

## NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

### TOWN COUNCIL MET AT SIMCOE

Application of Veteran for Reinstatement as Works Foreman Refused

#### OTHER MATTERS UP

#### Slight Salary Increases Are Granted the Clerk and Collector

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Simcoe, June 4th.—The Town Council met last night for a four hour session. All the members were present.

**Communications.**  
A lengthy petition from rate-payers asking for the repeal of the early closing by-law was read and placed on file.

**Want Fruit Stores Open.**  
Messrs. West and Bonaccorsa, were present to support their petition for the excluding of fruit stores from the operation of the by-law. Their request was passed over to the Industrial Committee.

**Would Not Disturb Works Dept.**  
Mr. Albert Wakeford's communication requesting Council to re-appoint him as foreman of the Board of Works employees was read. Wakeford had been in the employ of the Board of Works before enlisting, but did not claim that the Council had given him leave of absence or promise of reinstatement. Alderman Jackson supported Wakeford's claim, as a man who had served to the limit of his

ability and had been over the top and across no man's land. He had played the soldier to a finish and was at present carrying splinters of shrapnel. He was a good capable workman and understood that he would get his job if he returned physically fit for it, and he moved, seconded by Alderman Calder that the communication be referred to the Board of Works with instructions to re-appoint Mr. Wakeford.

Reeve Carter, as chairman of the Board of Works, reported having no assurance or information to the effect that Mr. Wakeford actually left the town's employ to enlist, or that he had any promise of the position on return. That his successor too had since enlisted and that he understood Mr. Wakeford who he believed was a reliable and capable man had the offer of a more remunerative and in many respects a more desirable situation at that present the organization of the Works Department was excellent and any change at the present time might lead to a general disorganization. It was shown too, that in the meantime the department has undergone re-organization and at present, with the Utilities Commission thoroughly established the work goes on with a small gang of men—four at present, capable of handling any

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or all of the road machinery without any outside assistance. The motion was lost on an even vote.

Mr. Wakeford has possibly been one of many who relied upon promises made without warrant. But we prefer to believe that he went overseas as a Briton regardless of any such promise. There is no record of any such in the minutes or committee reports at the Clerk's office.

**Slight Increases for Clerk and Collector.**  
The finance committee recommended slight increases in the salaries of the clerk and collector. The former has, this year, to get out a much larger voter's list and rearrange the volume for seven instead of five polling sub-divisions. Orders-in-Council for proof of age and electoral state alone have interrupted the work for the office, which has increased immensely in recent years, without any salary increase except \$50 last year.

The poll tax by-law provides for a most awkward collection of the tax, and with an enormous amount of additional work year after year since the sewer plant was laid down had not been accompanied by any increase of pay.

The committee asked for \$100 additional for Mr. McGill, and \$50 additional for Mr. Cross, and the council agreed.

Chairman Langford made it clear that his committee did not ask for these as wartime increases, but as increases for increased duties.

**By-Laws Nos. 700 and 701.**  
Messrs. Jacques and Jackson got through two by-laws, respecting the practice of the fire brigade. The first requires the travelling public to give all fire teams, trucks, and firemen a free and clear right of way when going to or from a fire. It requires private citizens to stand ten feet clear of the hose, wagons or other fire fighting appliances when the brigade is at work, and in a word, to keep away back when watching the progress of a fire. This by-law will be published in full in both local papers that the public may have no excuse for disobeying the by-law. Some councillors desired changes in the draft but chairman Jacques showed little inclination to have it tampered with, and it went through.

The second by-law was to validate an agreement with the Bell Telephone Company, by which the company allows the council to instal at the local central a special switch device for calling out the fire brigade and sounding a siren.

**Estimates Next Monday.**  
The finance committee having expressed their desire to bring down the estimates on Monday next, council adjourned to meet on that evening in the meantime the county levy will have been determined.

**And Now the Senate.**  
A communication from the council of the City of Toronto regarding the abolition of the senate went to the vote this basket.

**Utilities Commission Asks for Funds.**  
The Utilities Commission asked for \$2,500 to finance additional extensions to the waterworks plant, made during 1917, and the matter was passed over to the finance committee with power to act. It is probable that this and the Metcalfe street sidewalk will be provided for by a consolidated debenture.

