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Overheated Stove Causes \$10000 Fire Loss in Thorold Last Saturday Afternoon

Building Occupied as a Pool Room, Barber Shop, Etc., Goes Up in Smoke; Victory Bond Was Also Burned.

THOROLD, Feb. 2.—At 2 p.m. on Saturday a fire totally destroyed the two-story building on Ormond St. occupied as a pool room, barber shop, restaurant, downstairs and a dining house upstairs. The Osborne St. only a few feet away was not affected.

The firemen's clothes were covered with ice and the temperature was near zero.

The total loss is about \$10,000, including Victory Bonds and money belonging to the roomers, who were former soldiers. An overheated stovepipe is thought to have started the blaze.

Peace Memorial Bridge Advocated

Welland County Council is in favor of jail farm with Lincoln.

WELLAND, Feb. 2.—At the closing session of the County Council it was decided that the Council will cooperate with a delegation from the Dominion Government relative to the erection of a Peace Memorial Bridge at or near Port Erie, and get the Government work in conjunction with the Commission from the United States Congress.

Deputy Reeve W. L. Horton of Lincoln has also urged a Jail Farm in the county. He claimed that jail confinement made criminals instead of curing them, and that for the general health and from a moral standpoint, and also as a better corrective school, Welland should have a Jail Farm. It was decided after the motion was carried unanimously, that the Council consider the advisability of jointing with Lincoln county in the establishment of the same, and that the question be laid before the Dominion Government to send an official to the Welland Council.

The question of a War Memorial building was turned down flat by the members, who opposed the scheme because the hall was to be erected in Welland. A grant of \$50,000 was asked for the purpose and the opinion was expressed that if the grant was given it should be divided equally between the municipalities represented on the council, and that the members be utterly opposed to centralizing.

George E. Howell, Toronto, a pioneer farmer of Ontario, died in his 87th year.

Richard Grey, Toronto street railway motorman, died of injuries sustained in a collision Saturday morning.

Two more students at Guelph have succumbed to pneumonia, Kathryn Sinclair, of Belleville, at Macdonald Hall, and Walter Dawson of North Monaghan, at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Could Not Care to See Some Motion Picture Scenes Re-Enacted in Your Parlor

Referring to motion pictures Dr. Martain said, people look with composure on scenes on the screen which if enacted in a parlor would be offensive.

He also spoke of the good and evil influences women have exerted in the history of the world comparing the life of Cleopatra with the good of Queen Victoria and a good house-keeper.

Co-Operative Store Backed By Laborites

Plans Under Way For Its Early Establishment in Bridgeburg.

BRIDGEBURG, Feb. 2.—Bridgeburg is to have a co-operative store backed by the Trades and Labor Council, according to a decision just reached by the various crafts here composing the Council.

J. Keene of Brantford has just been here interviewing the local Trades and Labor Executive in regard to the project, and it is said that sufficient money will be available for the committee to allow the early starting of a co-operative store.

Mrs. Chamberlain Passed Away on Sunday Morning

The many friends will regret to hear of the passing away of Mrs. Emily Chamberlain, which occurred yesterday morning at the residence of her son, Walter Chamberlain, 43 Louisa St. The deceased was born near Reading, England, some 67 years ago, coming to Canada with her husband eight years ago, who predeceased her by about seven years. She is survived by four sons, Chas., Walter, William and Alfred, and one daughter, Mrs. F. Sutton, all of whom reside in this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2.30 to Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Thorold Mayor Tries To Prevent Swearing

THOROLD, Feb. 2.—Thorold is leading in the Forward Movement. The town has been placarded with the following:

"Attention! Cursing, swearing, blasphemy and obscene language are against the laws of God. It is also a violation of the laws of your country. It is the language of vulgarity. Do not forget yourself, but do all you can to prevent the use of profane talk.

(Signed) Edward P. Foley, Mayor"

Two Scotland Yard detectives left for England yesterday with an Englishman, charged with embezzlement.

When Did the War End?

Complicated Condition Arise Out of the Many Agreements.

London, Feb. 2.—A committee of counsellors has been named to decide the official date of the ending of the world war. It is declared that thousands of pounds are involved in legal proceedings which have been held up pending an authoritative decision on the point.

Interviewed on the subject a prominent barrister said recently: "So many war measures were passed, such as the rents restrictions acts and the Orders-in-Council, that one must not trade with the enemy or do this or that and the other, that the legal profession, generally speaking, is looking for guidance."

"No one can possibly answer the question off-hand. Some contracts used the phrase, at the termination of hostilities, while others spoke of the 'duration of the war,' and in each case the parties probably intended the same thing."

Burial of Barnett Darby Took Place Sunday Morning

The funeral of Barnett Darby, was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, Clarence R. Darby, Rev. A. H. Howitt, rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church, officiated at the house and grave side. The bearers were: George Hulse, Stephen Darby, Richard E. Boyle, Joseph Darby, John Flynn and Bruce Hodgkins. The remains were interred in Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

The press took a trip over several of the lines this morning and learned from the men that nothing definite had been done by their union nor had the increase been discussed at a meeting, but there is a general feeling that they cannot meet their obligations at a scale of 55 cents an hour.

One motorman said: "I am going behind every day. With me it is 75 cents an hour or bust."

The leaders of the union will not discuss the matter, but they won't deny that there is talk about an increase.

"The present agreement expires in June, and it's a little too cold and too soon to talk much," was the opinion of one of the leaders.

Peter F. Hopkins, a pioneer of Norwich, died at his daughter's home in Woodstock, at the age of ninety.

