

# NORFOLK NEWS

## TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED

### Retiring Members of Simcoe School Board Returned to Office

#### OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

Simcoe, Dec. 27.—(From Our Own Correspondent)—For the tenth time in the annals of the Simcoe Board of Education the retiring trustees were re-elected.

The nomination slate read: North Ward—W. E. Everett, by W. E. Kelly and D. F. Aiken; Centre Ward—Dr. Wm. Burt, by D. F. Aiken and W. E. Kelly; H. P. Innes, K.C., by W. E. Kelly and D. F. Aiken.

There were present on the auspicious occasion these two gentlemen trustees who placed the nominations and the secretary-treasurer, F. E. Curtis, and once more the last named has been denied the opportunity of deviating from the even tenor of his way by metamorphosing into a returning officer.

For several years the only change in the personnel of the board have been due to removals or voluntary withdrawals.

And it is well that the board is left intact for considerable material is on the ground for the building of the north ward school and it is desirable that the same representatives should have an opportunity to reconsider the plans before a duplicate of the south school is contracted for lest they have found some detail in which the south school could be improved upon.

#### To Our Simcoe Readers.

With the beginning of the New Year, the news service heretofore supplied through The Courier will be transferred to The Expressor.

As The Courier ceases publication with the close of the year, all subscriptions paid in advance will be returned. The entire delivery list of The Courier in Simcoe will be handed over to Mr. Brown, who will supply The Expressor to all our former patrons here.

This office will conduct only the news and advertising departments. All arrears on Courier service should be paid at this office at once. Mr. Brown will make all collections thereafter. As our books may be called in any day, it is very advisable that arrears be paid at once before the list is passed over to a collector with charges added. Look up your last receipt, please, and if you are in arrears call at

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#### Auxiliary Ball Well Patronized

The G. W. V. A. auxiliary ball held last night in the armory to provide funds for a New Year's tea for the children of soldiers, was well patronized. The young folk were out in force with just enough sprinkling of the young folks of the nineties to demonstrate how to waltz without mixing in all the other steps. The sudden cold wave baffled the heating apparatus, and the big hall was a trifle chilly—but Purcell's orchestra offset this by a repertoire of splendid music.

The receipts in total would be more than \$70 gross. Contributions to increase the amount before Wednesday will no doubt be thankfully received.

#### Odd Ends of News

Dr. McGilvery had a nasty mix-up on West Union street yesterday morning when the front axle of his buggy broke. The horse, taking fright, dragged him and the driver some distance over one of Simcoe's pavements, and both received some bruises, but no injuries of a serious nature.

Chas. Cross began to make ice at the arena yesterday.

There has not been an order for corporation wood placed this week. The local coal situation is less pessimistic.