The chairman of the commission advised council that L. F. Aiken had tendered his resignation as commissioner, after being appointed assessor and that the same had been recently formally accepted. He thought Mr. Aiken would accept re-appointment and the Lt. Col. got it on motion of Messrs. Baillie and Jacques.

Mr. Acker's resignation was reported tendered but not yet accepted. **Reports of Committees.**

The finance committee passed on accounts as follows:

Board of Works	\$187.98
Market	6.00
Charity	74.38
Park	369.09
Fire and Light	497.45
Miscellaneous	56.23

**Help the Child.**  
His Worship reported re the Hooker child stating that the charity committee favored expense of necessary care at the Sick Children's Hospital during the operation and recovery. Council endorsed the suggestion.

**No Idle Land in Simcoe.**  
Chairman Calder reported on the vacant lot gardening. Alderman Jackson had taken the committee by automobile on a tour of inspection over every street in town. Everywhere there was evidence of co-operation for production; almost every plot suitable for crop, and otherwise not used, had been secured and the crop would presently be all in. He doubted if there were many towers with such a showing.

**Eat Fish.**  
He also reported that his committee had guaranteed to the Government. Robert Rawling, as Government Fish Fender, and that Mr. E. B. Innes had furnished his personal bond to the council re Mr. Rawling; that Mr. Rawling would retail lake trout, whitefish, and pickerel at 15 cents a pound, and that he hoped the patriotic people of Simcoe would cooperate with the council in the effort to relieve the meat shortage.

**Police Committee Report.**  
Chairman Jackson reported having received the resignation of night watchman Pepper, who wished to be relieved as soon as possible, and recommended an increase of \$5 for Chief Canning, to bring this officer's salary up to \$5. The chairman spoke highly of his efficiency with which the chief was doing the work of his department, and stated that Magistrate Guntton found him very thorough, capable, and attentive to his duties.

The committee was authorized to advertise for a night watchman, and Mr. Pepper's resignation was accepted, to take effect as soon as a successor can be secured.

Mr. Pepper has been on the force for about a year and four months, and leaves with a clean record.

## SIMCONIAN KNIGHTED

Lt. Col. Jas. S. Brown, Formerly of That Town, Honored by King

### OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Simcoe, June 4.—Lt. Col. Jas. S. Brown whose name appeared in the King's list of knighthood's yesterday was a Simcoe boy. He was a son of the late proprietor of the Brock St. Emporium. Many Simconians who were school-boys with Sir James, were glad to learn of his distinction.

**Too Busy for Holiday.**  
Apart from the display of an occasional flag work went on in Simcoe yesterday as usual, places of business except the banks were all opened and school went on as usual.

**Bright—Reed Nuptials.**  
The marriage of Miss Edith Reed, daughter of the late Pte. Chas. Reed and of Mrs. Reed, McCall St., which was solemnized at two o'clock yesterday, drew out a large attendance of friends and a few pecks of the time honored confetti.

The bride approached the altar on her mother's arm, wearing a pretty cream crepe-satin gown and the conventional veil, and attended by Miss Dorothy Canning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Canning of Simcoe, Misses Hilda Canning of Galt, and Winnie Reid, sister of the bride were flower girls.

The groom was supported by Mr. Ernest Canning of Galt.

It was a pretty little wedding party as one might desire to see. The young couple left for the east on their honeymoon on Friday and will reside at 235 John St. south.

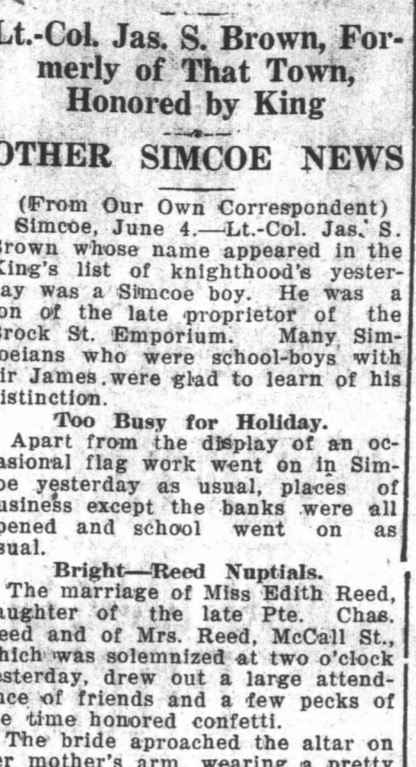
**Press Photographs.**  
Dr. and Mrs. Day will leave on Friday to spend the summer by the sea at Woods Hole, Mass.

