

OLD BOYS' REUNION MAY BE POSTPONED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Many Things Operate Against
Successful Celebration
in 1920.

TIME IS TOO SHORT

Lack of Organization Amongst
Ex-Londoners Elsewhere
One Difficulty.

There is a great possibility that London will not see the Old Boys' Reunion this year, according to Edwin Smith, secretary of the Old Boys' committee. Although definite decision has been reached by the committee to abandon the plan, many seemingly insurmountable difficulties stand in the way of a successful celebration this year.

Lack of organization amongst ex-Londoners in other cities is probably the greatest difficulty. The large number of letters sent out by the secretary to the committees in other cities twelve days ago, only one reply has been received, and it gave no definite answer.

Mr. Smith thinks that in the six years that has elapsed since the last reunion, the other cities have become disorganized through many of the older men dying. In support of his statement he cited a large number of citizens of this town who were on the executive who have died. The war was given by him as another reason. Things had become disrupted by many of the men depended upon going overseas, and their failure to settle down on their return.

Only five months remain in which to make all preparations for the reunion, and there is at least nine months' work to be done. Little can be accomplished until the outside points have been heard from.

It was thought by Mr. Smith, and there were others on the committee who were in accord with him, that it would be better to postpone the reunion until next year. Things would have been settled by that time. A start toward the reunion was made next October, and with these places all lined up by mid-winter there would be nothing to stop the reunion in the following August from being a huge success.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DISCUSSED BY FARMERS

Ilderton Farmers' Club Decides to Ask
for Survey of School District.

ILDERTON, Feb. 19.—At the last meeting of the Ilderton Farmers' Club last week, the subject of consolidated schools was discussed. A large number of members, and also many others who were interested in the question, were present.

The speakers, Miss Mary Grant, township clerk, and P. J. Thompson, I.F.S., for East Middlesboro, were listened to with great attention.

Miss Grant gave a systematic explanation of the law and proper procedure as laid down by the late minister of education, Dr. Cody. She also gave much information in regard to the schools of the township, and the present cost of maintenance.

Inspector Thompson told of the present state of many of the schools in the riding. One school, he said, has an average of twenty pupils, and four schools in the north end of the township have a total attendance of 65. In a case like this it would be much cheaper to consolidate, said Mr. Thompson. He did not believe that any consolidated school would be any cheaper, but it would give rural scholars the same advantages as those possessed by the urban centres. The curriculum would be made to suit the requirements of the rural children. At present, he said, our farm boys are educated off the farm, and the need now is to educate them in the different lines. For those who wished to take up one of the professions, there would be the usual high school, and at least five acres of land would be necessary for a school site, and more would be better. The government grant to these schools was for building, \$6,000, on the average, and \$2,000 per year towards salaries and other expenses would be transportation of the pupils, but he felt sure that this could be overcome and he outlined the necessary steps to be taken if they desired a school.

The first step in the Ilderton district would be the appointment of a committee to request the Government for a survey.

Free discussion then took place. The objectors were Eric Caverhill and John Ryland, and those who spoke in favor were J. W. Freeborn, M.L.A., Arch. Fraser, Rev. Mr. Allen, J. Prebble and Alex. Stewart.

On the motion of J. W. Freeborn and J. Caverhill, the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee to ask for a survey in the Ilderton district for the establishment of a consolidated school.

Ed. Douglas, deputy reeve, stated that he thought that no school would be required in each ward, that there would be five schools for the township. The speakers, Miss Grant and Inspector P. J. Thompson, were given a hearty vote of thanks. R. S. Douglas occupied the chair.

The meeting of the shareholders of the Co-operative Company, called for Friday, February 20, has been postponed indefinitely owing to prevalence of influenza.

Influenza is still prevalent in this district, but somewhat milder in most cases. In the village nearly every house is affected, but all are now recovering except Mrs. G. A. Smith and C. Reeves, the manager of the local Home Bank, and those who have pneumonia in the case of Mr. Reeves, and he is still very low, but hopes are held out for his recovery. In some of the farm houses all the family are down, and neighbors are helping out with the necessary chores. Some of the schools have been closed for a week, and all the churches were closed on Sunday to avoid the spreading of the epidemic.

APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—No one appearing for the International Fair and Register Company of Port Erie, the appellate division yesterday dismissed the appeal of that company from a decision of Justice Sutherland last summer requiring it to make good to C. F. Atkins, a workman of Detroit formerly of Chatham, the sum of \$1,000, paid by him for stock in the company on the promise of employment. He said that the employment failed to materialize.

Breakfast is no bother to Ma—says Bobby

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C. OF C. WILL DISCUSS SCHEME TO DEEPEN ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

London Greatly Interested in
Scheme to Run Ocean
Liners to Lake Ports.

THE QUESTION OF DEEPENING THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER TO PERMIT THE PASSAGE OF OCEAN FREIGHTERS TO LAKE PORTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE VIEWS OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION WILL, AT A LATER DATE, BE PLACED BEFORE THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS HOLDING SESSIONS AT THE LEADING CANADIAN AND AMERICAN CITIES.

The question of deepening the St. Lawrence River to permit the passage of ocean freighters to lake ports will be considered at the next meeting