

WATERLOO NEWS RECORD

The Committee on Arrears of Taxes to be Dispensed With

A Recommendation is Made by the Finance Committee to the Council. Councillor A. H. Cochrane Says He Will Resign.

There was a somewhat spirited session of the Finance Committee of the town Council which met in regular session last night being a warm discussion on the arrears of taxes and the method used to collect same and the outcome of it was that the committee recommended that the services of the committee on Tax arrears namely Councillor Cochrane, Town Clerk J. C. Haight and Tax Collector J. Uffelman be dispensed with and that the council as a whole deal with such matters in future on the motion being put, it carried and will be further dealt with at next Monday night's meeting.

When the meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock all the members of the Finance Committee were in their places and the small batch of accounts were quickly passed and recommended for payment.

Mr. Haight, manager of the Moisons Bank was present and desired to know how much money the town would require for current use as it was necessary for the bank to notify the Head Office in good time. The Treasurer was of the opinion that the same as last year approximately \$30,000 would be sufficient. However Mr. Haight stated they would not necessarily be obliged to state a definite amount as the town's credit was most likely to be sufficient until the first installment of taxes came due.

The question of changing the bank account from the Moisons Bank to the Bank of Toronto was introduced by the Mayor. He had nothing against the Moisons Bank but as the Bank of Toronto contemplated erecting a modern building in town on the present premises which would undoubtedly raise their present assessment of \$5,000 to perhaps \$15,000 or \$20,000, it looked on the face of it as good business proposition from the town's standpoint.

Deputy Reeve Stroh stated he had rather favored the idea at the end of last year but on looking more carefully into it, he was of the opinion that other towns had done it was better to leave it as it is.

Councillor Stroh did not doubt but that the Bank of Toronto was due some consideration but would prefer to see them put up a building first; then it would be time to consider the matter.

Councillor Stroh, Mayor, Foster, Cochrane and McKinnon all favored leaving the account at the Moisons Bank. Mr. Kutt did not quite agree with the majority of the former speakers. He had nothing to say against the present manager and while they had erected a fine building in town, it was a question of the whole appearance of the centre of the town. It is an eye sore he claimed but that was not the fault of Mr. Haight. Mr. Wright of the Bank of Toronto was a good loyal citizen and works hard for the interests of the town and some little consideration should be shown him. On the motion being put it carried unanimously to leave the account where it is.

A reputation of the Park Board consisting of C.W. Wells, F.G. Hughes, A.L. McIntyre and J. H. Smith was present. Mr. Wells acting as spokesman. The improvements required at the Park this year in the erecting of comfort stations as demanded by the Board of Health would entail an expenditure of about \$4000. By issuing of Debentures the Board could finance one half of this by strict economy on the other half and it was for the purpose of finding out if the Town Council could not take care of the other \$2000. After considerable discussion a committee from the council will be appointed on Monday night to get all necessary information along this line and report at the March meeting.

Mr. A.E. Hergott and Mr. Chas. Treason representing the Waterloo Musical Society requested the usual grant to the society namely \$1200 for this year. The request was recommended to Council.

The Tax Arrears. Mayor Kutt stated that he had asked the Tax collector to be present to state why distress warrants had been served on different people who were only 6 months in arrears of taxes. When the committee had been appointed several cases were cited where arrears had been made to accept the taxes plus the 5 per cent but now several ratepayers had been served by the Bailiff and had to know that they had given strict orders. He had been spoken to by different people among them being a poor widow woman who fell keenly this act on the part of town officials. It was a shame and a disgrace in a town such as ours.

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SARNIA SOLDIER'S "WIDOW" MARRIES PETROLEA MAN

Supposedly "Dead" Soldier Now Returned.

WIFE, UNABLE TO SEE WAY OUT, RUNS AWAY WITH NEW HELPMATE

SARNIA, Jan. 31.—One of those situations which are a source of pleasure only in fiction, but which, in fact, are liable to be most unpleasant, has just been brought to the attention of the Soldiers' Aid Commission here. Corp. Seager, of this city, who went overseas with the 70th Battalion, and who was officially reported as dead, writes from England to inform Mrs. Seager that he is alive and coming home. Though ordinarily this piece of information might be a cause for much rejoicing, in the present instance there were mingled feelings because in the meantime Mrs. Seager had married again.

It was over a year ago that Corp. Seager was declared dead. His name was printed in the official list of those who had fallen on the field of battle and Corp. Seager's wife had nothing to believe except that her husband would never return. She received in due time the pension due her as the widow of a Canadian soldier.

Several months went by and the slim chances that Corp. Seager might have been taken prisoner and held in some enemy camp, where he could not communicate with friends, seemed to have merged into certainty that he had died for his country.

Not unnaturally Mrs. Seager then considered that there was no bar to a second marriage, and when Mr. H. Johnston, of Petrolia, urged his suit, she accepted. This was only a few months ago. Then came the startling letter from Corp. Seager.

Mr. Seager, who was with what the Soldiers' Aid Commission here, the secretary of which is Rev. R. Weaver, has the facts of the case and will take what action it can in straightening out the affairs of the returning soldier, but in view of the fact that the woman has tied to parts unknown they expect to have very little result before the arrival home of the husband.

