NEWS OF NORFOLK

County Council Doubles Last Year's Grant To Red Cross

GOOD ROADS ADVICE

Judge Boles Chairman of Norfolk War Loan Committee

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Simcoe, Oct. 18.—There was a general complaint last evening that the Norfolk news was not in. Those who missed it should look again. There's over a page of it worth hunting up in yesterday's issue. Port Dover gets the space and deserved it. See pages one, two and three. Dover is on the map and made a front pager on Tuesday.

Doubled 1916 Grant to British Red Cross.

Shortly after the County Council went into session to-day, the members were addressed by his Honor Judge Boles, who confessed that he had urged the calling of a special meeting for the double purpose of getting the county in the list to-day and of clearing the way for action in the minor municipalities. His Honor reviewed the condition at present and emphasized the double demand for funds this year over the requirements of one year ago. The Council got assurance from the following also, that so far as the speakers knew, the sentiment of the county was in favor of an increased county grant. Senator McCall, H. B. Donly, Frank Reid, T. R. Atkinson, Rev. A. B. Fairley, Rev. M. S. Fulton held that he was not yet well enough versed locally to speak with authority. Several of the Council gave evidence that a larger grant was forthcoming. The rural members protested that a house to house canvass through the farm lands was impossible and at the afternoon session a vote of $14,230—one mill on the dollar of equalized assessment—was voted and the Council added thereto $105 by voting away their days' attendance and milege allowance. Last year the County Council voted $7,115, Simcoe added slightly over $5,000 and the other municipalities brought the total up to almost $18,000.

Simcoe this year, giving about $12,000 to patriotic work by volunteer subscription, will not likely make a special grant through the Council, as nothing was included in the estimates therefor, and there is considerable opinion that when the Canadian Red Cross appeal comes it will have to be considered. We understand, however, that his Worship the Mayor contemplates calling a mass meeting to get the voice of the people regarding the British Red Cross appeal.

Good Advice on Good Roads.

During the forenoon session Mr. W. Huber of the Highways Department addressed the Council regarding the launching of the county roads work. He first touched on what have since been condemned as errors by those who first took up the work of building permanent roads, viz.:

(1) Attempt to cover too much road with a given expenditure.

(2) Failure to allow for ever-increasing and heavier traffic.

(3) Lack of provision for maintenance as the work proceeds.

(4) Too close adherence to "township" idea.

Statute Labor Banned.

The speaker affirmed that designated roads could not be built by statute labor. The system had its advantages, but they were outweighed. One superintendent would get better results than one hundred. Townships will be able to concentrate on township roads.

Good Organization Necessary.

(1) Good organization centralizes effort and secures efficiency. The superintendent will require good foremen.

(2) Work should be planned years in advance of what is in hand. The whole system will require years to work out.

Small Committee Best

Experience proves that a small committee of preferably three, never more than five, is best. Meetings are obtained more easily, more frequently, and at less expense.

2. Continuity of members in office whether in the council or not, is desirable, if the men are qualified.

3. Committee acts only in an advisory capacity after determining what work is to be done.

4. Supt. is in absolute control of men and construction work. He engages or dismisses men, and is always provided with a small advance account for emergencies to pay freight and the like.

5. Supt. will frequently report to and confer with the committee.

Keeping of Records

Mr. Marston is already informed as to requirements for annual report to the government. All accounts should be submitted to the Supt. before being paid. Men may be paid by cheque if the bank is convenient, or by envelope on the job, but the statements and accounts should always have the O.K. of the chairman of the committee before cheques are issued.

Immediate Work

The speaker, who had been two days in the county, had driven over about 100 miles of the roads, and thought that at once shoulders should be taken off many sections, and ditches cleared out to let the water off the roadway during the coming fall and spring.

Mr. Huber closed by assuring the council that the department was at all times ready to assist in every way and, on resuming his chair, Reeve Jno. L. Buck of Dover, and Reeve E. Hyde of Townsend fathered a vote of thanks for the timely address.

