

## NOTES AND COMMENT

It is announced that there will not be a general election until after another session of parliament, unless some unforeseen cause arises during the recess.

Here is a little food for reflection. As compared with the preceding year, the year 1914 Canadian trade fell off \$210,000,000. Trade with Great Britain declined some eighty millions of dollars, while trade with the United States increased about ten millions.

The prevailing idea seems to be that the Kaiser realizes he is whipped, and is trying to inveigle the United States and other countries into the struggle, which will give him an excuse to sue for peace. It won't work, however, as England, France and Russia express their determination to fight to a finish and never quit until Germany is placed in a position where she can never again be a menace to the world's peace.

Are you giving serious thought to the Hydro-Railway project? A vote will be called for in the near future, and every ratepayer should be in a position to vote in the best interests of his municipality. Don't take a narrow, selfish view of the question. What is in the general interest is profitable to the individual.

A Western Ontario deputation last week interviewed the Minister of Revenue at Ottawa, urging that legislation be passed preventing the sale of sulphurated hydrogen gas for domestic use. Hon. P.E. Bloudin informed them no action would be taken until the matter had been discussed with the Minister of Justice as to the right of the Dominion to legislate. In Aylmer there is no kick coming as to the quality of the gas used here which cannot be excelled. The only trouble appears to be to get enough of it in zero weather.

Warden McColl made a telling speech at the 'Patriotism and Production' meeting at Dutton. Among other good things he said: "The war has united the Empire in a manner that perhaps no other event would or could have done. The people realize that Great Britain is in the right, that she tried her utmost to honorably avoid war, and only entered into the struggle to assist the weak whom she had pledged her word to help in time of need, and to uphold the honor of the flag which has braved the battle and the breeze in the cause of freedom and liberty."

The Hydro Radial Railway London to Aylmer to Tillsonburg, is just a little nearer. Whether or not it ever becomes a reality depends upon the way

the ratepayers mark their ballots, when they get a chance, which will not be very long. At any rate the representatives of the various municipalities interested, who met at Aylmer Monday, showed that they meant business, and the bill was set rolling. Two Aylmerites were honored, Mayor Wagner being appointed chairman, and J. M. Wrong secretary. Meetings are to be held in each municipality, to further the interests of "Scheme 3," the one endorsed at Monday's meeting, and each is to pay its own expenses. We do not know whether or not another meeting is to be held in Aylmer. The proposition has been fully explained here, and another address would simply mean going over the same ground again. However, if there is anything our readers do not understand, and will so advise THE EXPRESS, we will undertake to secure the information from those competent to give it. We think the people would be foolish indeed to turn down this chance of securing identity with a Dominion wide railway, equal in efficiency and equipment to any steam road on the continent, and under a guarantee that it would pay its way even the first year, and eventually pay for itself, without any of us every having to put up a cent. The Hydro power scheme was an experiment pure and simple, yet 102 municipalities have found it a money-maker. We are not taking one half the chance of loss that the hydro power municipalities took. Don't miss a good thing when it comes your way.

Since the war broke out there has been no lack of expressions of loyalty in Canada. War cannot be successfully conducted without money, and the first call by private subscription was notly responded to. The Elgin county council, along with other countries, realized the necessities of the motherland, and voted \$1,000 a month during the continuance of the war. The Dominion government followed with an equitable tax and now the Ontario government announces a special tax of one mill on the dollar on all assessable property within the province as an evidence of devotion to England in her stress. Aylmer's share of the provincial tax will in round numbers be \$1167.00 or \$1 in every \$1,000 of assessment. \$5 will be the highest amount any citizen has to pay, and there are we believe, only two who will be required to pay this much. One good feature about an assessment of this kind is that no citizen of the province will be able to escape his just contribution, although we do not believe there are many who would do so if they could. Canada is at war, and we must accept our full share of responsibility in men and money. For a century and a half we Canadians have received the protection

of British naval power without costing us a copper, and although our contributions may seem a little burdensome, let us meet them cheerfully and gladly. It is the best possible evidence that we are prepared to stand by the old motherland when she needs our assistance.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mann are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mann, Toronto.

Henry L. Graves is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

The melodious tones of the town bell are again heard morning, noon and night, after quite an extended rest.

'The Patriotism and Production' conference was in session at the town hall as we went to press.

Miss Flora Jenkins was at home to a number of her young friends on Thursday evening last.

Mrs. E. C. Monteith and Mrs. C. B. Monteith entertained at the home of the former on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Bora at the Cottage Hospital, Toronto, on Monday, Feb. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Percival H. Walker, 45 Highview Crescent, Toronto, a daughter.

W. G. Charlton is in St. Stanley tonight. Under the auspices of the D. O. E., he is to deliver his address "Is the British Empire Decadent?"

Dr. Frank Marr died at Ridgeway on Friday, aged 73 years. His wife, who predeceased him eight years ago, was Mary Smith, of Aylmer, whom he married in 1868. On son, Dr. Del Marr, of Ridgeway, survives him.

Earl Campbell is still confined to the home, where he will in all probability be forced to remain for a few weeks, the result of water forming on his knee caused from an injury while coasting on Rogers' hill, a few weeks ago.

