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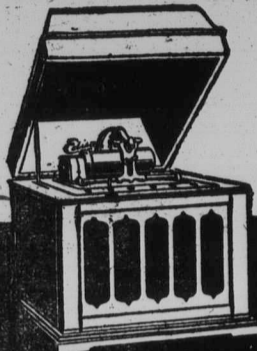
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A certain newspaper that made a practice of answering inquiries from readers received this one: Please tell me what the matter with my chickens. They seem to roost apparently well. The next morning we find one or more on their backs on the floor, stiff, combs white, and feet in the air. It was the editor's busy day and this was the answer the reader received: "Dear Sir, your chickens are dead."

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The fifteenth Legislature of Ontario opened on Tuesday with the usual social display, booming of cannon and guard of honor for his ribs who represents King George. Women occupied the seats of the members on the floor of the house and were just as well dressed as in the days of party government. We all like to see well dressed women even if they haven't a pretty face to buck it up.

Russel Chick, the young pool-room proprietor of Port Elgin, who is in the Walkerton jail awaiting trial on a serious charge of incest, was brought up for election on Friday last, and decided to be tried by a Judge, rather than take a jury trial. As a consequence, he will come up before Judge Klien in the Court House here on Tuesday, Feb. 8th and in the meantime will abide in the Walkerton jail, his request for bail being refused by the Judge, who considered the charge of too serious a nature to permit of the accused being at large while his case is hanging fire. Herald and Times

The British Columbia law in regard to absentee voters seems absolutely fair and as near perfection as can be imagined. This is how it works out. Supposing an elector from Rossland happens to be in Vancouver on election day. A poll is provided where none but absentee voters are allowed a ballot. The Rossland voter gets his ballot, marks it, and along with his affidavit it is placed in the special ballot box and sent back to Rossland after the election where it is counted by the Deputy Returning Officer if the voter's name be on the list. That saves a big expense in sending voters back to their home ridings for election day and also prevents political corruption. The result is only one constituency in British Columbia in the recent general Provincial election was affected by this absentee vote. This system ought to prevail at the next general election by the Ontario Legislature and House of Commons.

Mustn't Keep Firearms

Hitherto a man could keep a revolver in the house as a protection against burglars and intruders and as a warning to book agents, but even this small privilege is now taken away, according to Crown Attorney Dixon who received notice on Monday to strictly enforce a recently passed statute that entirely prohibits the keeping of any firearms in the house, with the sole exception of a shot gun, and even this latter applies only to guns that have been purchased and kept on the premises prior to the 15th of October last. A gun purchased since then comes under the same ban as revolvers, and can only be kept by a special permit from a magistrate, which means that you have to show the J. P. that is necessary for your personal safety to keep such weapons. Some people who think they need a revolver about the premises may be disillusioned on this point by the time the magistrate gets through with them. The coward has fallen on an evil day, and the man who is afraid to go home in the dark is up against it tighter than a drum. The fine for keeping a revolver in the house is not less than \$100, or almost as expensive as being caught with a bottle of whiskey on your person. Such suspected homes in town may be searched and a few fines levied with a view to putting the fear of the law in the others. An alien can't be hunting at all. In fact if he is caught with any kind of weapon in his hand he might as well plead guilty and save costs. No rabbit stew or partridge roasts for other than British subjects seems to be the aim of the new Act. To buy even a shotgun now one has to get a magistrate's permit. While the wave of crime may possibly decrease under such restrictions, yet the busiest place in town threatens to be the magistrate's court.

Southampton Wcn

The second hockey game played here this season was the postponed game last Monday night between Mildmay and Southampton and was an interesting game to watch. The night was a cold one and the attendance disappointing, less than two hundred being present. Possibly the date was not generally known on account of the game being postponed. However the gate receipts only about half cover the expenses. One good feature about the game here this season is that the boys are getting them started on time.

The result of the game was just as expected but the Southampton boys had to earn all the goals they counted, and the Mildmay players were in the game right up to the finish. It was encouraging to supporters of the team to note that in Monday night's game they showed some sign of team or combination play, and if they will continue to train up along this line there is no reason that they should not go a long way in the competition for the Free Press Trophy. The material is there and it only remains to get the training to use it to the best advantage.

The Mildmay team weren't sitting back and looking on at all—they were contenders all the way, and they had the Southampton boys faded in the way of weight. Pietsch is considered their best man, and some people think he is real good for he was tried out in professional company at Hamilton this season, and apparently was not fast enough for he failed to catch a place. Well, he didn't show anything startling here on Monday night and some of our young fellows seemed to put it over him, but to many spectators Pietsch didn't seem to be doing his best. He's probably waiting for the return game on home ice to show his best tricks. The other members of the Mildmay team worked hard and that young Weiler at centre was as busy as a bee.

A Twin Strain of Stock

Seventeen pairs of twins on one farm is an instance of productivity seldom seen, yet this has occurred on the farm of Elmer Spicer, Wellington County since 1912. With this rate of increase, it does not take long to build up a herd and in this case practically every calf has lived and some of the heifers have in turn produced twins. The following information has been given out by R. H. Clemens, Wellington County Agricultural Representative: "Mr. Spicer had a polled grade Hereford cow which gave birth to twin heifer calves in 1912 and in 1913 a single heifer calf. Again in 1914 there were twin heifers and in 1915 another pair of calves one a male and the other a female, but these have no progeny. One of the twins born in 1912 produced calves in 1915, 1916, 1918 and 1920. The other twin gave birth to a pair of calves in 1918 and 1917. The single heifer calf, from the original cow in 1918, produced twins in 1917 and 1920. One of the 1916 twins produced twins in 1919 and 1920. One of the 1914 calves had two calves in 1917, 1918 and 1920. Most of these calves are on the farm at the present time and an interesting part is that they are all of fairly good conformation and above the average for grades.