New Committee Appointed

Later in the day, a good roads committee of three members was appointed, Elias Hyde, Theo. Cunningham, and Harry Lawrence, reeves of Townsend, Windham and Charlotteville, were named.

Victory War Loan Organization

His Honor Judge Boles has complied with the purport of a wire from Ottawa, and will act as president of the Norfolk county organization for the purpose of conducting in November a three weeks' canvas for subscriptions to the "Victory War Loan" to provide funds for the government undertakings with regard to advancing credit to the British Government in the matter of marketing the 1917 wheat crop. Geo. J. McKiee, accompanied his Honor in an interview with the council to-day to secure the consent of that body to the appointment of Inspector Cook as secretary of the organization. They got it without a moment's hesitation, and if the Department of Education is agreeable, Mr. Cook will add one more burden to his already heavy load, for he is recognized as easily the hardest worked man in the county. Mr. McKiee explained that he and his office would be required for the work, and that he had to take chances as to any remuneration. He had received 1-4 to 3-8 of one per cent commission on previous war loan flotations. It is desirable to have in every municipality a team of five canvassers to work continuously during the three weeks of the campaign, and these will receive remuneration based on the loans secured.

The bank managers of the county and some of the life insurance agents will meet here to-day to complete the force of canvassers.

No Time to Waste Money

Port Rowan has decided that it is bad policy to waste further money in tinkering with their main street, and yesterday Reeve Buck went home after getting through the necessary by-laws for a county loan of $20,000 to put down a permanent roadway from the depot down Main street and westward along the front road to the bridge—about two miles. The annual debenture will cost the burg perhaps less than is now spent annually on the mud road, and the new departure will give a good street into the bargain. It does look as if Simcoe will have to get busy soon. The government will provide $8,000 of the $20,000 required for the work. And the construction will proceed under Supt. Guy R. Marston, C.E.

Lightning Rods High

It developed yesterday that some one had ordered the installation of lightning rods on the Industrial Farm buildings, without authority, that a loose contract had been entered into and a big bill presented, which the treasurer and clerk refused to pay. After some discussion these officials were authorized to offer some $170 in settlement of the account, instead of something in the vicinity of three hundred dollars. The job had been measured up and considered too high-priced.

Council adjourned about five o'clock.

Another Norfolk Man Honored.

Mrs. Robert Bently, of Metcalf St. North, received yesterday a letter from her husband, L.-Corp. Robert Bently, now in France, stating that he has received the military medal for conspicuous bravery in action on August 17th last. Bently was engaged here in the can factory of Dominion Canners, under Supt. W. G. Dutton. He enlisted with the 98th at Welland on Oct. 23rd, 1915, though his name does not seem to have been included in any of the lists published locally. He was drafted for overseas the following July and crossed to France in October, 1916, so that he has had just one year at the front.

Press Photographs

Among those who attended the convention at Port Dover on Tuesday, were Mayor Williamson, Senator McCall, H. P. Innes, K.C., Geo. Luscombe, W. C. McCall, town clerk, Alderman Langford, H. H. Groff, H. B. Donly, T. R. Atkinson, M.L.A. of Simcoe, Dr. Teeter, Dr. Duncombe and P. G. Pearce of Waterford.

Friends to the number of about thirty, treated Miss Marjorie McCall to a surprise party at her home last night. Miss McCall leaves for Brantford shortly to undertake training to qualify as a nurse.

Mrs. Edward Harter of Head St., North, is recovering from a recent severe illness.

Odd Ends of News

The Port Rowan brick and tile kilns are working to full capacity of the extended plant, making for the greater part farm tile, and so great is the local demand this fall that only a few carloads have been shipped out of the county.

Up to last night 56 men of Class 1 have called on the postmaster for papers. Almost all of them have asked for exemption papers. Examinations were in progress at yesterday's sitting of the board.

CAPTAIN ROBINSON

Of the "Vigilant" honored by the delegation at Port Dover on Tuesday.

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Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin.

OLEOMARGARINE MAY BE PERMITTED

Owing To The Exceedingly High Cost of Butter

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Although the question has not yet been definitely decided, it is altogether likely that within a few days an order in Council will be passed lifting the ban off the sale and manufacture of oleomargarine. This will be the first real act of the new Government towards meeting the high cost of living. The matter was under consideration to-day at a conference between the heads of the Agriculture and Food Controller's Departments with their experts.