The Federal Life Assurance Co., head office Hamilton, has been absorbed by the Sun Life Company, one of the strongest companies doing business in Canada. There are quite a number of Federal policy holders in Aylmer, all of whom will be amply protected.

## The Hydro Electric R. R.

The council chamber was filled on Monday afternoon by representatives of the municipalities through which this proposed railway passes, to formulate committees and do other preliminary work requisite for starting of the hydro line from Westminster on the west to Tillsonburg on the east.

Mayor Wagner was unanimously chosen chairman and Jas. M. Wrong secretary of the meeting.

The representatives of the several municipalities present that formed the main committee were:

Westminster—Reeve J. H. Mair, J. S. Cousins, A. J. Blaikie, W. E. Grieve, Belmont—W. A. O'Dell, M. Proctor, M. Chivers, Jas. Campbell, North Dorchester—T. W. Morrison, South Dorchester—Reeve Daves, T. G. Winder, W. Campbell, C. O. Lofton, Springfield—Reeve Bryce, W. J. Lindsay.

Brownsville—R. W. Hawkins, J. W. Hawkins, R. J. Kelly, G. Smith, Tillsonburg—Mayor H. G. Coomber, E. F. Davis.

Dereham—Reeve John Campbell, S. T. Stokley, H. Moulton.

Malahide—Reeve Pincus, E. Hill, S. Chambers, C. Ingram.

Lyons—W. McCredie, J. Mitchell, D. Noble.

After these had reported, Mayor Wagner thought the best way to get started was to pass a motion endorsing scheme 3 of the hydro people. It was then moved by O'Dell, seconded by Proctor, that the committee endorse the proposed scheme No. 3, running from Westminster, Aylmer to Tillsonburg.

This motion raised quite a discussion nearly all present asking questions on one point or another, and became so fast and thick that the chairman considered it best to read the by-law and agreement of the Port Perry road, which were the same as our own road, for the benefit of those present. After some further discussion the motion was carried.

It was then thought best to appoint an executive committee, of a lesser number to save calling the larger body together, when it was moved by McCredie, seconded by John Campbell that the mayors of Aylmer and Tillsonburg, the Reeves of the other municipalities, and one appointed each from Lyons, Belmont and Brownsville, form the committee.—Carried.

An amendment to name the committee from members present to-day was lost.

The chairman showed that the carrying through of the by-laws, the necessary meetings and other details could not be done successfully without work and money, and stated that the Hon. Adam Beck would either come himself or send a substitute to address any meeting that was held in the interest of the hydro system.

Moved by Lindsay, seconded by Mayor Coomber, of Tillsonburg, that

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THO After five we fever, death ch at the Amasa mas, on Satur who was in his Bayham, a son Outler, but for fireman on the way. A widow Hazel and Vic

In the dead which occurred street, on Sat most desirable Deceased, who removed to the hide, from For years ago, and v most successful last year he ret and moved into able home on weeks ago he c which develop ing his death. ent member of S he was also a m Official Board, widow and two Royal Oak, Mic rietsville. The Tuesday afterno

DELL A very sudden lahide, just out Aylmer, on Sun beloved wife of J gardener, succu neuritis. On Sa was enjoying goo as usual and did hour that night awakened early S frantic efforts to from then until 1 when she passed s for breath. Besi band she leaves r 18, Roy, 14, and 1 old; also an aged of Malahide, in bi thers, Alfonso Be bert, of Colloden; George, of Aylme Mrs. W. H. Greez W. Perry, Malahi Obute, Aylmer. J yesterday, and t interment was ma

POLLY BR On Saturday a Bishop Parker, rel Parker, passed ov jority, at the ri Deceased was bor and came to Aylm nearly half a cen has since lived belo all who had the quittance. She nature, but ever kit and honorable. Tw the late Mrs. Park to break her hip t which she never qui the death of her 1 years ago, she has n her son, L. J. Park one daughter, Mrs. Luton, and two s mer, and Homer J. I survive; also two sis Mrs. Thurston, bot The funeral took plac tory Monday, the s dacted by Rev. R. Toronto.

MRS. R. C On Sunday at th daughter, Mrs. E. A bery Place, St. Thon Parmenter, widow o Wright, of Aylmer, C rest at the age of 1 months. She was a county for fifty-year ceased was born at C Sept. 9, 1829, and was and C. Wright, Marol came to Aylmer in deceased resided unti since which she ha with her daughter in brother, W. E. Pa Mich; four sons and are left to mourn he and daughters are: Aylmer, Ont.; A. R. V well; O. S. Wright, Ed S. W. Wright, Det Grainger, Walkerton, Davidson, Lyons, M Smith, St. Thomas, Boss, Toronto. Mrs. member of the Aylmer She was always optin look on life, happy i companionship of he friends, of whom sh Aylmer, St. Thomas along useful and beauti Sunday, but her lovi live on, an inspiration that are left, "God is my strength," were words for her children "good-bye." The fune Aylmer cemetery on T T. Mitchell conducti the grave and the follo Meare, G. Lemou, G. R Vimpany, M. Kidd, D. T