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It is a mistake to conclude that, because the war is over, it is no longer necessary to bother much about saving money. Fighting has ceased, but the war has left a legacy of debt and taxation. Our liberties have been preserved, but we must pay the price.

Before the war Canada made rapid progress in industrial development largely because she borrowed freely abroad. At the outbreak of war \$3,000,000,000 had in this way come into the country. But this flow of money has ceased. For some time to come Canada must finance herself, and this must come very largely out of savings.

The War Savings Plan announced by the Dominion Government is timely, being so devised as to promote saving among all classes of the people. Four dollars invested now in War Stamps will be repaid by \$5.00 in January, 1924. No limit is placed on the number of stamps that a person may purchase. They may be had at any bank or post office, to say nothing of other agencies appointed by the Minister of Finance.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, Dec. 20, 1918.
Special meeting of Council at call of Reeve to consider bylaw re-nominations and polling places and officers.

Present—Reeve; Harper, Doan and Hollingsworth.

Fitzgerald—Hollingsworth, that E. A. Brown, Thos. Roche, J. W. McLaren and the members of the Council be committee to receive returned soldiers of Watford and vicinity.—Carried.

Harper—Doan, that bylaw No. 9, appointing place for holding nomination. Polling places Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for year 1919, be read first time. Carried and bylaw read.

Hollingsworth—Doan, that bylaw No. 9, be read second time and filled in.—Carried and bylaw read and filled in.

Harper—Doan, that nomination be held in Music Hall, and Polling Division No. 1, be in basement of Public Library and Polling Division No. 2, be in Fire Hall.—Carried.

Doan—Harper, that John Bruce be appointed Deputy Returning Officer, and P. E. Fuller Poll Clerk in Division No. 1.—Carried.

Doan—Hollingsworth, that J. D. Brown be appointed Deputy Returning Officer, and F. J. Hughes Poll Clerk in division No. 2.—Carried.

Doan—Harper, that bylaw No. 9, be read third time and passed. Carried and bylaw read and passed.

Harper—Doan, that minutes as read be adopted.—Carried.

Hollingsworth—Doan, that we adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

The Watford Board of Education

During the past three years the Watford High School has been privileged with four inspections by three of the Provincial inspectors. On each occasion the Inspector enjoyed the honor of meeting the Board and of expressing in person his high appreciation of their aggressive and progressive work. In May, 1918, Dr. Spotton reported "The accommodations are at present in better condition than I have ever known them to be. A thorough overhauling has taken place with exceedingly satisfactory results. The waiting rooms in the basement, long disused, have been made attractive. A comfortable room has been fitted up for the Fourth Form and, in general, all available space has been made to serve some useful purpose." In another connection Dr. Spotton says, "As the above statement shows the expenditure for additional equipment, particularly in the Science department, has been of a very liberal character. The Laboratory and its equipment are now among the very best in our four-master schools." Dr. Newell was chairman of the Board during the period of re-organization and received in person Dr. Spotton. During 1917 Mr. Levan inspected the school twice and reported as follows, "The organization and management of the school are good and the teachers are devoted and competent. A fine spirit prevails in this school. The Board deserve credit for what has been done to improve the accommodations within the past two years. It is to be hoped they will continue their good work." "The members of the Board are interested in the welfare of the school and are alert and energetic in caring for the comfort of pupils and teachers." Mr. McLaren was chairman during the inspection of Mr. Levan. This year Mr. J. H. Honston inspected the High School and raised the grading of the school on five very essential counts—grounds, heating, ventilation, waiting rooms and teachers' rooms. With the exception of a gymnasium and a fifth class room he ranks the school as one of the very best in the province. He expressed himself to the Principal as enjoying an honor in meeting the chairman and his co-workers. In the past three years work involving only reasonable expenditure has been undertaken to retain the liberal grants made by the county council and the Provincial Legislature to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. These grants are based on the following requirements—buildings and grounds, water supply, walks, teaching power, salaries paid to teachers, art and science equipment, provisions for drill and physical culture, heating and ventilation, and average attendance. These considerations in requirements apply to both the county and to the Legislature in the matters of school grants. The ratepayers owe sincere gratitude to the men who thus serve their highest and best interests in thus providing the best in education for their children.

