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At the annual meeting of the Byron Telephone Company held in the Union Hall at Byron, E. S. Hunt was appointed chairman, and the board of directors was appointed as follows: C. W. Baker, Angus Beattie. Alfred Kains, C. W. Tye and John McEwen. E. S. Hunt and W. A. Buchner were

appointed auditors. At a subsequent meeting of the board, C. W. Baker was appointed president, and Angus Beattie vice-

president. Reports presented showed that the year just past was a most successful one, and that there are now 342

phones in operation. CONSULS IN POWER.

Amoy, China, Feb. 2 .- The members of To the Editor of The Advertiser: the diplomatic corps in Peking have instructed the foreign consuls stationed in this city, owing to the none-existence of any recognized authority in the Province of Fo Kien, to assume for the present the functions of the provincial authorities as far as regards the administration of the international settlement of the Island of Kulang Su, which was handed over by the Chinese Government to the foreign residents in May, 1903. The consular of ficials have taken immediate steps to carry out the instructions of the foreign ministers in Peking, and have appointed a magistrate and assessors to try cases which are pending before the courts of justice.

One correspondent refers to enjoying himself with a pan of potatoes—apples, I mean—and a book after a hard day's work. Now, my experience is, when you are in the midst of it, in comes Farmer Jones to borrow an axe or a saw. You then have to run half a mile to get it. Then to bed, and in the morning almost kill yourself in starting a fire with wet wood. Every hired man ought to have a bath or shower bath every night. The farm is all right for the farmer, but not for we hired men. And then the trouble rounding up the cows in the good old number of the stable reconcile.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

Lieut.-Col. A. M. Smith left for Ottawa last night to join a deputation from the Canadian Defence League, who this afternoon will present a peition to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, asking his support on behalf of the league.

Enjoyable Concert. A successful and enjoyable concert was given by the young men of Empress Avenue Methodist Church last evening. The quartette numbers by Messrs. Bradey, Johnson, G. Rossiter and Robinson were especially appreciated. Solos by W. Gibson and violin solos by Mr A. Guymer were also well received. Several entertaining readings were given by Mr. Bert Hannah. Rev. Mr. Dewey pre The attendance was large.

A. O. F. Celebrate Birthday.

The annual banquet and entertainment of Juvenile Branch, Pride of London, No. 1, Ancient Order of Foresters, was held Thursday evening in the Foresters' Hall, Richmond street. A large number of the boys and their friends were present. Before the programme commenced, a short business meeting was held, one new member being initiated and the auditors' report received. When the refreshments vere disposed of, the following excellent programme was rendered: Chairman's address, Bro. Whitton, district chief ranger; recitation, Bro. Wright; mouthorgan solo, Bro. Pring; address. Bro. Brock; song, Bro. F. Wright.

An Old Bible. Hamilton Herald: Mrs. Frank Wiliamson, 137 North Wellington street has in her family a Bible that has been in her family for the past hundred and forty-seven years. It was presented to her great grandfather by the great grandfather of the late Duke of Fife. The Bible is well preserved, ilthough it was necessary to have it ecovered a number of years ago. U s inscribed thus: "Presented to Brevet Major William MacIrvine by me, George Duff, by the grace of God II. earl of the throne of Fife, as a testimony of my esteem for so brave a soldier to both God and his legal chief. Duff Castle, third March, in the vear of our blessed Lord, 1765. GEORGE DUFF, earl of Fife." Mrs. Williamson has had the Bible in her possession for over thirty years, and numerous collectors have called to see it.