The present high cost of butter, bound to be still higher during the coming winter, makes it almost impossible for poor people to buy it. The popular demand that oleomargarine should be made available as a cheap and wholesome substitute for butter has been brought forcibly to the attention of the Government for months past. The Food Controller has been studying the problem for some weeks past, and it is understood has strongly recommended that the ban be lifted.

The question, however, is a complicated one. There is already a scarcity of fats in Canada, and if oleomargarine is manufactured the result might be to increase the already high price of lard and other similar commodities manufactured from the same by-products from which oleomargarine is made. Moreover, it is feared that, in consequence of the scarcity of farm help, farmers will not increase their present dairying output, especially if oleomargarine comes on the market as a substitute for butter. Food economists and live stock experts are not certain as to the economic wisdom of allowing the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine even under present conditions, but the weight of opinion at to-day's conference was in favor of it.

GERMANS ARRESTED

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Oct. 18—Twelve Germans employed in the Marine department of the Lackawanna Railroad at Hoboken were taken in custody by federal authorities last night and taken to Ellis Island.

OFFICE WORKERS STRIKE

By Courier Leased Wire.

Tamapa, Fla., Oct. 17—Nearly 3,000 cigar-makers in eleven factories here were thrown out of employment to-day by the strike of office employes who demanded increased wages.

EXTRA DIVIDEND.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Oct. 17—An extra dividend of 1 per cent in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1-2 per cent was declared at a meeting of directors of the Illinois Central Railroad here to-day.

FRESH DEPORTATIONS.

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Oct. 17—The Evening World to-day publishes the following:

Amsterdam, Oct. 17—The Germans are reporting the French, particularly the women from Lille, Reubaix, Turcbing, Croix and surrounding places to work for them. Only the women without children and young girls are being selected now. They are being taken to railway stations by soldiers and then conveyed to destinations which are not disclosed to the parents they leave behind. Heartrending scenes are witnessed when these deportations occur.

VICTORIA CROSS AWARDED

In the Case of Two Brave Canadians Who Lost Their Lives

London, Oct. 18.—Two Victoria Crosses are gazetted to Canadians to-day. Both lost their lives while earning the distinction. 57113 Sergt. Frederick Hobson enlisted in November, 1914, at Toronto. He was aged 41, and born in England. His occupation was storekeeper, and the next of kin, Miss F. Hobson, 1381 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto. "During a strong enemy counter-attack, a Lewis gun in a forward post leading to the enemy lines, was buried by a shell. The crew, with the exception of one man, were killed. Sgt. Hobson, though not a gunner, grasped the great importance of the post, and rushed from the trench dugout, and the enemy who were now advancing down the trench across the open. A jamb caused the gun to stop firing. Though wounded, he left the gunner to correct the stoppage, and rushed forward to the advancing enemy with his bayonet clubbed rifle. Single-handed he held them back until he himself was killed by a rifle shot. By this time, however, the Lewis gun was again in action, and reinforcements shortly afterwards arriving, the enemy was beaten off. The valor and devotion to duty displayed by this non-commissioned officer, gave the gunner the time required again to set the gun into action, and saved a most serious situation."

Private Brown of Gananoque also had the V. C. awarded for his work in the same connection.

MEXICO TROUBLED TO STOP BANDITISM

No Political or Military Problems Now Confront Country

By Courier Leased Wire

Mexico City, Mex., Oct. 18.—A committee from the Chambes of Deputies yesterday called on President Carranza for an exchange of views on the situation in Mexico. To the committee the president made the following statement:

"The government is confronted with no political or military problems. Vila has scattered his forces. Zapata remains the same problem as always, and Felix Diaz never has caused apprehension to the government.

"The real problem facing the government is that of providing ample guarantees to society against banditism. This has increased with the coming of constitutional order, which gives the bandits greater advantages than are possessed by the troops pursuing them. Consequently I recommend to Congress that personal guarantees be suspended so far as these enemies of the government and of public order are concerned.

