

BELLEVILLE FAIR BOARD OPTIMISTIC

Members Think the Turn For the Better Has Come—Directors Suggest Means of Improvement—Dates May be Changed—Public Meeting Jan. 29th—H. K. Denyes Elected President.

"We have tried to put Belleville Fair on a self-sustaining basis and I think we have succeeded," declared President Arthur Jones of the Belleville Agricultural Society at the opening of the annual meeting held at the City Hall on Thursday afternoon. "This year I think conditions will be better than last. At one of our board meetings we seriously thought of dropping out, but we have determined to stay on." Mr. Jones thanked the directors for their three years' confidence in him.

Treasurer G. F. Reed read the financial statement, which follows:

Receipts—
Bal. as per last ann'l report \$191.99
Grants 542.00
Membership fees, 1918 . . . 58.00
Donations 514.00
1919 fees in advance . . . 46.00
Admissions 725.78
Rent stalls 14.50
Grand stand 60.70
Legislative grant for losses in gate receipts 1918 . . . 300.00
Poetry entries 24.90
Bonths 37.00

Total \$2514.87

Expenditures—
Cash prizes:
Horses \$378.50
Cattle 141.00
Sheep 52.50
Pigs, poultry, dairy, grains, roots, flowers 89.85
Fine arts 13.75
Ladies' Work 39.25
Other educational and agricultural exhibits 16.50

Expenses of delegates 9.50
Dept. Fair judges 30.00
Special attractions including races and music 70.00
Prizes 259.00
Fixing up grounds, lighting, etc. 125.90
Services of officers 152.00
General expenditure 271.36
Gate and helpers 78.50
Special expenditures, etc. 200.00
Advertising 154.14
Bal. on hand 277.27

Total \$2514.87

Fair too Early Says Director

"We hold our fairs a little too early in the season," declared Director Chas. H. Weese. "It would be better for the farmers and better for our gate receipts to hold it later."

"We were up against it last year. I don't see why a three-day fair could not be held here," suggested Treasurer G. F. Reed. "Last year we had increase in roots, vegetables, fine arts, etc. We dropped back a little on fruit, flowers, horses, grain and seeds. Taking the show as an average I think that our show last year was equal to that of 1917."

Director W. C. Dempsey compared the prize list for Belleville Fair with that of Ameliasburg.

"If you only offer \$34 in seeds, how do you expect farmers to exhibit? Ameliasburg gave over \$70 for seeds."

"We should try to add on to encourage exhibitors. If we expect to hold fairs, we must educate the children who will exhibit in the future," declared Mr. Denyes.

General Fair Situation

"Many fairs are dying, not because of the war, but for other causes," said Mr. H. K. Denyes. "The quality of the exhibits at Belleville Fair last year was good, but they were not large."

He gave a reason why dairymen did not wish to drive their herds a long distance to fairs. "I don't think we can afford to give bigger prizes. As regards the time, I think

we hold our fair too early. A poor exhibition in fruit reflects against our reputation. In grain, cheese, or ladies' work the fairs are not half as large as they used to be. I don't know why, unless the people are getting tired of exhibiting," declared Mr. Denyes who said these conditions prevailed not only here but everywhere. "The fair is supposed to be an educational institution. New features are entering into competition with fall fairs, such as country school fairs, which put our fairs to shame. If we could induce school fairs to join with us it would help."

"People, even boys on the street, give our fair a kick. If we could change this, I don't say in what way. We have done our best. Unless there is a hearty co-operation between the city and the rural parts, we can't run Belleville Fair without gate receipts. There is a social side to the fairs. It is a busy time on market days when farmers come to Belleville. Our Belleville Fair has been better for years than people give it credit for."

Some New Attractions

"There could be attractions that would be educational and not expensive—say, for instance, a tug-of-war between the grand stand between Sidney and Thurlow; a half-mile race. This will help bring the crowd."

Director P. G. Denike—"Our greatest trouble is that the farmers won't bring their chickens to the fair."

"I wish to thank the citizens and the City Council for subscriptions and special prizes on behalf of the special committee," said Treasurer G. F. Reed. We should introduce some new directors this year."

How to Improve Fair

Director Wood said it was a problem how to improve Belleville Fair. Different buildings and different grounds are needed. "I believe that we are all to blame. I think the citizens of Belleville are mainly to blame. If the farmers spent thousands of dollars, would Belleville give it more support?"

Praise for Belleville's Help

Director R. J. Garbutt said: "I think Belleville has done all it could do to help the fair. I don't like to hear the remarks against Belleville. The subscription committee did not get two refusals. The new aldermen of Belleville are going to pass a by-law to put knockers out of the city. I cannot say one word against the citizens for the fair. Belleville was perhaps the only fair that paid full prize money. Picton Fair runs into expense and goes to the County Council of Prince Edward. We have waited upon the Hastings County Council several times but have never received a cent from Hastings County Council. But Belleville Council and citizens have never refused to make grants and subscriptions."