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ON THE DEAR OLD FARM. To the Editor of The Advertiser: I have been reading in your paper he debate between the farmer and the citizen on the country life in winter. worked on a farm for five years, and tell you that it is not all honey. First of all, they say that they do not get up as early as the citizen. All time that I was on a farm the latest I had to get up was ha!f past five. Now I can lie in till six, and then have lots of time to get to work. Then they talk about the houses not being cold. You have to close them tight or you are liable to get frozen up, whilst now I sleep with my window open at the top all night. When you get up you feel just great. You go out to the barn in the country, and I can tell you that the barns are far more comfort able than the houses. Then the farmer says he has no sidewalks to clean. That is true, but he certainty has his share of shovelling snow all the same You go to the barn through deep snow and when you get there you have to shovel the snow away at the doors to get in. Then they say that pumps do not freeze. Well, I had no bother with frozen pumps, but 1 did have with broken ones. It is fine on a winter's day when it is snowing and blowing to have to pull the pump up and fix it Then look at the hours of a farmerfrom 5:30 a.m. till 8 p.m., and some-times more. Then they talk about amusements. They think that a citi zen spends all his time in a nickel but a farmer after he has come o market with his produce and sold the first thing he wants is to go to show. Then on the farm in winter ou have to work seven days instead

itizen does not get good meals. Well. think I have good meals in town, and the farmer would have to go a long way to beat them, too. A CITY-MAN. MILITARY TRAINING

> Interesting Discussion Between Western University and Collegiate Students.

WON OUT IN DEBATE

six. The farmer will leave theorses unclean all the week, and or

Sunday you can look out for a big job

head of you. Then they say that

The Literary Society of Western University provided an interesting and lelightful programme at their meeting held Thursday evening. The large assembly hall was filled to its capacity, the president of the society, Mr. Mit-

ton, occupied the chair.
The theme of the programme was the interscholastic debate between the Collegiate and the University. The question discussed was "Resolved, That Canada Should Adopt a System of Compulsory Military Service."

Mr. R. Cane '15, of the University opened with a speech for the affirmaive, and was ably supported by MI.

P. Pococke '14. Mr. Harold Caverhill, of the Colegiate, gave strong arguments for the negative, and received much support from his colleague, Mr. Floyd Maine, vho handled his subject in a masterly nanner, and impressed his audience that he knew whereof he spoke.

Mr. Cain in his four-minute reply retaliated with a brilliant burst of eloquence, which completely convinced his attentive listeners of the necessity of military training. The judges were Mr. McCutcheon, of the Collegiate, and Dr. Tamblyn, of the University. After much deliberat-

ing they decided in favor of the University. The musical part of the programme was given by Miss G. Quigley, whose solos were greatly appreciated, and by Miss Florence Woolley, of the Collegiate, whose instrumental evoked unusual applause, which called for an

VALUABLE COLT WAS KILLED IN STABLE

Animal Belonging to Mr. Fred Merick, of Cairngorm, Victim of Peculiar Accident.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Cairngorm, Feb. 2. - A valuable colt belonging to Mr. Fred Merick was killed in his stable recently. The animal got caught in the manger, and

was so badly hurt that it died.

Miss Thursey Fisher has returned from a visit with friends in Mel-Md. and Mrs. Ellex Williams entertained a number of their friends at a Mr. Garnett Barber, of Longwood, is

home from Manitoba, and will spend a few months visiting his parents. Miss Jean Gibson visited friends in Wm. Smyth has bought from Sam-

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uel Oaks one hundred acres of land on the tenth line for \$4,500. The Woman's Missionary Society neeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bryants on Feb. 7. Mr. Fred Haney and wife returned o Strathroy some time ago from the Northwest. They intend returning in

Mr. Owen Gallahar, of Strathroy shipped a carload of potatoes recently

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DR. O'HAGAN'S TRIBUTE WHERE MEMBERS SIT IN NEW LEGISLATURE U. TO CHARLES DICKENS

Editor of "The New World" Addressed the Empire Club in Toronto.

The centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens was honored by the Empire Club, of Toronto, Thursday, a glowing tribute to the work of the English novelist, Dr. O'Hagan is the editor of the New World, of Chicago, and, before commencing his address he made a contribution to the longstanding controversy regarding founding of the Canadian Club claimed to be a charter member of the first organization of that nature, which was started in Hamilton in

Dr. O'Hagan will address the Canadian Club of London this evening at the Tecumseh House. In opening his address on Dickens,

Dr. O'Hagan said it was necessary to consider the background of Dickens' early life, for while time and place did not create genius, they molded The novelist's youth was spent amid the stirring times that immediately preceded an era of many reforms, and for sheer ugliness, the national life around him had reached pass hard to imagine. This condition of things helped play a part in producing the novelist, who acquired his strong, clear English by reading the classics of his day. Referring Dickens' early marriage, Dr. O'Hagan disputed the general belief that his wife was the original of Dora. It had recently been clearly shown that Dickens drew Dora from a young lady with whom he was madly in love,

though she rejected his suit.
In making the inevitable comparison between Dickens and Thackeray the speaker said that the difference in their philosophy was the the former was an idealist and the latter more of a realist. They had three things in common. They both dealt with London, Dickens picturing the lower and Thackeray the upper classes; both dealt with conventional emotions, and were stronger in their characterization than as makers of plots. While Dickens was a moral reformer and worked as such, he never became so preoccupied with his message as to greatly injure his work as an

artist. Dr. O'Hagan agreed with those who thought Dickens was greater in his numor than in his pathos, but he opposed the opinion of those critics who described his pathos as maudlin. Andrew Lang had said that no child ever existed like Paul Dombey, but Dr. O'Hagan contended that the qualty of Dickens' pathos in dealing with this child was indicated by the number of times that readers had paid it the tribute of tears. Above all, Dickens was supreme in his purity, and was not turning all the time to sex problems like many modern writshould be especially beloved by Can- Hamilton, who is being counted upon Empress Avenue Church." adians, who showed a healthy lack of interest in the microbes of affinities.
"I say that," declared the speaker,

world is found in this country.'

New Faces To Be Seen In the Opposition Fighting Line at Coming Session.

Toronto, Feb. 2.-Each member of the Legislature has been allotted his when Dr. Thomas O'Hagan was the seat and the plan of the floor of the guest at the weekly luncheon, and paid House has been prepared by the sergeant-at-arms, Fred J. Glackmeyer. In the front row on the Government side Hon. Thos. Crawford, the retiring

Speaker, takes the place of W. H. Hoyle, who is to be the new Speaker. In the end section of this row new faces will appear. A. H. Musgrave, of North Huron, is moved up to the first desk of this section. Beside him will sit Geo. H. Gooderham, of South Toronto, who was a back bencher last year. Something in the way of recognition is given E. A. Dunlop, who won North Renfrew, and J. A. Ellis and N, Champagne, of Ottawa, as they are also in this section of the front row and beside them will sit Dr. C. N. Anderson, of South Essex.

Duff in Cochrane's Chair The changes in the seats of the nembers of the Government are the second row, where Hon. Jas. Duff takes Hon. Frank Cochrane's place, and Hon. Mr. Lucas takes Mr. Duff's old seat, while Hon. W. H. Hearst

akes Mr. Lucas' former place. Col. Hugh Clark's old place goes to York. The seat of W. A. Preston, who stances, although ordinarily will occupy the seat of D. R. McDonald, who retired in Glengarry. Harry Morel, of Nipissing: Dr. Vrooman, of West Victoria, and Alex. Grant, of East Hastings, compose the remainder of the row.

The Government "back bench" now: W. C. Chambers, H. C. Schol-field, Chas. McCrae, T. G. Carscallen, H. A. C. Machin, A. M. Peck, A. B. H. A. C. Machin, A. Thompson, A. A. Mahaffy, A. Ferguson W. D. Black, A. M. Rankin, J. Mathieu, J. T. H. Regan, E. W. J. Owens, D. Hogarth, C. W. Jarvis, J. W. Westbrook and J. C. Milligan.