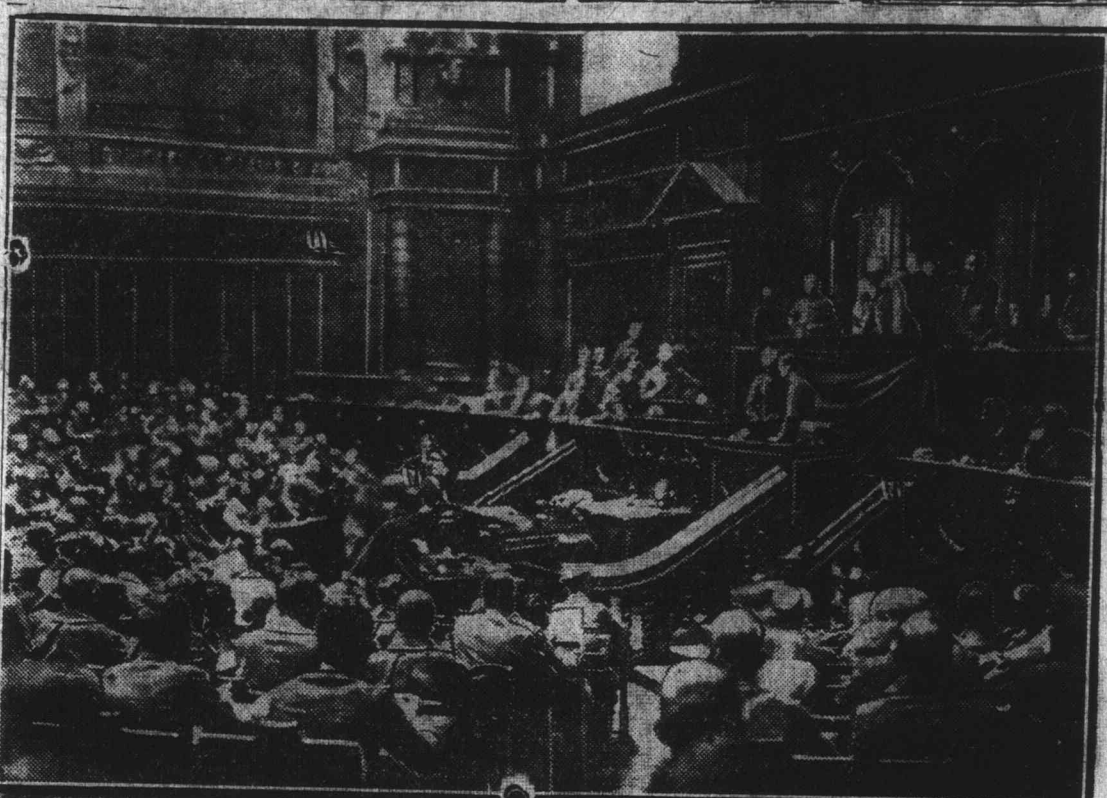
The controller at the L. E. and N. depot is still out of commission, and the entire load is carried from the Brantford station. The schedule was maintained by a shuttle service between Port Dover and Simcoe, all south-bound cars terminating the run here.

The Courier delivery boys desire to give public acknowledgement of their thanks for the splendid Christmas recognition accorded them.

#### TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Dec. 27.—(4.25 a.m.)—Rumors that the former emperor of Germany had been assassinated became current in Paris, notably in the Chamber of Deputies last evening. There is not the slightest confirmation of the report up to the present.

### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



GERMAN SOLDIERS AND WORKMEN IN REICHSTAG. This is one of the first actual photographs to arrive in this country of the Soldiers' and Workmen in control of the German government, and shows a different scene in the Reichstag chamber than while the ex-Emperor held the reins of the government. It shows the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council in session on the morning of November 5th, at which meeting Germany was declared a Republic. The prevailing dress at the meeting is that of the army, with a few members of the Workmen's Council in civilian clothes.

## TWENTY SEVEN NATIONS TO SIT AT PEACE TABLE

### Total Membership Will be Between 100 and 120 DELEGATES NAMED

Paris, Dec. 26.—The personnel of the Peace Congress is gradually taking form. A number of the main details of the composition of the congress are now fairly well settled as a result of recent conferences. These indicate that the total membership of the congress will be between 100 and 120. There will be 27 countries represented by delegations, including those which declared war and a number which have come into existence as a result of the war.

The great powers, notably Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy, each have allotted five delegates while the other delegations will vary from one to four members, according to the size of the country and the interests involved.

#### Potatoes and Gold.

The gold of the Indies was the attraction that led Columbus to sail westward, that carried Cortes to Mexico and Pizarro to Peru. The Incas had large stores of the precious metal, representing, no doubt, the accumulations of many centuries. The capture of such a booty resonated through Europe. Spain became for a time the wealthiest, as well as the most powerful, nation of Europe, and this was ascribed to the gold of Peru.

But Peru held another treasure much more valuable for the nations of Europe than the golden booty of Pizarro. Carrying the potato to Europe was an event of much more profound significance in relation to the subsequent history of the world than sending the Inca gold to the coffers of Spain. But nobody understood the value of the potato, and its Peruvian origin was generally forgotten before the plant became well known. Instead of Peruvian potatoes we call them Irish potatoes.

#### The Silk Worm.

Until the sixteenth century the silk form was cultivated only in China, where the precious products and the secret of its cultivation were guarded with vigilant jealousy so as to insure China the monopoly of silk manufacture.

#### Deserters Not Wanted.

During the war Switzerland would allow no Austrian deserters to cross her frontiers, and they were later executed by an order of an Austrian court-martial.

Word has been received that the Belgian and Portuguese delegations soon will join the representatives of the United States, who thus far are the only members of the Peace Congress to arrive.