Mr. Wood said he was not going to take back anything he had said about Belleville.

"I believe the people of Belleville attend the fair as well as the people of the surrounding district. On fair days you see people working in their fields and not as many rigs on the roads as on a market day," declared Mr. Denyes.

Exhibit Other Goods

Director Dempsey said: "We are giving prizes for things that are not our own production or manufacture. Seeds three years old are exhibited, and grains collected from all parts. You cannot expect the ordinary farmer to compete with the specialist."

Increase of Prize List

Increase of the prize list was a solution offered by Secretary R. H. Ketcheson. "Here the advertising and is cut down so low that it is difficult to give publicity to the fair."

"Pay no attention to the knockers," suggested Mr. Ketcheson. "We are too slow in getting out our prize lists. The whole board is to blame. They should be mailed by the middle of June. This would give an opportunity to exhibitors. Have your lists completed by April."

No spring stallion and bull show and seed fair for Belleville this year was the decision of the directors. The Belleville Society decided to

The Problem of Grants

President Jones opened up the question of grants. The fair grounds are the property of Albert College. Last September Mr. J. Lockie Wilson suggested a site for a new fair grounds, which could be expropriated. The Government would assist in procuring land.

Interest All Classes

City Assessor J. A. Kerr, a director of the Eastern Ontario Dairy-men's Association, said: "Something should be done, and I think it can be done, to help Belleville Fair. I have always found the citizens of Belleville would do all that could be done. I think you should have experts on different exhibits and get your prize list out early."

Aldermen Pledge Help

Ald. Sam. Treverton thought with united action Belleville Fair could be made a success.

Ald. Capt. Hunter thought the fair prize list should be revised. More prizes should be given for ladies' work. The poultry list seemed low. Extra attractions are an expensive luxury even at a fair.

Ald. R. P. White urged co-operation between city and country in the fair.

"When butter is a new industry," said Mr. Hollis who offered a prize.

The board expressed regret at the illness of Mr. L. R. Terwilliger.

Mr. Wood moved, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, that Belleville Agricultural Society have an open meeting in the city hall on Jan. 29th, for the citizens of Belleville and the County of Hastings.

Officers

Officers were elected as follows:
President—H. K. Denyes.
1st Vice-Pres.—P. G. Denike.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Ald. Capt. A. J. Hunter.
Secretary—R. H. Ketcheson.
Treasurer—George F. Reed.
Directors—R. J. Garbutt, A. J. Jones, C. H. Weese, A. H. Phillips, J. A. Kerr, W. J. Wood, R. P. White, S. Treverton and P. Denyes.
Auditors—G. McCullough, W. J. Hollis.

Delegates to Ontario Fairs Assn.—H. K. Denyes and R. H. Ketcheson.
Delegates to Central Ontario Fall Fairs Assn.—J. A. Kerr and R. J. Garbutt.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president, Mr. Arthur Jones who replied with a few words. A resolution was also carried thanking the City Council for the use of the council chamber.

Mr. Jones moved a resolution thanking the citizens of Belleville for their hearty response in making subscriptions and special prizes. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Among those present were Messrs. W. C. Dempsey, C. W. Weese, G. F. Reed, A. E. Phillips, G. McCullough, H. K. Denyes, J. A. Kerr, Ald. Sam. Treverton, Wm. Schryver, A. Martin, P. G. Denike, R. J. Garbutt, Capt. Hunter, R. P. White, W. J. Wood, W. J. Hollis and others.

At a later meeting of the directors it was decided to add as directors the following: W. C. Reid, A. Vermilyea, L. R. Terwilliger, H. W. Aekerman and W. Brickman.

It is not yet settled whether or not Belleville Fair dates will be left for Labor Day and the following Tuesday.

Russian Was Remanded

John Zelinsky Says He is No Bolshevik.

John Zelinsky, who claims to be a Russian, was arrested by G.T.R. Detective Clute on Thursday afternoon at the G. T. depot. Zelinsky had no ticket and not enough money to buy a ticket for Toronto. In police court this morning Magistrate Masson remanded John for a week on a vagrancy charge.

"Are you a Bolshevik?" asked the court.

In a mixture of Russian and uncertain English, Zelinsky denied Bolshevistic tendencies.

No incriminating literature was found upon Zelinsky.