The burning of a pole south of Petrolia was the cause of the break in the hydro system last week. In Forest the current was not on until Wednesday night.

Watford High School Notes

The Watford High School will open Monday, January 6th.

The Board of Education and members of the staff regret deeply the break in the term's work owing to the "flu" epidemic and assure our students that every effort will be made to cover well all the departments of work. The recent provisions of the Minister of Education make it possible for Collegiate and High Schools to use their full teaching power for nearly six weeks later in the year in order to meet the required standards when conditions were normal.

The Staff extends to all students a cordial greeting for the New Year. Only the fullest co-operation of the staff and students in serious and faithful work can maintain the present high standards of the school.

To the members of the Board of Education the staff heartily extend their thanks for their ever-ready co-operation to enhance the standing and to raise the standards of education in the Watford High School and for the county of Lambton at large.

School Reports

Report of S. S. No. 5, Warwick.
Class IV—Sr.—Frank Hall 651, Ila Richardson 622.

Class IV—Jr.—Lloyd Poore 678, Mary Hall 633, Christina Hall 382.

Class III—Bert Hall 607, Harold Campbell 525, Gilbert Hall 505, Brock Thompson 452, Aletha Richardson 447.

Class II—Sr.—Lloyd Orr 476.

Class II—Jr.—Mac Hall 431.

Class I—Margaret Hall 241, Fred Orr 230. WINNIFRED BROWN, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 3, Warwick for month of December.

Class IV—Loretta Dolan.

Class III—Sr.—Jessie Blain (honors).

Class III—Jr.—Stanley Clark, Earnie Minnelly.

Class II—Wilfred Dolan.

Class I—(Honors)—Alma Minielly, Sadie Willer, Mabel Blain, Orval Clark, Mervyn Mansfield, Anthony Dolan.

M. A. BARNES, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 12, Warwick. Percentage given.

Class IV—Sr.—Morgan Cameron 78, Irene Westgate 72, Verna Pyke 61.

Class IV—Jr.—Melvin Williamson 63, Class III—Sr.—Archie Cameron 75, Fred O'Neil 75, Amelia Pyke 68, Lorenzo McLean 68, Nelson McLean 63.

Class III—Jr.—Gilbert Kersey 73, Oscar Westgate (absent).

Class II—Jr.—Harold Westgate 64, Wilson Westgate 56.

Class I—Robert Pyke 65, Fred Ward 63.

Primer—Phillip Kersey, Kermit McLean. G. CALLAGHAN, Teacher

The following is the report of S. S. No. 1, Warwick for December. Marks were given for class work and for examinations held in the second week. Names are in Order of Merit. Those marked * were absent at the examination, or when the class marks were given.

Class V—Alma Lester*

Class IV—Sr.—Irene Morningstar, Mary Morningstar, Iva Smith.

Class IV—Jr.—Gordon Lester*

Class III—Glen Mathews, Enid Lester.

Class II—Clarence Goodhill.

Class I—Ivadedl Attwood, Lucille Attwood, Lola Lester*.

Primer—Fraser O'Neil, Chelsea Lester. On the 10th and 11th promotion examinations were held and, with the inspector's approval, the following were promoted. To Class IV, Gladys Minielly, To Class III, May Thompson (honors), Gordon O'Neil (honors), Laura Morningstar (honors) George Morningstar. During the month \$2.00 was raised for the Hospital for Consumptives.
MARIE DAVIDSON, Teacher.

Hugh Sloan, of Wardsville, died suddenly on Tuesday. He had been ailing for some time and his wife found him dead in bed in the morning.

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CHEER up; the over and it is yet house-cleaning.

THE young people been enjoying good for the past week.

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