Dr. Bruce End of London, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Canning, of Galt, was over yesterday for the Bright-Reed wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cullmore left yesterday morning for Hamilton, where they will spend the summer.

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## Business Change

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Owing to indifferent health, we have been obliged to take a rest, and we have sold the business to Mr. James Egan, of Egan Bros., St. Thomas. Mr. Egan comes to Simcoe highly recommended for business integrity, and with a quarter of a century's experience in the grocery business, wholesale and retail. He knows how to buy, and will maintain the reputation of Cash and Carry store. We solicit for him the support of the public in his effort to keep down the high cost of household supplies.

Signed

**Florence and Harry**  
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## FOOD SITUATION IN TURKEY ACUTE

Bread Ration in Army Reduced and Meat is Almost Unobtainable

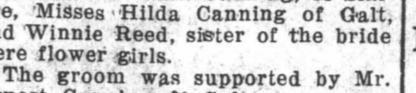
London, June 3. (British admiralty per wireless press)—Reports concerning the food situation in Turkey show that conditions continue bad and that there is great deal of suffering among the people, some of the poorest being forced to depend to a large extent on chestnuts and pumpkins seeds owing to shortage and the prices.

In certain districts those on the middle Euphrates, for example, harvest prospects in the beginning of this year were bad and starvation was anticipated unless the govern-

ment helped. A certain amount of seed was at the government's disposal, but local Turkish authorities were obstructing and dishonest and would not issue the full amount. While the newly appointed seed commissioners found difficulties placed in their way. Under these conditions the success of the harvest is highly problematical. In other districts harvest prospects have been spoiled by the action of the troops. In areas east of the Jordan the Turks turned their animals loose in the crops when they were practically ripe, causing wholesale destruction.

The Turkish soldiers themselves have suffered from the food shortage. The bread ration should be 900 grams daily, but the men rarely see more than 450, and frequently only 300 daily. The meat ration is 250 grams three times a week, but on the few occasions when meat has been available, the ration has not approached the 250 grams.

## TELLING THE ENEMY



That is what this fellow and every other of the 5,000,000 war gardeners in the United States is doing, says the National War Garden Commission, of Washington.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DOCUMENTS TO BE CARRIED

by every male person who is not on active service in any of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Naval or Military Forces of any of His Majesty's Allies, and who apparently may be, or is reasonably suspected to be, within the description of **Class One** under the Military Service Act, 1917, who for any reason may have claimed that he is not within **Class One** under the Act.

**EXEMPTION**

If it be claimed that he is exempted from or not liable to military service by reason of any exemption granted or claimed or application pending under the Military Service Act, 1917, or the regulations thereunder, his exemption papers, or a certificate of the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the district to which he belongs evidencing the fact; or

**OTHER CLASS**

If it be claimed that he is not within the Class, or that he is exempted, not liable or excepted upon any other ground, a certificate of two reputable citizens residing in the community where he lives having knowledge of the fact upon which the claim is founded and certifying thereto;

**FAILURE TO CARRY REQUISITE EVIDENCE**

If upon or after the 1st day of June, 1918, any such male person be found without the requisite evidence or certificate upon his person or in or upon the building or premises in which he is, he shall thereupon be presumed to be a person at the time liable for military service and to be a deserter or defaulter without leave;

**PENALTY**

And he shall also be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, or to both such fine and imprisonment; and moreover, any such person may forthwith be taken into military custody and may be there detained and required to perform military duty in the Canadian Expeditionary Force so long as his services shall be required, unless or until the fact be established to the satisfaction of competent authority that he is not liable for military duty.

**FALSE CERTIFICATE**

The use, signing or giving of any such certificate as hereinbefore mentioned shall, if the certificate be in any material respect false or misleading to the knowledge of the person using, signing, or giving the same, be an offence, punishable, upon summary conviction, by a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months and not less than one month.

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Ottawa, May 22, 1918.

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