County Council.

The fifty-fourth County Council of Bruce held its initial session at Walkerton last week, the curtain raising on Tuesday night with Reeve Davidson of Amabel absent on the sick list and the other thirty-two members wrinkling their brows over the selection of a Warden.

There were three candidates for the office: Wm. A. Rowand of Brant, J. B. Grant of Tara, and Robert Johnston of Lucknow. The first ballot resulted

The Hallam brothers, recently assistants to special officer Spracklin at Windsor, while battling for possession of a revolver in a rooming house in Toronto, accidentally shot a woman in the adjoining room. They were arrested and will be tried on a charge of criminal negligence.

To be the oldest councillor in Canada in years of service is the distinction claimed by Reeve N. Vermilyea of Thurlow Ont., St. Thomas, who was returned to the township council for the sixty-sixth consecutive year a few days ago. Mr. Vermilyea reeve of Thurlow forty-two years in succession, receiving no fewer than forty-one acclamations. He has held every office in the Hastings county council. He should resign.

If you owe money to anybody, pay it now. A ten-dollar bill set going in this way on Monday may pay, in turn, fifty or a hundred accounts before Saturday night. Complaint is made that people who are well-to-do are not frequently among the most negligent in this matter of settling their bills. Never being in a tight corner themselves, they do not realize how much others may stand in need of money. "Suffer another word of exhortation." Do not merely say, "I must pay that account." That gets one nowhere. Do it now, and start the ball rolling.

as follows:—Johnston 21, Grant 7 and Rowand 4. As Johnston had a majority of the Council, he was duly declared elected.

Warden Johnston appointed a Striking Committee composed of Reeves Lippert, Lewis, Falconer, D. McDonald, McNab, McNeil, McVittie, Scarrow and Ruttle who selected Standing Committees for the year as follows, the first in each case being chairman:

Roads and Bridges—McNeill, R. Irwin, Mathers, Jamieson, McNab, Falconer, Davidson, Landon, Montag, Findlay and Clark.

Finance—Lippert, Lewis, Forrester, Ruttle, McKenzie, McVittie and Cottrill.

Petitions and By-laws—McDonald, Cottrill, Moore, Scarrow and William Irwin.

House of Refuge—Dr. Doering and the Warden.

Equalization and Salaries—Heiserman, Whicher, Scarrow, McDonald, Munn, Redburn and Woods.

Education and Printing—Moore, Aitchison, Nelson, Doering, Rowand, Grant and Munn.

Property—Lewis, Lippert, McNab, McNeill and Grant.

Warden's—Ruttle, Forrester and McVittie.

The new Warden in his address complained that in the 3 1/2 years in which the Good Roads Commission had been on job only twelve miles of roadwork had been done, or less than four miles a year and intimated that now that labor was more plentiful, the County would expect more real activity in roadwork this year. The Council later backed up this view by voting 4 mills, or about \$118,000 for the Good Roads program for 1921 or considerably over last year's appropriation. Reeve Grant who proposed that the Good Roads Com. be increased to five by the adding of the warden and Mr. Jos Douglas of Hepworth to the Commission, had his proposition voted down the Council re-electing last year's trio composed of G H Ruttle, D McDonald and J W Scarrow as a committee at \$3 each per day to act in conjunction with Supt Lizzard on the job.

The question of a County Soldiers' Memorial, which the members decided at the December sittings to refer to their constituents at the nominations, was not even mooted at this session, but a motion brought forward for the county to defray 25 per cent of the cost to each municipality for any Soldiers' Memorial they might erect, was turned down.

A motion by Reeves Mathers of Kinross and Redburn of Teeswater that owing to a number of complaints coming from trustees and others throughout the inspectorate of West Bruce against the Public School Inspector of undue interference with the duties of the Trustees, we therefore request that the matter be investigated by the Education Committee and they report at the June Session, resulted in the Council refusing to take any action in the matter unless some specific charges are brought against the inspector.

A request from the officers of the 160th battalion that the entire band instruments which the battalion had placed in trust with the County Council and which have since been used by the Chesley band, be turned over to Major Douglas for the use of the Bruce Regimental Band, was granted, the Council instructing that the instruments, which are valued at upwards of \$1500, be so disposed of and the County relieved of any further liability in the matter.

An effort by the Northern members to get a grant of \$300 to the Warton poultry show was flatly rejected as was also their attempt to get the County to grant \$1000 to Albemarle to remodel the Shore road near Colpo Bay. Numerous other requests for substantial roads and bridge grants met a similar fate, with the exception of the two northern townships, Lindsay and St Edmunds, which were given \$200 to repair their roads. The usual grants to public and school libraries were made, together with an award of \$175 to each Agricultural Society in the County and \$50 each to the West Bruce and East Bruce Teachers' Institutes. Ex-Reeve James Douglas of Hepworth addressed the Council on Consolidated Schools and showed their great benefits to rural scholars. A request was made for a grant of \$300 to the East Bruce Ass'n to hold meetings and spread the consolidation gospel throughout the Inspectorate, but the Council decided to grant but \$100 for 1921 to the Ass'n for this purpose.

A motion of Redburn and Ruttle that \$1000 be granted to the Chinese Famine Fund resulted in an award of \$200 being voted for the sufferers.

The salaries of the various county officials were left the same as last year, with the exception of the County Clerk who had his salary raised from \$1100 to \$1200 and the County Treasurer who was granted an increase of \$150 making his present salary \$1700.

The work of the season was practically confined to two days, Wednesday and Thursday, the Council merely electing a Warden at the sittings on Tuesday night, and putting in but an hour on the job on Friday morning, when the momentous task of determining whether to meet within the inland beau-

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