While the personnel of few delegations have been announced, unofficially indicate that most of them will be formed substantially as follows:

Belgium—Paul Hymans, Foreign Minister; Emile van Dervelde, Minister of Justice; Baron van den Heuvel, Minister to the Vatican.

Portugal—Senhor Egas Moniz, Foreign Minister; Espirito Santo Lima; Senhor Friere de Andrade, Senhor Santos Viga, and Augusto Vasconcelos, Minister of the Colonies.

Brazil—Milo Pecanha, Foreign Minister; Ruy Barbosa, Admiral Huet Bacellar and Gen. Thompowsky.

Japan—Viscount Chinda, Ambassador to Great Britain; Baron Matsui, Ambassador to France; and two other delegates now on their way to the Vatican.

Serbia—Nikola P. Pachitch, Premier; Dr. M. R. Vesitch and Dr. Cumbitch.

Greece—Premier Venizelos and M. Politis, Foreign Minister.

Italy—Premier Orlando, Baron Sonnino, Foreign Minister; Leonida Bissoletti-Bergamaschi, Minister of Military Aid and War Pensions; Gen. Diaz, commander-in-chief of the Italian army, and Admiral Paolo Thaon di Revel, former chief of the naval staff.

Great Britain—David Lloyd George, Prime Minister; Arthur J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary; Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and George Nicoll Barnes, Labor member of the Cabinet, and

one other delegate who has not yet been designated. Lieut.-Gen. J. G. Smuts and Gen. Botha, representing South Africa, are expected to accompany the British delegation, in which probably also will be representatives of Canada, Australia and India.

France—M. Clemenceau, Premier; Stephen Picon, Foreign Minister, and three others who have not yet been announced, although the names of those mentioned as probable members include Leon Bourgeois, former Minister; Jules Cambon, general secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Cant. Andre Tardieu, head of the General Commission for Franco-American war matters, for former Premier Aristide Briand.

The foregoing delegations comprise those of virtually all the European countries which have taken part in the war, except Roumania, delegates have not yet been announced. China will be represented by one person, probably the Ambassador to France. Slam and Cuba and Central American republics have not been heard from.

On the whole, the lists given above, though unofficial and subject to change, indicate that the delegations have been virtually formed and that they soon will be in a position to take up the work of the congress.

#### TRAFFIC DECREASES

By Courier Leased Wire  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 27.—A marked decrease in the movement of freight traffic through the canals here is shown in the report of the United States engineer for the year 1918.

The total movement of freight of all kinds, aggregated 65,680,327 short tons, the lightest movement since 1914. Wheat shipments totalled 122,718,146 bushels, grain other than wheat 30,000,621 bushels. The volume of flour handled through the waterways was 8,228,844 bushels.

Coal shipments aggregated 17,181,550 tons, of which bituminous made up 15,770,560 tons. Iron ore shipments totalled 8,055,126 tons and copper 86,070 tons.

#### Bowlby for Mayor

Bowlby had the fight of his life to contract with the then street railway company, compelling construction over Terrace Hill within six months, or forfeit their charter. It was forfeited, and because of that the city owns the railway.

Bowlby was the cause of the successful appeal to the railway board compelling the Grand Trunk to have a subway at St. Paul's avenue.

Did not Bowlby promote the grading of Dundas street? Behold now the spectacle the citizens of Terrace Hill being deluged with promises by their new found friends to secure their votes.

Vote for Bowlby, who makes no promises, but does things.

## ELECTION CARDS and LETTERS

The advertising rates for election cards this year will be as follows:

Regular 1 1/2" space to run from nomination to election day or for shorter time—

**\$4.00**

Spaces run for longer periods will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch per insertion.

Letters to the Editor advocating support of any candidate will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch.

Brantford Municipal League

## Special Meeting WARD FOUR

Friday Night  
415 Colborne St.  
Ward 4 and 5  
Committee Rooms

Brantford Municipal League

## Public Meeting Monday, Dec. 30th 8 p. m. Y. M. C. A. Auditorium

ADDRESSES BY:

### TOM LYLE and City Treasurer (BY REQUEST) and Others

Public Invited

## Explain This Purchase From The Standard Coal Company

According to the statement of the finances of the city, issued by City Treasurer Bunnell, Brantford is just \$1,800 short this year on the wood business. The item is briefly entered in Mr. Bunnell's statement of Brantford's \$52,000 overdraft as "wood shortage, \$1,800."