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Though Canada was not the birthplace of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, it is the home of that famous compound. From here its good name was spread to Central and South America, the West Indies, Australia and New Zealand. That is far ahead enough to attest its excellence, for in all these countries it is on sale and in demand

The 44th Annual Business Meeting Praises Y.M.C.A. Work Highly

The 44th annual business meeting of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church was held Wednesday evening at the church. The members and friends sat down to supper at 6.30 and this was followed by a social hour and a musical program which consisted of solo by Mrs. Farrow, piano duet by Mrs. Lewis and Miss W. Riggs; solo by Miss Forman. At eight o'clock the business was taken up. Mr. Albert Blackburn, the church clerk, gave a resume of the year's work, showing the progress made: twenty joined the church during the year by baptism and letter. Early in the spring, Rev. C. G. Smith received the call to Temple Church, Montreal. Pastor Smith was much beloved by all and great regret was felt when he severed his connection with the church. In June, Rev. Harris Wallace was inducted as pastor of the church and has led the people in the gospel ministry. The treasurer, Mr. Hart presented his report which was very encouraging as all indebtedness has been paid and there is a balance on the right side. \$2,467.76 was raised for church expenses and \$631.99 for Missions. The building fund under the able leadership of Mr. A. Blackburn raised \$1058.15 on the mortgage which has been considerably reduced during the year. Much credit is due the chairman for his arduous labors. The report of the Sunday School presented by the secretary, Miss Lounsbury showed increase both in attendance and offerings. We have enrolled over 200 in the school and 72 in the cradle roll and home department. The school raised \$441.24. The Young People's Society raised \$70.92 and support a native preacher in India. The Women's Mission Circle and Mission Band have doubled their offerings. All the reports were very satisfactory and showed a marked advance during the year the total amount raised for all purposes was \$4,650.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Clerk, A. Blackburn; Treas., C. A. Hart; Envelope Steward, B. T. Butler, Financial Sec., Wm. Nurse; Missionary Treas., J. S. Peck; Fellowship Fund, S. Lounsbury; Deacons elected were Jas. Riggs, S. Lounsbury, Fred Cook. The different committees were then appointed to carry out the work of the church for the ensuing year. After this part of the business was completed the treasurer, C. A. Hart presented a motion to raise the pastor's salary \$200. This was carried unanimously by a standing vote. Pastor Wallace has only been with the church a few months but in that time he has endeared himself to the people by the presentation of the Truth, the gospel message and his pastoral visits have been greatly appreciated and he is ably seconded by Mrs. Wallace in the upbuilding of God's kingdom and the cause of missions.

Boys are in Police Toils

Accused of Breaking and Entering, E. A. Thomas' Seize This Morning

Two boys in the full bloom of youth are in the county jail today on a charge of breaking and entering the store of Mr. Edward A. Thomas, Front Street and stealing a quantity of cigars, tobacco, cigarettes and pipes valued at twenty-five dollars. This morning about 1.30 an officer of the police force saw the youths coming out of the gangway south of the store and interrogated them. The back door of the shop had been forced. In a place nearby the boys had hidden a large quantity of cigars and so forth. About five dollars in money was believed stolen. The lads were locked up.

This morning they were arraigned but did not elect. An enlargement was made for a week. Magistrate Masson will entertain applications for bail in the case of the boys.

Mr. W. Carnew represented the crown.

FOOLED THE DOCTORS

Quebec, Jan. 17.—Jos. Rouleau, of St. Angel de Rimouski, was sent to jail on a charge of having willfully rendered himself unfit to military service. Testimony went to show that he submitted himself to a certain inoculation that covered his body with pimples which misled the examining officers to reject him.

Mr. Albert Austin of Port Arthur, a former well known Belleville newspaper man, of Belleville and Winnipeg is renewing acquaintances here. Mrs. Austin accompanied him.

Fred Burke Tolls His Experiences in "Y" Canteens and Replies to Critics

Fred Burke, a member of the 155th Battalion Band and a well known singer of this city, is now in Germany. He has had time to see some Belleville papers in which the Y.M.C.A. grant was under discussion and speaks warmly in favor of the work of that association at the front. Writing to a friend in Belleville, he says:

Siegburg, Germany, Dec. 15, 1918.

Dear ————

Just a line to let you know I am still among the living and feeling pretty good at present. I hope you will forgive me for not having written to you more often. But I am not much of a hand at writing and I know A. kept you posted as to how I was getting along from time to time. And so far I have pulled through all right and feel pretty safe now that the fighting is over; and of course, I am thankful.

Well, you can see by this letter that we are in Germany. But we did some long march to get here, believe me, and had some hills to climb, too. We crossed Belgium, or part of it, touching Mons and Namur. We were just to the right of Mons when the news came that the armistice was signed at 11 o'clock—the 11th hour, the 11th day and the 11th month. Since then, we have been marching most of the time. I don't know exactly how many hundred kilometres we did march, but we covered two hundred in the last nine days, arriving here on the 13th of December.

