

**Here and There**

The gold mines of Northern Ontario broke all previous records in the month of January, when they produced approximately \$2,100,000, based on preliminary reports received from the mines.

It is reported that arrangements have been made for the financing of a \$500,000 plant in Edmonton, Alberta, for the manufacture of paving blocks from the tar sands of Fort McMurray.

The first of the private fur auction sales which the Hudson Bay Company has decided to hold in future at their head office in Montreal took place recently, when a collection of various furs, estimated roughly at \$25,000 to \$30,000 value, was put up for sale by sealed bids.

Grain handled at the port of Montreal in 1923 totalled 120,013,538 bushels, the largest amount shipped through any port in North America during the year. Montreal thus maintains for the third consecutive year her position as the leading grain exporting port of the continent.

Dr. Geo. H. Locke, chief librarian, Toronto, at the request of the Canadian Authors' Association, has undertaken to supervise the selection of volumes for the Canadian Literature exhibit at the British Empire Exhibition. The task involves the gathering together of 500 representative books and it is anticipated will take about a fortnight.

From all indications, the potato shipments to Havana this season from the port of St. John, New Brunswick, will greatly exceed those of last year. To date there have been 750,307 bushels sent forward in twenty steamers, while from September 1, 1922, until January 31, 1923, a total of 605,668 bushels were shipped in seventeen steamers.

With heavy inquiries from South American sources for Canadian flour, millers expect to see their export volume substantially increased during the month of February, as compared with January. This movement, together with offerings of a premium for wheat at Vancouver, has been the most encouraging trade feature of the past month in Winnipeg, Man.

Colonel Geo. H. Ham, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who recently returned from Florida reports that Canada was prominently featured at the South Florida fair, held at Tampa some time ago. A very striking exhibit of Canadian products and natural resources was displayed and a "Canada Day" was celebrated, all of which is said to have been a revelation to those who attended.

Buffalo meat from the park at Wainwright has recently been on sale throughout Canada and has been extremely well received. It is described as resembling beef but of a more gamey flavor. Government officials expect that this meat, with hides and other buffalo products, will become a regular source of income to the people of Canada in the future.

Work on the Kenogami dam, in the Province of Quebec, is reported as progressing very well, and the \$2,000,000 works located at the upper part of the Saguenay River are expected to be completed within 15 months. As a result of these works, the mills operated by the Price interests will be kept in full activity during the whole year, instead of partly closing down in the winter months, as they have had to do in the past.

More than \$12,000,000 worth of equipment was added to the Canadian Pacific Railway's service during 1923. Included were 16 Pacific and 20 Mikado type locomotives, all very powerful and equipped with the most modern devices for power, speed and economical operation. Other items were 15 steel baggage cars, 12 mail and express, 15 first class coaches, 6 cafe-parlor and buffet-parlor cars, 1,000 box cars, 250 freight refrigerator cars, 300 coal cars, 50 oil tank cars, 300 automobile cars, 36 vans for freight conductors and 14 snow-ploughs.

The seventh of Canada's direction-finding stations was recently completed for service by the radio branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, to assist the boats and ships navigating the Bay of Fundy and the coastal waters extending to Boston. This station tends to make the route favored by the Canadian Pacific steamships in winter, already splendidly equipped with safety devices, still safer. By means of the apparatus, the wireless operator of any ship in distress within 400 miles of the Canadian shore can find his location simply by pressing a spring. These stations have been described as "Godsend to us mariners."

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**AUDITORS' REPORT, VILLAGE OF WATFORD For the Year Ending December 31st, 1923**

TO THE REEVE AND COUNCILLORS, OF THE VILLAGE OF WATFORD

Gentlemen: Having completed the audit of the different accounts of the Village of Watford for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1923, we beg leave to submit the following report for your consideration and approval.

We find the following balance in the hands of the respective Treasurers Corporation Treasurer ..... \$ 3008.56 High School Treasurer ..... 5954.19 Public School Treasurer ..... 1250.59 Public Library Treasurer ..... 5.03 Hydro Electric Treasurer ..... 2678.14 Waterworks Treasurer ..... 44.36

On examination of the Collector's Roll for 1923 we found a balance of uncollected taxes on Dec. 31st, 1923, of \$490.89. The total fees from the Weigh Scales for 1923 we found to be 298 tickets at 15c, amounting to \$44.70, and as there is no settled arrangement as to the division of this amount between Trenouth & Co. and the Corporation, we are unable to say how much is due the Corporation.

