

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

COMMUNITY CLUB
AT REDNERSVILLELive Spirit Animates People
of That Region—Meets
Weekly.

MR. PARLIAMENT SPEAKS

Speaker in Legislature Tells
How to Become an
Orator.

REDNERSVILLE.—While there was a good deal of excitement created by the first Wednesday morning last in the building occupied by Thos. G. Thompson as a general store, the early alarm by a midnight passer-by and the prompt action of friends and neighbours prevented any heavy loss and saved nearly all the stock and the building.

Mr. A. Gilmour, another of our merchants, is suffering from an attack of double pneumonia. He is progressing favorably.

R. Stafford, another of our three days per week grinding for farmers of the surrounding country. The mill has seldom been so popular as this year, with the heavy grain crops.

Many visitors and much going to and fro for New Year's celebration again this year.

The bandman presented Mr. A. G. Roblin, who has so generously provided quarters for practising for months past, with a fine smoking set and an address of appreciation at a recent meeting. All are to be congratulated upon their desire to maintain this worthy organization.

In keeping with the spirit which originated the band, a community club is being held from week to week. The last meeting was held at Rednerville Church on New Year's Eve. Along with usual preliminary opening exercises an excellent address was given by Hon. Nelson.

Mr. P. M. P. on "The Art of Public Speaking and How to Acquire It." While disclaiming any degree of perfection or superiority of attainment, he proved that the art is acquired, not "born," giving as example John B. Curran, who stated that eloquence was not born with him but to him twenty-three years after his birth and that by effort. Also showing that Disraeli had great obstacles to overcome. Again that Demosthenes was a stammerer and short in breathing power but by holding pebbles in his mouth and climbing steps as he attempted speaking developed him to the heights of oratory. By reference to Lincoln he deduced that a definite aim was essential as in that particular life it chanced to be the freeing of American slaves. So also by Daniel Webster's victory when brought face to face with his trying moment giving utterance to the quotation, "I have not prepared my answer in a night" but through twenty-five years' he emphasized the necessity of preparation. Thus the speaker summed up the essentials of the art.

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Next he dealt with the obstacles, viz. self-consciousness and nervousness, forgetfulness, indirectness and failure to get and hold attention, showing by various allusions that it is possible for a speaker to be so absorbed in his theme that surroundings, impediments, lack of success and even opposition can be overcome. He closed by summarily proving that a firm faith in and co-operation with the great Heavenly Father and His divine way is the great centre and secret of success.

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Miss Jean Robertson, of Stratford, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. James Moffatt, for a couple of weeks.

Miss Agnes Bellhouse, of Kingston, and Miss Kathleen Daly are the guests of Miss Louise Harshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Best, Wellington, are spending the Xmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Madden, West street.

Two enjoyable parties were given on Tuesday evening, one at the home of Miss Mildred Brown and the other was given by Miss Grace Boyes in honor of her guest, Miss Jean McIntosh.

Mrs. Williams and Miss Williams, of Camden East, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holland and little son Billy, of Yarker, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Paul, Elm Lodge.

Mr. Fred Stafford, of the International Harvester Company, Hamilton, is spending the year end at Traverse City, Bates, North Port and Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, of Vancouver, B.C., are visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, and his sister, Mrs. J. W. Wagar, Centreville, and other friends in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baughan announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Caroline, to Mr. Thomas Kenworthy, of New York City.

Miss Laura M. Chambers, R.N., has returned from spending the past few months in Los Angeles, Cal., and is visiting her mother and sister in Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foltz and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barrett, of Belleville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh, John street.

Miss Louise Harshaw entertained at a delightful "The Damsel" Wednesday afternoon, the guests of honor being Miss Agnes Bellhouse and Miss Kathleen Daly.

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Mr. Joe Delaney, Tweed, and Mrs. English, of Detroit, are spending the holidays with their sister, Miss Sarah Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleston and baby, of Deseronto, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton, St. Olaf.

Goldwin Fraser, of Smithfield, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Bidwell, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitty are spending the holidays in Tweed, guests of their daughter, Mrs. Felix Rashotte.

Miss M. S. Donnan, trained nurse, of New York City, is the guest of her sister and father, Miss Eliza and James Donnan, of town.

Mrs. Alf. Chard, accompanied by her two small sons Tom and Bobbie, of Mount Royal, Calgary, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hurst and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harker, of Belleville, spent Xmas and the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reid.

Rev. B. F. and Mrs. Byers and Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Alger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Tanner at dinner on Wednesday evening of this week.

Mr. Fred Hulin, who has been suffering with eye trouble ever since his return from overseas, left for Kingston on Tuesday to undergo an operation.

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SERVICE CHARGE
NOW EXPLAINEDWhy Hydro "Tax" is Called
Necessary Puzzles Many
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AN ILLUSTRATION

Graduated Charge is Found
More Fair—Meaning of Public
Ownership.

(By J. E. Middleton)

Here is an actual bill for electric light in a Toronto residence for the months of October and November:

Service charge, 1,700 square feet at 3c per 100, per month.....	\$1 02
102 Kilowatt hours at 2c.....	2 04
15 kilowatt hours at 1c.....	15
Gross.....	\$3 21
10 per cent. discount, if paid before Dec 23, 1920.....	22
Net.....	\$2 89

The service charge puzzles many persons. They see no reason for an arbitrary "tax" on the size of their houses and would prefer to pay only for the current they actually use. Possibly an illustration may explain it better than an argument.

In a tiny backwoods hamlet lives a little old man who makes his living by hiring out coal oil lamps to his neighbors as they may require them. His task is to keep the lamps trimmed and filled, and to deliver them every evening all ready to light, according to requirements. On Monday night the Joneses need only two, the Smiths, three and the Robinsons, five. On Sunday the Joneses are away visiting and need only one, to light them to bed on their return, the Smiths have company and require six, the Robinsons need five as usual. On Christmas Eve with all the children at home everybody needs all the lamps available. The Joneses call for ten, the Smiths for ten and the Robinsons for fifteen.

Emergency Calls

It is obvious that the little old man must keep on hand enough lamps and enough oil to meet an emergency call for 35—although the ordinary demand is for ten, or at the most twelve. If his hiring rate is merely enough to cover the average consumption of oil and the average wear and tear on the lamps actually used, the little old man is going to come out of the small end of the horn. He must make a charge for the lamps held in reserve.

The Hydro-electric system is the little old man. Every house wired for electric light has at least one lamp in every room, and there must be enough power available to light all at once, if necessary. But usually not more than two or three lamps are burning at once in the average house on an average evening.

It would not be fair to charge only for the current actually used. In such circumstances an electric service could not make ends meet.

The Two Ways.

There are two ways of applying a service charge; by a flat, arbitrary rate per month for each user, and by a graduated charge based on the likelihood