

NORFOLK NEWS

WOODHOUSE REEVE WILL RETIRE

Gilbert McSloy Not to Remain in the Municipal Field

REEVE FOR TWO YEARS

Dr. Cody's Address in Brantford, as Heard by a Simcoeian

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

(From our own correspondent)
 Simcoe, Dec. 18.—After being returned to the County Council for two successive years as reeve of Woodhouse township, Gilbert McSloy has announced his intention to retire. No man about the county board was more genial, affable, straightforward, open-minded or competent and assiduous in the discharge of his duty. He filled with ability the position of Chairman of the special committee of the Industrial farm and home, and retired, still quite a young man, probably the kindergartner of the 1918 council.

His record in the township is equally clear. It is not therefore without some reason that some will aver that Mr. McSloy may in the not distant future be again recalled to lead the municipal administration in Woodhouse.

Ex-Warden Geo. Hammond, Nat Butler and Wilson Porter are mentioned as probable candidates for the reeve'ship of Woodhouse for 1919.

Three New Teachers for Public Schools.

The management committee of the Board of Education have made the following appointments to fill vacancies on the public schools staff caused by the resignations of Miss McCool, Miss Haddow and Miss Porter:

Miss Clara G. Reid, \$275, R. H. 6 Simcoe, Miss Grace E. Lewis, \$600 Jarvis, Miss Rhena J. Muir, \$600, Newmarket.

Miss Reid has had one half year experience, Miss Lewis six and one half years, and Miss Muir three years. All of them are highly recommended.

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Odd Ends of News.
 Dominion Canners have been obliged to turn down orders for lack of help. Machines are daily standing idle. Time was when winter orders for the factory would have been considered a god send. Quite evidently there will be plenty of work for all so inclined in Simcoe during the adjustment period.

Waterford and Port Dover joined with Simcoe should be able to produce something along the line of a Rotary Club if the task appears too big for the county town single-handed.

Townsend farmers were still plowing yesterday and up to the present setting posts for wire fencing has not been interrupted to any extent by frost.

Port Dover fishermen continue to bring in good hauls of white fish at last reports and the hatchery at Normandale has been receiving an abundance of good spawn.

The minister and deputy-minister of fisheries have individually paid this latching a visit of inspection during the past few weeks.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was observed in the Masonic Lodge last night and officers for 1919 were elected.

The Courier's local representative had the honor of attending the Brantford Rotary Club luncheon at noon yesterday, as the guest of Mr. Geo. Williamson, secretary of the day was Hon. Dr. Cody, Minister of Education, who was spending the day visiting Brantford's educational institutions. The Minister spoke for three-quarters of an hour, referring briefly to the subject on which he was to address Brantford citizens in the evening, but he dropped enough to make it evident that he is about to launch on

A Program of Organization.
 Heretofore educational Ontario has groaned under organization and over administration with regulations ad infinitum, new text

books as a matter of course even in the study of mathematics and grammar. And withal the Minister observed, very little had been provided by way of secondary education, except for those preparing for professional life. The Minister wants a system for the man who aspires to business life, industrial life and all the other vocations as well, and he hinted that probably a system of consolidation may be necessary in order to reach the goal. Brantford hopes to have a technical school in the near future. The Minister considers the location strategic.

Tribute to Britain Ashore and Afloat.

But the address proper to the Rotarians was a masterly portrayal of the unobscured manner in which old Britain had stepped up to the war task, and with what humility of spirit and lack of self-praise her great work had been done. The Hindus excepted, she had supplied 85 per cent. and the colonies 15 per cent. of the Empire's forces afield and had sustained 88 per cent. and the colonies 14 per cent. of the casualties. The Hun propaganda that Britain would fight while the colonies or France had yet another man, has been given the lie. The speaker had visited devastated France, and the woman-manned munition works of Britain; he had seen the grand fleet in the Clyde, and had stood in awe of Britain's gigantic might. The Canadians have done well. They never failed their objective and they never lost a position once consolidated, but Britain did marvels in silence. It was a splendid tribute to the Motherland.

The writer was present at the representative of educational Norfolk, through being chairman of the Council's Committee on Education, and from remarks dropped by the speaker yesterday, it is quite probable that in the near future, county councils may have cause to divert to this factor of county administration more than passing notice. There is evidently more in the offing than roads, bridges and the county home.

SEND IN THE NAMES OF CHILDREN.
 The ladies of the Auxiliary of Simcoe G.W.V.A. desire the names of all children of soldiers or returned men under fourteen. Kindly give names to Mrs. A. N. West, Mrs. J. Holden, Mrs. Rawling or Mrs. T. Joslyn before December 24th.

Fifteen People Lost Their Lives
 When a Tourist Coach on the C. P. R. Caught on Fire

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Fifteen passengers perished following the destruction by fire, 120 miles west of Ft. William, of one tourist coach in Canadian Pacific Train No. 4, which left Winnipeg at 9.10 p.m. yesterday for Toronto. The fire apparently started in a berth occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Monkman and baby passengers en route to Toronto from Kerrobert, and spread to the rest of the coach. The remainder of the train was not damaged.

