

# A Happy and Prosperous New Year

A. Brown & Co. wish their many friends and customers a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and take this opportunity of expressing their thanks for the many favors which they have shown them during the year just closing.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the estate of William Henry Duncan, late of the Township of Warwick, in the County of Lambton, farmer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Geo. V. Chap. 25, Sec. 55 and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of William Henry Duncan, late of the Township of Warwick, in the County of Lambton, farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 26th day of October, A. D. 1912, are required to deliver or send to the undersigned solicitors, a statement and full particulars of their claims and addresses, and the county, if any, on or before the 14th day of January, A. D. 1913.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the said last mentioned date, the Executrix will proceed to distribute the estate amongst the parties entitled having regard only to the claims of which they then shall have notice, and the Executrix will not be liable for the estate or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim or claims they shall not then have had notice at the time of such distribution.

ALEXANDRA RICHIE CRAIG, Executrix  
by COWAN & TOWERS, Watford,  
Ontario, her Solicitors.

Dated at Watford this 17th day of December, A. D. 1912.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Sarah Squire, late of the Township of Brooke, in the County of Lambton, Spinster, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Ontario Statute 1 George V., Chap. 26, sec. 55, that all persons having claims against the above named deceased, who died on or about the twenty-seventh day of October, 1912, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned, their names and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, duly verified, together with the nature of any securities held by them.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to such claims as he shall have had notice and will not be liable for the said assets to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1912.

COWAN & TOWERS, Watford,  
Solicitors for Thomas Squire, Esq.,  
Administrator.

A. Rumford, Forest, has sold his shoe business to F. Cairns.

Those cousins out west—or back east—you don't hear from them as often now. You each have new friends, new interests. But after all, blood is thicker than water and your picture and the pictures of the other members of your family would be welcomed by them—especially at this time of the year.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO-DAY.

**Apleworth's Art Studio.**  
WATFORD.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.]

#### The Financial Statement

The Editor of the Guide Advocate:  
The Financial Statement of Watford for this year was issued last week. Copies of this statement should be obtained from our Municipal Clerk by every elector interested in the affairs of the town. From this statement it will be seen what our Municipal Council received and what they paid out. There was a balance on hand from 1911 of \$226.59 and this with last year's taxes that were unpaid in 1911 which were paid this year, and half rent of hall for Division Court received from Warwick Township, shows that this year's Council received from last year's, the sum of \$647.24, and that they had to pay a Wire Work's debenture due January 31st, of \$1153.14 besides several other outstanding accounts of last year. We also had to pay in January current accounts for that month including \$300 for the Public School. The Wire Works debenture mentioned and the other outstanding accounts made it necessary for us to raise on January 31st, 1912, the sum of \$1000 by note given the Sterling Bank, and also made it necessary for us to raise extra taxes to the extent of about two mills on the dollar, whereas this year, counting our debentures that have been issued, at par we have over \$1250 on hand and more than \$100 on hand after paying the Wire Works debenture maturing next January, and all other outstanding claims. This we had to raise this year because last year's Council did not raise sufficient for that purpose. Last year our county rate was two mills. Last year it was 1 8/10 mills. This is something we cannot help as extra expenses in building and repairing county bridges and other county matters cannot be avoided. The village rate last year was eight mills. This year it was 10 5/10 mills, a difference only of 2 5/10 mills which I will explain later on. The Public School maintenance rate this year was 7 2/10 mills. Last year it was seven mills. This is another matter that could not be helped by this year's Council. An extra teacher was employed last year. The High School maintenance rate last year was 2 5/10 mills, this year 3 5/10 mills, a difference of one mill. This is something also that this year's