Committees Report to the County Council, Printing and Building and Educational

Many Sinn Fein Leaders Gathered In By Authorities

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—Many Sinn Fein leaders were arrested in the course of a big round up at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. They were taken to an un-revealed destination.

Seven of the newly elected members of the municipal council were among those arrested. The military alone carried out the raid.

Joseph McGrath, Sinn Fein member of the House of Commons for the St. James' division of Dublin, also was arrested.

The arrests caused great excitement in the city.

GIRLS REFUSE KISSES

Bound by Oath to Refrain While Influenza grows.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Influenza and the fear of spreading it has organized an anti-kissing club in Waverly, N. Y. Girls are forming themselves into these societies in effort to prevent the spread of the disease. "Promiscuous kissing, in fact kissing altogether, must be stopped for the time being," they say, "until the epidemic is past."

"It is in the soul-kiss the danger lies particularly," said the president of a local organization to the press, "but we are not taking any more chances. We won't allow the boys to even touch our cheeks with their lips. All the members are sworn to observe the rule she," said.

PREMIER DRURY SURE OF HALTON?

MILTON, Feb. 2.—Mr. Drury is not likely to be opposed in Halton. Because of the extreme cold, the meeting of the Liberal Executive called to consider the situation did not take place yesterday. President W. J. Clements says he does not expect to see a Liberal or any other candidate brought out. The election is too near.

A Number of Organizations Will Be Allowed Use of Grand Jury Room; Extra Accommodation at the Registry Office.

Some of the members of the County Council are here today doing committee work.

Two more reports were presented to the Council, those of the Printing and Building Committee and the Education Committee.

Printing and Building Committee

Your Committee on Printing and Building beg leave to submit this, their first report as follows:

Your Committee with other members of the Council visited the Jail, and found everything satisfactory.

The work ordered on Jail at the November session is not yet completed, but is being proceeded with.

As the wiring at the Jail has been condemned by Inspector Smith, we recommend that steps be taken to have the same put in proper condition at once.

In view of the fact that the lighting in the Court House is mostly attached to the old gas fixtures, we recommend that the Council begin to replace the fixtures with proper ones and that those in the Clerk's and Treasurer's offices be replaced at once.

We recommend as follows:

That the use of the Grand Jury room be granted to the following Associations to hold meetings for 1920 provided they pay the caretaker for cleaning same.

The Board of Agriculture. The Fair Managers' Association. Niagara Peninsula Fruit Growers' Association.

Also, the Municipal Council of the Township of Grantham, to have the use of same room at \$15 per annum, and to pay the caretaker \$12 for his services.

Also, the Cold Storage Company \$1 per meeting, they to pay the caretaker \$1 per meeting for cleaning the same.

That meetings other than the above mentioned be prohibited without the consent of the Chairman and the Warden and that no political meetings be allowed.

That all small accounts be paid on recommendation of the Chairman, when properly certified to.

That tenders for County printing

be asked for at once.

The attention of the Committee having been called to the crowded condition of the Registry Office, we recommend that the Committee be authorized to provide for increased accommodation with a view of future needs.

That in view of the fact that all or nearly all the local municipalities are raising or have raised funds for memorials to the men who gave up their lives in the late war, this committee believes that it would be wise and expedient for this Council to make a grant to each municipality for memorial purposes rather than erect a county memorial, and we therefore recommend that this be done, and would suggest \$300 as the amount, the final decision as to this being left to the Council.

The Education Committee.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit this their first report:

1—Mr. E. A. Carefoot, Public School Inspector, presented a very full and comprehensive report with merits its being printed in the minutes of this Council, and that copies be sent to the various School Boards of the County.

2—That whereas, Mr. Carefoot, Public School Inspector, reports that his travelling expenses exceed the amount of \$300 granted him, by some \$260, we therefore recommend that he be paid the sum of \$560 annually towards same.

3—We recommend that the grant of \$1 expended in Public School Libraries be continued.

4—We recommend that the Chairman and the Warden be delegates to the Provincial Trustees meeting to be held in Toronto, April 6th, 7th and 8th next, as per invitation received.

5—We recommend that the following accounts be paid:

Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute \$1,871.56.

G. A. Carefoot, Inspector \$260. (Reimbursement of excess expenses 1919-20.)

Samuel Barron of Chatham was found dead on the roof of his house where he had been cleaning snow.

Bear Saw His Shadow And So We'll Have Six Weeks More of Winter!

Well, the thing is settled once and for all. There is no let-up. The bear or woodchuck or ground-hog, saw his shadow today and though it seems a ridiculous thing for him to do on a springlike day like this, he went back to bed to sleep for another six weeks. So we'll have cold weather that long at least.

Saturday was the coldest day of the coldest month. The whole of Ontario shivered with St. Kitts. Toronto enjoyed 18 below zero.

January went out Saturday with the record of being the coldest day of the month—17.8 below zero. The temperature has kept below normal for all but about a half dozen days during

the month. The mean temperature is 12.7 which is 9.1 below the average.

This has been the coldest month back until 1857, and may be the coldest on record when Saturday's actual mean is secured.

In 1857 it was 12.8, and in 1920 12.7.

The snowfall was 23.6 inches, which is 16.3 inches above normal. There was no rain during the month and the average supply is listed at 2.14 inches. The total precipitation was 0.51 below the average.

The warmest day of the month was January 7th, with a temperature of 36.6 above, and Saturday was the coldest.



Scene from Avery Hopwood's gale of laughter "Fair and Warmer" at Grand Opera House Thursday night.

Commissioner Carvell of the Board has given a ruling regarding the use of telephone and express franks.



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