A list of the lost as far as can be ascertained, follows:

B. C. Clancy, ticketed Calgary to Windsor.

Miss E. Smith, ticketed Lockwood to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Monkman and baby, ticketed Kerrobert to Toronto, supposed to be from Consort, Alberta.

Mrs. Jos. Cochran, ticketed Russell, Man. to Buxley, N. S.

Pta. Lamouth, 5th. Battalion, Quebec, ticketed Winnipeg to Iroquois, Ontario.

Mrs. C. L. Buchanan, ticketed from Greenwood, Man., to Sussex, N. B.

Mrs. Carsonfoot and child, of Brooks, Alberta, ticketed Winnipeg to Belleville, Ontario.

Woman, ticketed to Elora.

Woman, ticketed Regina to Nanawau.

Two unidentified passengers, Regina to Belleville, Ontario.

The injured, none of whom is in a serious condition, are:

Miss Minerva Crossman, Guernsey Sask., to Kitchener, Ont.; C. Foote, Regina to Athol, Mich.; C. L. Buchanan, Greenwood, Man., to Sussex, N. B.

The following were rescued, uninjured:

Jacob Mitchell, Shanavon, Sask., to Windsor, Ont.; J. H. Breaker, Melita, Man., to Thornhill, Ont.; H. S. Kilgor, wife and baby, Winnipeg to Sussex, N. B.; Thos. Davidson, Somerville, Sask., to Harrison, Ont.; W. Henderson, Winnipeg to Toronto.

The vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway issue the following statement regarding the accident:

"At 6:57 a.m. to-day the second section of train No. 4 stopped for train orders at Bonheur Station, 120 miles west of Fort William, Ontario, Conductor Begg, of Fort William in charge of the train, walking back to the train saw flames arising from the front end of tourist car 628. At once it was evident that the coach would be rapidly destroyed.

The train crew and the engine crew immediately burst into the coach and rescued as many passengers as they could reach. We regret to state that, as nearly as can be ascertained at the moment, fifteen passengers are missing. Eight passengers who were rescued are slightly injured.

General Superintendent Stevens, Mechanical Superintendent Temple and other officers of the company have left Winnipeg by special train to hold a searching investigation into the cause of the fire and all the features surrounding it. From reports of survivors it would appear that the fire started in the curtains

of a berth occupied by a man, his wife and baby. It might be surmised that they had been trying to heat food for the child with a spirit lamp, or had struck a light for some reason. When the flames reached the curtains of the berth, it would seem impossible to control them."

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

Y. M. C. A. League Got Off To a Good Start Last Night

The Y.M.C.A. Basketball League got off to a good start last night. Two games were played and the players are all enthusiastic for the best season yet. There was lots of new material out with several of the old brigade to give the youngsters the benefit of their experience. "Bill" Lister was on the side lines and pointed out several mistakes in play that only a veteran could see. The first game was between teams captained by Grant McKay and A. H. Boddy. The result was 27 to 18 in favor of Boddy. Who incidentally scored most of the points for his side. The team: McKay (captain), Rogers, Fielden, Littler, Bamford, Berry. A. H. Boddy (captain), L. Smith, Fowler, Whit, L. Bier.

The second game was between those old rivals, J. Johnson and G. Whittaker, and in doubt until the last few minutes and the game ended 30 to 22 with Whittaker on the big end. The teams: Whittaker (captain), James, Chapman, Adams, Rogers, Johnson (captain), Hurley, Buck, Hill, Wood, Hall, White. A meeting was held after the games and it was decided to have a junior and intermediate team, which will in all probability enter the O.A.B.A.

Sporting Comment

COCKSHUTT.

Stevens	130	149	165	444
Walters	123	103	154	380
Bloodworth	212	194	188	594
G. Cleator	158	147	180	465
Kirkland	168	136	166	469
Handicap	58	58	58	174
	849	786	891	2526

DEKAYERS.

Crowley	145	150	147	442
R. Cleator	134	153	184	471
Huff	138	101	159	398
Blind	120	120	120	360
Mathews	202	181	201	584
	739	705	811	2255

The Cockshutt Plow team, which was formerly the Motor Trucks, strengthened by the addition of Bloodworth, defeated Beavers in three straight games. Bloodworth came through with the high total for the night with 594 while Mathews was a close second with 584. The Hamilton team will be here to-night to roll a team picked from the City League.

COUNTY COUNCIL

At yesterday afternoon's session of the County Council deputations were heard from St. George and Scotland in regard to the continuation school proposition. The result was the granting by the council of \$300 to each of the schools to help them carry on, Rev. Mr. Farquhason of St. George told of the work being done at the St. George school and the success they had had. At present there are forty-one pupils in the institution, with the prospect of that number being increased. Two representatives were present from Scotland Messrs M. Halliday and C. W. Stewart, and both spoke. The Scotland school had just been opened, and the opening took place with the attendance of 24 pupils. This is considered a record attendance for the opening of high school in a rural district.