Council were not responsible for. Increase of salaries of teachers in the High School to a very great extent, I understand was the cause of this. It will be seen that our tax rate this year is 26 4/10 mills, whereas last year it was 22 5/10 mills, almost four mills higher this year than last year. It is right that the taxpayers should know how there is any difference in the rate in this year's taxes which can easily be ascertained by looking at the financial statement referred to and see where the money went. Shortly I may say almost two mills is accounted for in last year's Council not raising sufficient for to meet the immediate liabilities as stated. Then one mill more was required by the High School, two-tenths of a mill more by the Public School for maintenance. This makes almost 3 4/10 mills difference. Then the armory site was purchased which cost about a mill and one-tenth on the dollar. Then we had to repair the sidewalks that had to be done last year and should have been repaired last year. \$207.74 appears to have been spent in that way, and this is almost 6/10 of a mill on the \$. Almost another mill was spent in the new sewer or drain on Front and John streets going into Mr. Gear's property, which should have been done last year. Then we employed a constable and in addition to that had to pay for a constable that was employed for a little while last year. This would be over another mill on the dollar. Notwithstanding all this we have raised less than four mills on the dollar more to pay the debts of last year and to pay our own debts and provide for the payment of the Wire Works debenture and still have on hand over \$100 instead of having a deficit as was the case last year. Another thing I may say I spent some money in travelling the north end of the town, from the Presbyterian church, which should also have been done last year. If last year's Council had raised two mills more on the dollar as we have in order to provide for the Wire Works debenture, their rate would have been 24 5/10 mills. Then had they had to pay an extra mill for the High School and over an extra mill for the armory site, and also all the other additional taxes we had to raise, their rate would have been a great deal higher than ours this year. We put in a new cement fire tank. We also completed the electric light contract. I think this year's Council are to be commended in keeping the rate so low under the circumstances, and when they have so much to show for what they have done and a balance on hand instead of a deficit. Since so many people have asked me why the taxes were higher this year than last year, I felt it was my duty to write this explanation and to show the real state of affairs as mentioned. This year's Council has had a most active year's work. They have done their part well and I do not think any body of men could have done any better. A public library site has been purchased and paid for and debentures issued which will fetch an asset to this town when the building is erected of \$7100 besides being an advertisement and a great benefit to the town without costing the ratepayers one cent more for taxes for maintenance of this library as the Statute provides for that. No more taxes can be levied for maintenance under the Statute whether there is a Carnegie library or not, and less than 40c on each \$1000 assessment for ten years is all that will be required to pay for the site, less than \$4.00 for a man assessed for \$1000 during all the time and less than \$2.00 in that time for a man assessed at \$500. Surely no public spirited citizen can object to this in getting over a \$7000 asset for the town. The armory will provide amongst other things a good place for holding large meetings, which we have not now, and can be used for many other purposes, and said armory that is to be erected is to be a credit to Watford, and also the post office. The By-laws of the town and the law generally have been well enforced this year, and we have had the benefit of it generally, and the fines are to our credit. Negotiations have been on foot to get a canning factory and a furniture factory here. I will not say anything further now on several other important municipal matters, but will leave it until nomination night. Thanking you for taking up so much space in your valuable paper and wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain  
Yours sincerely,  
W. E. FITZGERALD,  
REEVE.

Dated Dec. 23rd, 1912.

#### BROOKE COUNCIL.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of previous meeting read, and on motion of Mr. Monro, seconded by Mr. Sutton, were approved.  
Account of Messrs. Hanna, LeSuer & McKinlay read for services and disbursements in case of Colhoun vs. Brooke, amounting to \$224.51.  
Darvill—Annett, that account be paid.—Carried.  
James McLachlan, thresher, applied for pay for damages to his engine on hill on 24 sidroad, con 11., caused by defect in road.  
Fisher—Annett, that he be paid the sum of \$15.00, in full of claim.—Carried.  
Harvey Warden applied for pay for two sheep killed by dogs, valued at \$15.00, and Donald McNeill for one sheep injured, valued at \$3.00.  
Monro—Sutton, that Mr. Warden be paid the sum of \$12.00 and Mr. McNeill the sum of \$2.00.—Carried.  
James Johnston, Esq., Chairman of Local Board of Health, presented and read his annual report for 1912, showing the general health of the inhabitants of the municipality to be good, and an improvement in the sanitary conditions of the Cheese Factories and slaughterhouses. Expenses and remuneration for services \$33.00.  
Fisher—Monro, that report be accepted and adopted, and order issued in favor of Chairman for \$33.00.—Carried.

The following report was then presented and read—  
To the Municipal Council Brooke.

Gentlemen—  
Your Committee appointed to report on the culvert complained of by Mr. Joseph McClure, begs leave to submit the following report. We visited the said culvert on 6-7 sidroad and find it to be over the Parker-Lucas Drain, which is a municipal drain, constructed under the Municipal Drainage Act, and are of the opinion that the Council has no right to close the said culvert. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Alfred Darvill, Acting Chairman.  
Darvill—Annett, that report be adopted.—Carried.

A second report was also presented and read, on bridge petitioned for by Mr. Tait and others.  
To the Reeve and Council of Brooke.

Gentlemen—  
Your Committee would recommend that the Council take no action in the matter of a new bridge on the townline between Euphemia and Brooke, as it would be too expensive. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Alfred Darvill, Acting Chairman.  
Sutton—Annett, that report be received and adopted.—Carried.

Request received from James H. Wilson that 6-7 sidroad drain across Con. 2 and 3 be repaired.

Monro—Sutton, that request be received and engineer instructed to examine and report on same, with a view to enable Council to proceed with the work.—Carried.

Petition received from David and Robt. W. Hayter, asking that the N hf of lot 18, Con. 1 be drained under the terms of the Drainage Act.

Darvill—Annett, that petition be received and Engineer instructed to examine locality and report with the required plans and assessments.—Carried.

Darvill—Sutton, that a committee composed of Messrs. Monro, Annett and the mover, be appointed to confer with our Solicitor and find out what is best to be done with the Smith-Patterson Drain By-law, with power to act in effecting a settlement.—Carried.

By-law to authorize the issue of Debentures for Telephone work was laid over for the Council of 1913.

Fisher—Sutton, that Council do now adjourn sine die.—Carried.

W. G. WILLOUGHBY, Clerk.

Mr. John Piggott, a prosperous young farmer of Enniskillen, was married Wednesday, the 18th inst., to Miss Myrtle Hearst, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hearst, of Moore township. The Rev. Mr. McKell, of Bridgen, performed the ceremony. A large number of relatives witnessed the ceremony, among them being Mr. George and Miss Angeline Trick, of the 6th con., Bosanquet, cousins of the groom. Mr. Piggott is the eldest son of Mr. Jas. Piggott, formerly of the ridge road, Bosanquet.

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