANIZE KENT POLICE SYSTEM

Five Deputies To Assist High Constable Peters

### COMMISSION IS NAMED

Financing of Prairie Siding Bridge Unsettled

CHATHAM, Jan. 30.—Reorganization of the Kent County police system will include the appointment of five deputy county constables to assist High Constable G. Peters. They will be located at Chatham, Bothwell, Dresden, Elgin and Wheatley. Police matters will be under the jurisdiction of a county police commission, the members of which are Judge W. Stanworth, County Crown Attorney H. D. Smith, K. C. Reeves Vane, Russell and Wilson. The recommendations were contained in a report of a special committee, which was adopted.

A lively topic of discussion in the Council chamber throughout the day was the financing of the Prairie Siding Bridge project, which is estimated to cost \$15,000. The total balance of some \$60,000 to be paid on the work, which was commenced in 1923, continued last year, and which will be finished this year. Last year the necessary amount by debenture at this morning's session, the resolution authorizing that procedure was rescinded, the Council deciding to raise this amount in the road rate this year. The admissibility of this was challenged this afternoon when Council adjourned down to deal with the road estimates for the year. A lively discussion resulted in the rescinding of the resolution passed this morning, leaving the financing of the bridge open until after the road estimates had been revised.

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