Whether Corp. Seager will learn of his wife's disappearance before he arrives is not known; but the commission will get in touch with him as soon as possible and inform him of the facts of the case as they know them.

Miss Eleanor Smith, R.N.; is spending the week end with her brother in St. Jacobs.

Visited Other Properties. Members of the City Council, this afternoon visited two other properties in order to ascertain their desirability as a new cemetery. The one property is the SHIRT farm on the north west side of the Waterloo-Bridgewater road and opposite the Hamel property; the other is the Betzner farm two miles out on the Breslau road.

Spoke in Galt. A big attendance was present at the Independent Labor Party meeting in Galt last evening where addresses were made by Dr. J.E. Holmes of Galt, and Mr. J. T. Marks of Toronto.

Annual Recital. Zoellner's Orchestra. The annual recital by Prof. Theo. Zoellner's orchestra, given last evening in St. James' hall, was a successful and thoroughly delightful affair. The program was well planned and the orchestra played with great skill and precision.

English service will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church tomorrow evening when Rev. J. Mairner, pastor of the first English Lutheran Church, Kitchener will occupy the pulpit.

Mr. J. Bancroft of Guelph is spending Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bailey of Ottawa have been visiting friends in town the past week having returned home.

SHIPMENTS FOR REFUGEES. The ladies of the local Red Cross Society have prepared a large shipment of necessary articles for the refugees in Europe and the same will be shipped next Tuesday. To give the public a chance to see this display the ladies will exhibit them in their rooms on Monday and no doubt our citizens will take advantage of the opportunity and pay a visit to the Red Cross Rooms.

THE WEEKLY MARKET. The regular weekly market was held this morning. The attendance being about as usual. There was an abundance of farm and garden produce such as onions, carrots, beets, cabbage, turnips and such like offered and all found a ready sale. Butter was a little easier and sold at 50 cents per lb. while eggs although not too plentiful could be had at 35 cents per doz. One load of hardwood of good quality sold at \$15.00. Few were rather scarce chickens being about the only thing on sale the ruling price being 35 cents per lb.

SOME PEOPLE YOU KNOW. It is our aim to make this column interesting. If you are going away or have friends visiting you drop us a line or phone 335 or 396.

Miss Ruth Little left today for Toronto.

Miss Mary and Hazel Bowman will spend the week-end in Toronto.

Mr. J.H. Izgin of London was in town yesterday.

Mrs. John Cochrane visited Toronto friends during the week.

Miss Knight, physical culture instructor of Guelph was the guest of Miss Jessie Cochrane this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Bowman of Tavistock are week-end visitors in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kruspe, Roy St.

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Baby Carriage For Sale, practically new \$35.00, for half price, Apply 121 Chestnut St. or phone 1011. 2-1-19.

Wanted—Foreman for suspender factory, good future, capable man on ly need apply. Box 41. 2-1-19.

Boy Wanted to work one hour every morning before school. Good wages. Apply at 84 East King Street. 2-1-19.

Stationary Engineer requires position. George Lack, Queen Street, Waterloo. 2-1-19.

For Sale—House safe, inside measurement, 10x15x18 inches \$13.00. J. C. Jamet Ltd. 2-1-19.

For Sale—Exceptionally fine lot, corner Willow and Brown streets. King. Apply 49 North Cameron. 2-1-19.

Young Man with \$500 wishes to connect with manufacturing concern. Object to take thorough interest in business. Local resident, 22 years extensive experience on cost, work in connection with installation of factory systems and general office work. Apply Box 30 News Record.

For Sale—Two men's overcoats size 38 and 42. Boys' sport coat. Ladies' coat size 38 and suit size 3. all at 20 West Athens-st. 2-1-19.

Brakemen, Firemen wanted \$150 \$200 monthly; experience unnecessary; must study easy necessary instructions. Send stamp. Railway Association. Care News Record.

The Kitchener Carbonating Co. offers the items mentioned below for sale, 1—A1 Overland truck in first class condition, cheap. 2—One trailer, capacity 1500 lbs.; good as new, dirt cheap at \$35.00.

Overland speedster, a bargain at \$60.00. Combined garage and workshop size 22 x 12 ft double floor, electric lights, stove, workbench, took cupboard and small oilhouse, can be easily moved, is nicely painted and is a snap at the price of \$100.00.

Brand new chicken stable, modern take-down style, size 10 x10, double boarded sleeping quarters, 3 dark nests, sanitary water founts and feed hopper, double doors and large window only \$50.00. One large hot water incubator holds 515 eggs sacrifice at \$10.00.

One pit glass show case 8 x 4 ft. the price is only \$8.50. Four pullets and year old rooster all thorough bred White Rocks these birds were cup winners at the last poultry exhibition in Kitchener. Price \$30.00.

Any of the Above will be cheerfully demonstrated, come and see them. Phone 595 C.H. NORTON JR. 393 King East. 2-1-19.

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If you would like to save a lot of money in buying all kinds of Shoes and Clothing go to WESELOH'S Shoe and Clothing Merchants. 2 Big Stores at 41 and 44 King St. E., Kitchener.

Valuable farm sold. The valuable farm on the Lexington Road, owned by Mr. Henry Knell has been sold. Mr. Knell has disposed of this desirable property to Mr. Henry Schmidt.

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