"International relations of friendship are maintained with the whole world. Only with the United States are differences pending because this country has prohibited the exportation of metal, and because the funds of Mexico deposited there can only be paid in paper, which, owing to the difference of exchange, creates a balance unfavorable to Mexico. But up to this date in every instance, these negotations have resulted favorably and it is probable that a general treaty on this matter will be concluded."

It already had been announced that an arrangement had been made by which the balance of trade due Mexico would be allowed to be sent from the United States in gold, with the understanding that Mexico should remove her embargo on the exportation of metal.

BOBBY PRINGLE

Meets With a Mishap at the Front.

"Bobby" Pringle, former Capital lacrosse club star and probably one of Ottawa's best-known athletes, is reported to have suffered a fractured knee, sustained when his horse reared and fell on him while under shell fire in France. Pringle holds a commission as lieutenant in the Army Service Corps and has been highly praised for his good work in that branch.

Bobby originally came from near Toronto, but was at Copper Cliff when the Capitals heard of and imported him about twelve years ago. He went to Ottawa when lacrosse was booming there and figured for eight or nine seasons on the Capital team. Pringle was a centre man when the Caps grapped him, but developed into a first-class defence fielder. He was on the Capital team which won the championship of the world and the Minto Cup in 1906, and the following year he toured England with Mr. Emmanuel Tasse's party. Bobby played his last lacrosse at the Pacific coast in 1912, being a member of Con Jones' team. He became a great favorite with Ottawa lacrosse patrons, being regarded as one of the most effective defence men in the National Union.

Lieut. Billy Latimer, who has recently returned from England, brought word of Pringle's accident.

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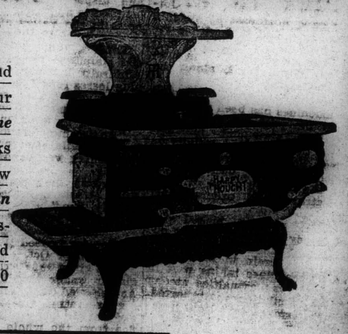

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FIRST HYDRO POLE RAISED

Impressive Ceremony Observed By Township Officials Yesterday

Auspicious ceremonies in connection with the raising of the first pole of the Township Hydro Electric system, were held yesterday afternoon at the corner of Clinch Avenue and the Mt. Pleasant Road. All the members of the Brantford Township council, representatives of the city system, and other prominent men interested in the hydro movement were on hand for the occasion.

Mrs. James Scace had the honor of raising the first pole, and addresses were made by the councillors and others.

Reeve A. J. McCann acted as chairman of the gathering, and in a brief address congratulated the township on the introduction of the Hydro Electric, and hoped that it would not be long before the work of installation would be completed.

Deputy Reeve Scace was glad that after four years of hard fighting to secure the power, at last the issue had reached a successful conclusion, and the work of installation was now progressing favorably.

Andrew McFarland, chairman of the Brantford system, expressed pleasure that the township was falling in line with the other municipalities throughout the province, and predicted greater progress and development in the municipality, now that the power had been secured. He promised to assist the township in any way possible, and to co-operate to ensure the success of the venture.

Speeches were also made by Deputy Reeve Greenwood, Councillors Henry and Kenwick, Township Clerk J. A. Smith, Superintendent Jack Blakney and William Catton of the Brantford system.

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TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

By Courier Leased Wire

Montreal, Oct. 18.—Traffic earnings for the three principal Canadian railways for the second week in October aggregated $5,605,105 against $5,181,795 for the corresponding week a year ago, an increase of $424,310 or 8.2 per cent. Each of the three roads showed an increase. Last week's aggregate was the largest for any seven day period this year and the percentage increase in the aggregate, the largest since the third week in July.

CAR AND TRAIN CRASH

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 18.—One unidentified woman was killed and 14 persons injured, one probably fatally in a collision last night between a crowded street car and a Grand Trunk freight train at a crossing in the north end of the city. The gate tender at the crossing is being held on order of the coroner.