We are now about ten or eleven kilos, across the famous Rhine, but the only "bacon" we see is a small piece each morning for breakfast.

We are about 150 kilometres in Germany as near as I can judge, and the German people used us well all along the march—better than I expected. We were the first Canadian infantry to cross the Rhine. Of course we had to march past Gen. Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps, and his staff. They were on the bridge. It was a beautiful bridge, too.

We crossed at a city called Bonn, a very beautiful city. I might tell you that we crossed the Ardennes Mountains in Belgium and I think the highest altitude was 640 metres, about 2,130 feet. There was some beautiful scenery but we were not enjoying it much while marching.

The German people have to respect us and have to take off their hats or salute our officers, and stand to attention while we play "God Save the King." So you see they are getting a little touch of the stuff they gave the Belgians and French people in the territory they occupied. But, of course, we are not doing the things they did. Instead we are showing our dignity and showing them how a victorious army should act on a conquered territory. But I am not telling you what I want to tell you.

I see my name used in the paper in connection with the Y.M.C.A. debate that has been going on in Belleville and I am glad you used my name. But had I known I could have given a lot more praise for the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in France and Belgium, or anywhere that I have been since I came over here. I never thought much of them while I was home, but I guess it was because I didn't know much about the "Y." I have felt like writing more than once to Mr. Herity when I see the knocking that has been going on in Canada during this last summer. But as you know it is against our orders to write to newspapers. And then, to cap it all, along comes Ald. Robinson with his little hammer. Oh, wouldn't I like to have a chance to ask some of those returned men that he speaks of a few questions. They sure must have been misled or something. Or it may be they were over here and away again before the "Y" got a chance to show their good work—I mean early in the war. But I know since I have been here they have been the best of anything in the same line of work.

I came to France in August, 1917, and I know what I have seen; and I can get other fellows who came in 1916 who say that the Y.M.C.A. has always been the best in every way, and I can get their names if need be, and can get hundreds who are over here and would tell you the same as I am telling you, and give their names, too.

I have been with my battalion ever since I came over here, all but fourteen days' leave to Paris, so I think I know what I am talking about. Of course I can find men over here who kick and knock the "Y," but think I am trying to knock the others who are not doing good work or knock-

where. As we say over here, some fellows want jam on both sides. But I am just giving you the honest truth and facts as far as I know and have seen, and I certainly have to take my hat off to the Canadian "Y." They are the best I have seen. So should anybody put up an argument any different?

You have this, my humble opinion, to do as you like with.

Well, I suppose you are tired of this letter so I will cut it off. I hope this will find you all well and happy. I sent you one of my Xmas cards. This will be too late for Xmas, but I hope it is a merry one for you all. And I may be there for the next one with you. I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. Remember me to everybody. I will close with fond regards and best wishes to all. Bye-bye for now. I remain as ever,

Yours truly,
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The action brought by Brockville for damages for carrying on business on Perth street was entered for trial at 10 o'clock on Monday. The case is valued at \$2,900 in full of damages.

Thanks From Mar

This morning Mr. King received a card from Marshal Foch, chief of the armistice. Mr. King expressed his thanks of congratulation following the armistice. Next letter prizes the scene of the great battle and in contemplation of the scene of the great battle will take the card to the travelling of the scene of the great battle. Mr. King has his permission to use the scene of the great battle.

Mother, Father and

Died From Influenza

Few sadder sights were seen in Oronto than when the double funeral of Mrs. M. Main street en route to the homes of his wife, between a few hours elapsed when children who had been taken to the scene of the great battle. Mr. King has his permission to use the scene of the great battle.

Sold Salts But Om

Interesting police scheduled for trial, two at Bobcaygeon and one at Cobourg laid against parties with selling packages out affixing the stamp on Cobourg laid.

Sudden Death of W

Mr. Wm. Bryans, resident of Lindsay in bed Friday morning, Colborne street, was employed in Arsenal, went to bed Friday morning, retired early. He was found by friends in his usual room, cold in death. He was aged about 40 and is survived by a family. In the interest of the authorities have ordered an examination and called.

A Proud Bandsman

William Christmas, erly bandsmaster of Army Band at Kingston, was now bandsmaster of the 1st Battalion, and was the first master to lead his many.

Not Employing Pol

A letter from the Police has been received from V.A. regarding the Ottawa men to the force in Kingston, states that he will be the applications of men in Kingston, but were being employed in the vicinity of where they were well.

Charge Infraction of

Act

Kingston, Jan. court Dr. A. W. charged with an Ontario Temperance prescription for liquor being lodged by Ontario License Board not guilty and in the behalf stated that he every applicant and that he was justified for the liquor. officers swore that from Dr. Richardson examined. The return from the license board showed that in 1,389, 1,233, and December