

DISASTROUS FIRE FOLLOWED STORM

Durham and vicinity was visited by possibly the worst storm of the season last Thursday morning and, accompanied by lightning and considerable damage in the town and vicinity. About 111 o'clock the storm reached its peak, with heavy thunder and lightning, during which the storehouse of Mr. H. T. Huggill on Countess St. was struck and burned to the ground. The bolt ran down through the building and Mr. Huggill, who was working in the basement, was rendered unconscious for a time. When he came to the top stories of the building, a frame was, was a mass of flames which the firemen were unable to combat. Luckily it was raining heavily at the time and the surrounding buildings were in no immediate danger, though they had to be watched closely during the time the other structure was burning. The bolt of lightning apparently first struck a tree alongside the building, jumped to the upper story and set it on fire.

Though insurance was carried on the building and contents, Mr. Huggill will be a very heavy loser. The building contained his summer supply of supers, material for the building of others, and supplies for his summer's needs. All this was destroyed.

At the present there is no way of telling just what the loss will be, though the principal loss is in the inconvenience caused by the loss of apiary equipment at the start of the busy season. It is said that Mr. Huggill stands to lose at least two to three thousand dollars in equipment alone and considerably more in his loss in production. The machinery used for the extraction of honey, the summer's supply of comb is also a total loss.—Chronicle.

THE NEW ELECTION ACT

The adoption of important amendments to the Dominion Elections Act under which federal elections will be held in 1929, was one of the achievements of the recent Ottawa session, which met the approval of all parties. The amended law gives the Chief Electoral Officer of the Dominion a status corresponding to that of a judge of the Supreme Court. He will have charge of federal elections and be free from interference from the government of the day. He will appoint a local returning officer for each riding, selecting them, preferably, from the sheriffs, registrars of deeds and city clerks, designating each by the title of his office.

These returning officers are to direct the preparation of voters' lists and no provincial lists are to be used.

The work is to be thoroughly done and uniform in all cases. Elections are to occur two months within the issuance of these writs. Whether there is to be a general election or not there is to be published in the Canada Gazette within the first 20 days of January in each and every year, a list of the returning officers of all the constituencies. The changes in the Act are based on recommendations of Col. Biggar, former Chief Electoral Officer, who retired two years ago. They should contribute to purity in elections.

MINTO SETS THE PACE

The township of Minto has about 110 miles of road and Reeve Walter Owens and his Council have definitely arranged to have all weeds cut by contract as so much a mile, the lowest bid being about \$5 a mile, and the average about \$8 a mile, depending on the kind of a mile it is. They are giving each contractor only ten days to clean up the weeds and then if the contract is not satisfactory to the weed inspector, they will not receive their pay. In three or four weeks they intend to go over the township again in a somewhat similar manner. This will cost the township probably \$1500, but the people believe it is a well-warranted expenditure, and they are determined to make their township the cleanest in the province if possible. Some splendid fields of alfalfa are being harvested on scores of farms in Minto Township this year. It is estimated that there are about 3,000 acres of alfalfa in this township now, or more than in the whole county ten years ago.—Mercury.

INDUCTION OF REV. MR. BAETZ

(Chesley Enterprise)
Last Sunday morning Rev. Harry W. Baetz was inducted into the pastorate of Chesley Lutheran church, the service being in charge of Rev. C. C. J. Maas, of Detroit, formerly of this town, who is now superannuated. At the close of the service the new pastor pronounced the benediction. Next Sunday evening Mr. Baetz will deliver his first sermon. Rev. Mr. Baetz and his mother, Mrs. Julia Baetz, moved into the parsonage on Mary St. last week and have been busy getting settled in their new home. The new Lutheran pastor graduated this spring from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained into the active ministry at Zurich on June 2nd.

JUDGE SCORED TORONTO HOTEL

Five dollars a day for a place to sleep, 40c a bottle for 20c ginger ale, and 70c for a 15c sundae, according to Judge Morson of Toronto, is an explanation of why some hotels can pay big dividends, according to a news report appearing in a recent issue of the Mail and Empire, which says:

"Judge Morson received some enlightenment on how hotels do business when he tried an action brought in division court yesterday morning by A. Perotti, formerly a waiter at the King Edward, who was suing the hotel for \$38.71 as wages for the month of May.

The point at issue was a bill which Perotti had not turned in to the cashier because, he explained, he had not been able to collect it. The supper dance party to whom the bill was made out, silently stole away while the waiter was in the kitchen. The judge solved the question of the waiter's liability for the uncollected bill by giving him judgment for the amount claimed and dismissing the hotel's counter-claim for \$50 for alleged breach in not accounting for money received.