The Government overflow to the left of the Speaker totals 30 and the new men on its front bench are Dr. Ross, of Kingston, and John Benneweis, who won South Perth from Valentine Stock J. . Hartt, of East Simcoe, sits in the back row with A. J. Cook, the new member from South Hastings. Liberal Fighting Line.

The Opposition's front row is N. Rowell, of North Oxford, Hon. A. MacKay, of North Grey, S. Clarke, of West Northumberland, W. Proudfoot. of Centre Huron, and J. C. Elliott, of West Middlesex. Mr. Elliott had back seat in the last House, and his as an opponent of the Government on most occasions. Robert John McCormick, of East

because after extensive travelling, I believe that the sweetest and most wholesome home life in the whole. Marshall, of Monck; J. McQueen, of North Wentworth, and W. E. N. Sin-Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 2.—An out-break of diphtheria has compelled the cine, of Russell, and Z. Mageau, of body. Williams Piano Company, 194 company in the Paylon street of Sturgeon Falls, the two French-Cana- Dundas street, opposite Advertiser. he rooms in the Barker street school. dian members of the Opposition, are

Opposition is: J. G. Anderson, W. R. Ferguson, H. Munro, W. Macdonald, U. Richardson, R. Sutherland, C. Kohler and G. Evanturel.

DECLINES TO DISCUSS THE EXETER AFFAIR

Rev. Mr. Dewey's Position in Relation to It-Will Mr. Hobbs Be Called Here?

Rev. George W. Dewey, pastor of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church, who has been out of the city for several days past, returned last evening, but declined to express any opinions in regard to the Exeter troubles of Rev. Richard Hobbs, whom Rev. Mr. Dewey has been called to succeed as pastor of Exeter Methodist Church.

"I am not going to allow this trouble to influence the question of my going to Exeter, one way or the other," said Mr. Dewey. "I do not wish to be drawn into the Exeter difficulties, and have nothing to say on the matter."

An Explanation.

Mr. Dewey pointed out, however, that it was technically incorrect to refer to the unexpired period of Rev. Mr. pastor is only called for one year, but if everything is satisfactory that year the conference ordinarily sends him back for three other years in succes-

When asked if he would not take issue with some of Rev. Mr. Hobbs' re-Geo. Pattinson, of South Waterloo. His flections on skating, dancing and other former desk-mate, Dr. Lackner of amusements, or if he would express North Waterloo, takes Mr. Pattinson's some opinion in this regard, Mr. Dewey old seat, and the doctor's old seat is said he deemed it unwise at the prestaken by Dr. Forbes Godfrey, of West ent time and under existing circumwent down in Rainy River, is taken have been glad to do so. He admitted, by R. M. Mason, of East Victoria. however, that he could not agree with Robert Shillington, of Temiskaming, Mr. Hobbs that skating was "of the devil," but would say nothing more for publication.

In view of the fact that Rev. Mr. Dewey declined to further discuss the latter. several members of Mr. Dewey's con-gregation. All of them agreed that an evitation to Rev. Mr. Hobbs to come Empress Avenue, when Rev. Mr. Dewey goes to Exeter would be out of the question. Said one member: "His views on the question of amusements are impossible. While it is true that ome amusements are questionable, a healthful and pleasure-giving recreation, such as skating, should not be decried. To class it as one of the most carnal of pleasures is unwise and unharitable

Mr. Hobbs Is Willing. "There is no doubt that Rev. Mr. Hobbs," said another member, "would ke to come to Empress Avenue. What he wanted to do, it is quite apparent was to exchange pulpits with our pas-We have not invited him, but it is to hoped there will be no interference on that account with the call which has been extended to Mr. Dewey, in justice to the latter. No, I do not problems like many modern writ- desk mate this term will be Ailan think there is any possibility of a call That was one reason why he Studholme, the Labor man from East being extended to Rev. Mr. Hobbs from think there is any possibility of a call

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