Considerable discussion followed, after which the grants were made. The remainder of the afternoon was spent on routine business. The session was continued to-day and, this afternoon saw the finish of the county business for this year.

PERSONAL

Friends of Miss Olive Apps will be glad to know that she is convalescent, though still confined to the house.

The many friends of Miss Violet Richards, 8 Pearl street, held a delightful surprise party in her honor last night, the occasion being the celebration of her birthday. Games were indulged in till a late hour, after which refreshments were served. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present.

A PRACTICAL GIFT.
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To The Editor of The Courier

MAYOR REPLIES TO MR. TURNBULL

Sir—Mr. Turnbull, having intimated that Ald. English was being advised by me in the matter of street railway to Terrace Hill, permit me to dispel any such delusions. In the first place, from the correspondence which has appeared, it is quite evident Ald. English will need no assistance from me or any one else in exposing Mr. Turnbull's shortcomings as a Railway Commissioner. The very fact that Mr. Turnbull has been a commissioner ever since the city took over the street railway, and that in all that time he has failed to bring forward any policy for extensions, or betterment, is in itself a true index to his capacity, but when it is remembered that he was also connected with the system ever since the inception of street railways in Brantford, it is easy to understand why our railway is drifting to the junk heap. His reference to an "accident policy" and the matter of "calling a cop" are also indications of his unusual mentality. I am quite sure that Mr. Calbeck harbors no ill feeling in regard to that incident. I have always found him to be a pretty fair-minded man, and while we differ on many matters, I have no hesitation in saying that he is a mighty sight more progressive than his chairman. I believe if Calbeck were chairman of the board it would not have been necessary for

Ald. English to force matters in regard to Terrace Hill. In this connection just let me point out that while I propose to support the by-law—because I believe both Terrace Hill and West Brantford are entitled to street railway accommodation—the route as at present proposed is not the proper one. At my suggestion, when the matter was in council, a provision was made whereby we are not committed to any particular route. This is a matter which will require careful consideration by next year's board.

Mr. Turnbull offers a somewhat veiled challenge to any person to show where he has been remiss. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to meet Mr. Turnbull right before the people of Terrace Hill in public debate on this very question, or any others of a municipal nature. Let the people of Terrace Hill secure a hall. Come on W. R., you've met a man who will accept your challenge.

M. MacBRIDE,
 Mayor.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET IN FEBRUARY

BI Courier Leased Wire
 Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Parliament is expected to meet the second week of February although the date has not yet been definitely settled by the government. Sir Robert Borden is not expected back for the opening, but may possibly return a few weeks later. His decision in this regard will, however, not be determined by events overseas.

The present parliament is a year old, this being the first anniversary of the day when the Union Government won a victory at the polls.

TOM LYLE FOR MAYOR

Full value for every dollar spent, is Lyle's motto for Civic business

Does it ever occur to you, Mr. Ratepayer, that you pay for a lot of things in municipal service that you don't get?

The rate of 30 1-2 mills on the dollar this year, the highest on record in Brantford, was not even elastic enough to be stretched over the deficit of \$32,000, plus certain unprovided for, unlooked for and distressingly inconvenient items which may yet come. The revenue of the city was boosted by \$10,000, there were more foreigners getting fined in the police court than expected, and the revenue increase was made up partly in this way. If the increased revenue had not been secured, the deficit would have gone well over the \$60,000 mark, showing that the skipper and crew on the municipal boat for 1918 went over \$60,000 beyond what they set out to do on the 30 1-2 mill basis at the start of the year.

However, ratepayers as a rule do not mind paying for something provided they really get it. The street oiling during the year was a joke. And this was a special tax, six cents per foot frontage, and double the previous charge. Money spent on the streets has either been not spent at all or wasted. The Brantford pavements mostly are not even fit to dance on, let alone stand traffic. George street is unsafe, while the macadam streets were never in worse condition in the history of the city. And then, you have the garbage collection which doesn't collect, and so on and etc.

But the City Council were potato raising this year, nine miles from the city, and it cost \$182 to bring the crop in from the field by motor conveyance, and it cost \$100 for new bags to dress those potatoes up, and a great many of the said tubers even at reduced rates are not sold yet. The committee is preparing a report on what wood there is left on the Harley lot, after the potatoes have been harvested. This report may show the cost of production, probably less than \$1 per potato, with a fine surplus of potato digging machinery left on hand, and timber still standing. And the wood may be taken to replace the shortage of \$1,800 at the civic wood yard.

Yes, Mr. Ratepayer, that 30 1-2 mills you are paying, besides all those frontage taxes, doesn't get you very far, and you're not getting in service what you are paying for. The civic debt piling up keeps adding a little mortgage to your home, every time it is boosted.

And what are you going to do about it? Do you want the same old system, or will you vote for Lyle for Mayor.

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 "The one pledge I will make to the people of Brantford, if elected as Mayor in 1919, is that I shall be honest and straightforward as I have always tried to be in my private life. I will welcome and not stifle criticism of any of my acts in office. I do not believe in Kaiserism for a city any more than for a country."

Tom Lyle,
 Candidate for Mayor 1919

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