"No wonder they are able to pay big dividends," was the judge's comment when the bill was handed to him for examination. The total was \$25.60, and his honor noted among the items eight ginger ales at \$3.20 and a strawberry sundae at 70 cents.

His Honor ruled that no hotel could make its waiters liable for the payment of bills unless the liability was expressly set out in the contract signed by the waiters. It was not in the contract which Perotti had signed.

HOWICK

Considerable interest was displayed by many citizens the past week in the blasting operations at the mill dam site in Fordwich. Twenty-one sticks of dynamite were used in one shot Saturday evening, to demolish a particularly obstinate mass of concrete.

While engaged in shingling the barn on the farm of Robt. Cowan, 4th con., Tuesday afternoon, George Johnston had the misfortune to lose his footing on the roof and fell to the ground, a drop of 25 feet. Although badly scratched and painfully bruised and shaken up, it is not thought that any bones were broken. The accident occurred shortly after the heavy rain, which necessitated Mr. Johnson leaving the roof. When the downpour ceased, and as only a few minutes were required to complete the work, Mr. Johnston essayed the task without the aid of his spiked shoes, and his unfortunate fall occurred as a result of the slippery condition of the wet shingles.

An accident which might have been attended with very serious results occurred Saturday evening on the ninth concession, a short distance west of the Fordwich sideroad intersection, when a light truck, occupied by Fred Hundman and his young son, was run into and turned over in the ditch by a car driven by Harris Spotton. The Hundman boy was pinned under their truck and sustained painful bruises, but fortunately no serious injury is anticipated. From information secured, it would appear to be a case of reckless driving on Spotton's part, as Hundman maintains he was off the road on his side as far as he deemed safe to go. The truck was wrecked beyond repair and Spotton's car was in pretty bad shape, too.

During the noon hour, on Friday last, H. Sanson's store was entered and the till rifled, while the clerk was out for dinner. A young lad, whose home is out of town, was seen to enter the building in a suspicious manner and the observer immediately notified Constable Bowerthick, who apprehended the culprit within a few minutes. He at first denied that the money he had—two or three dollars in bills and some silver—was stolen, but finally admitted the theft. Miss Doris Leonard, the clerk had locked the door by which he entered the store, but she had occasion to go upstairs and during her absence the youthful and cunning thief sneaked in and locked the door, preparatory to easy access later on. One who displays such ingenuity, when as young as this boy, bears the earmarks of some day becoming a real menace to the public. In deference to the feelings of relatives here, and as the boy was leaving that day for his home, many miles from here, no charge was laid against him. A few weeks ago, W. E. Patterson's store was forcibly entered two nights in succession, and it is now easy to deduce who the culprit was.

The Royal York Hotel, Toronto—the largest hostelry in the British Empire—has cost up to the present time, for erecting the building, furnishings and equipment, a total of \$17,300,000, according to information disclosed last week.

"Keep the boy and girl on the farm." How often we read that in print and hear it in speech. But, how are you going to keep them there? Why, even their parents may out a different life for them, and deny themselves many comforts to educate them for a position in the cities or towns.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

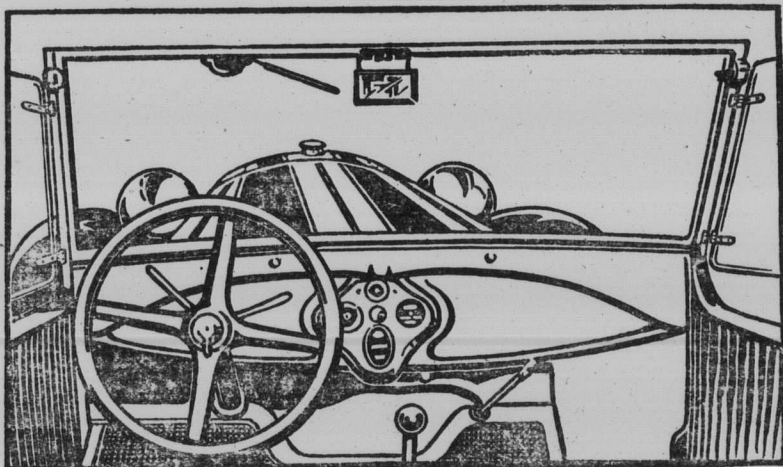
In the Estate of George Reinhart

All persons having claims against the Estate of George Reinhart, late of the Village of Mildmay, in the County of Bruce, Retired Farmer, who died on or about the Thirtieth day of May, A.D., 1929, are hereby notified to send in or deliver to the undersigned Executrix on or before the Third day of August, 1929, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said Third day of August, 1929, the assets of the Testator will be distributed among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Executrix shall then have notice.

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