The last statement of Mr. Bunnell on the coal business shows soft coal on hand in civic yards 1016 tons, at \$8.38 per ton. Since that statement was issued, more of the same kind of coal has been dumped on the pile.

December 20, quotations of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, quote run of mine coal at \$2.25, \$2.35 per ton, f.o.b. at mines.

That with freight charges and duty, brings the price to \$5.86 laid down in Brantford. The company named above is one of the best in the business, and reputable in every way.

The quality of the coal at the civic yards is run of mine, but those who have handled run of mine coal for years declare that it is of inferior quality, and mostly slack. At any rate, the coal is over there, and any ratepayer may inspect it, by shovelling off the snow and ice.

Every pound of Brantford's \$8.38 per ton run of mine coal was purchased from the Standard Coal Company.

It is for domestic purposes. It is coal, which is easily procurable, in fact the supply is greater than the demand.

The very best of the same class of coal can be laid down here for \$5.86 per ton.

But Brantford has paid \$8.38 for over 1000 tons of the stuff which any ratepayer may take a look at and inspect over in the civic yards.

The question might properly be asked, where are the people who are paying the highest tax rate on record in this city, to get off at, in this hoarding of soft coal, said to be of inferior quality, and purchased at a price way above the price of regular coal firms which supply Canada?

Why has this coal been piled up at great expense? How long will the public purse stand for business such as this?

It is up to you, Mr. Ratepayer? You are paying the shot. It is for you to say if you approve of the purchase from the Standard Coal Company, with your money, of coal for which there is no demand and not likely to be, at a price higher than present market prices.

You have the wood shortage, and you have a dead loss to the city in the coal pile there now, for wind and storm. You have the highest tax rate on record, and you have the biggest civic overdraft on record? Is there anything else an already over-burdened ratepayer would like to have?

Tom Lyle will apply the brakes, and it is high time. The MacBride Standard Coal Company business must be broken as far as this city's treasury is concerned.

And there you have part of the MacBride enterprise. How long do you propose to stand for it? It is up to you, Mr. Ratepayer, you who pay the shot.

Lyle is the man to support in this city's crisis.

# Tom Lyle



A scene at the Grand Opera House last night, Wednesday, Jan. 1st.

## Give a WAR-SAVINGS STAMP for Christmas!

BUY a War-Savings Stamp at any Money-Order Post Office, Bank, or other place displaying the War-Savings Stamp sign. This will cost \$4.00. At the same time ask for a Certificate and affix the W.S.S. thereto.

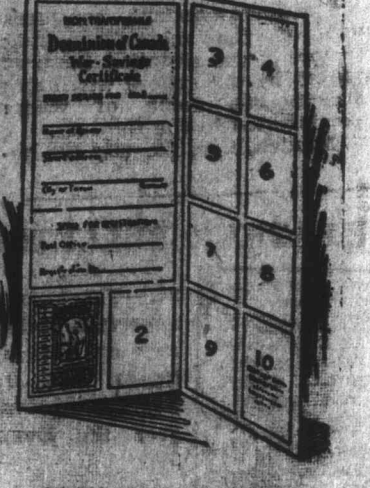
Fill in the name and address of your friend, of your boy, girl, or other person for whom your gift is intended, and there you have the most desirable of gifts!

You might say, in presenting it, "It is worth four dollars in cash right now at any post office, but I advise you to hold it because it is the promise of the Dominion of Canada to pay you Five Dollars on the first day of 1924."

"This is a 'baby bond', earning interest, and you can make it a bigger 'bond' by saving up and buying more stamps. It is easy to buy W.S.S. because for every 25 cents you save you can get a THRIFT Stamp, 16 of which on a Thrift Card will be exchanged for a W.S.S."

After January, 1919, the purchase price of W.S.S. increases 1 cent a month—the interest earned. The cash surrender value increases also. Certificates with one or more stamps can be registered at the Post Office against loss by fire, theft, or other cause.

A gift of a War-Savings Stamp is more than a gift of cash. It may well mean the commencement of habits of Thrift, to the great benefit of both the individual and the country at large.



Look for the Sign

10 W.S.S. worth \$50. January 1st, 1924

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