We also examined the insurance placed on the different public buildings and their contents, also the bonds given by the Treasurers and Collector and find the same satisfactory, a statement of which you will find included in the audit. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. HUME,  
L. A. FULLER, Auditors.

**BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS**

Jan. 1 To Balance on hand from 1922	\$ 5485.80
Loans	12600.00
Taxes from 1922	1887.38
Committed taxes 1922-1942	242.55
Railway tax	42.34
Taxes 1923, paid at Bank of Montreal	27486.79
Fees, Rents and Fines	100.90
Cemetery	58.00
County Grant	1438.22
Licenses	190.00
Andrews Wire Works	500.04
Miscellaneous	39.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50071.14</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

By Bills payable	\$ 12600.00
Interest on Bills payable	308.51
Public School	5528.52
High School	6700.00
Public Library	500.00
Debentures	4010.03
Debenture interest	9694.06
Salaries and Allowances	875.00
Charity	75.53
Law costs	13.00
Printing, postage and stationery	135.95
Street lighting	1376.00
Waterworks (grant)	150.00
County Rate	3056.28
Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks	1174.95
Miscellaneous	865.65
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1923	3008.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50071.14</b>

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ASSETS**

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1923	\$ 3008.56
Unpaid taxes	490.89
Public School Grounds and Furnishings	10000.00
High School, Grounds and Furnishings	10000.00
Waterworks	70000.00
Hydro Electric Plant	13000.00
Public Library	7100.00
Wire Works	3332.80
Fire Engine and hose	1350.00
Engine House and Belfry	1650.00
Lockup	700.00
Driving Park	1500.00
Cemetery	1400.00
Council room and furniture	200.00
Town Scales and Scraper	250.00
Stock in Agricultural Building	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124682.25</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Lloyd Thompson Debenture	\$ 3169.88
Local Improvement Debenture No. 4	1865.57
Local Improvement Debenture No. 5	2538.06
Hydro Electric Debenture	7211.91
Pavement Debenture	16992.00
Waterworks Debenture	50073.98
Pavement Debenture	10700.97
Waterworks Debenture	13639.41
Grist Mill Debenture	3794.77
Assets excess of Liabilities	\$ 14695.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124682.25</b>

REPORT TO THE BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF WATFORD, AS THEY STOOD ON DEC. 31, 1923

No. of By-Laws	Date when Contracted	Original Amount of Debt	Rate of Interest	Amount of Interest paid in 1923	Balance of Principal unpaid Dec. 31, 1923
Lloyd Thompson Wire Co. 3	March 31, 1906	\$1500.00	4%	\$188.15	\$3169.88
Local Improvement No. 4 5	December 31, 1913	4450.00	5%	109.35	1865.57
Hydro Electric 1	December 31, 1915	4400.00	5%	137.86	2538.06
Hydro Electric 4	December 31, 1916	10000.00	5%	417.19	7211.91
Pavement 4	September 8, 1921	18000.00	6%	518.68	16992.00
Waterworks 4	July 7, 1919	52000.00	6%	1323.99	50073.98
Waterworks 1	March 1, 1922	269.93	6%	269.93	10700.97
Waterworks 1	February 6, 1922	14000.00	6%	360.59	13639.41
Trenouth Grist Mill 11	December 31, 1920	5000.00	6%	420.26	3794.77
<b>Total</b>				\$4847.49	\$109886.55

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**COLLECTOR'S ROLL FOR 1923**

Total Assessment \$48270.00 Rate 62 mills	\$ 28015.68
Total taxes on Roll	\$ 27486.79
Taxes paid at Bank of Montreal	38.00
Firemen's rebates	490.89
Unpaid taxes, January 1, 1924	\$ 28015.68

**HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS**

1923 Jan. 1 To Balance on hand from 1922	\$ 4066.27
Cheque from H. B. Mitchell	27.60
Co. Middlesex, pupils, 1922	543.24
Cash from Municipal Treasurer	6700.00
Candidates fees, Entrance exams	65.00
Candidates fees, Dept. exams	149.20
Legislative Grant, 1923	1064.00
County Grant, 1923	4643.89
Interest, Sterling Bank	25.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17274.75</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

By Salaries	\$ 8821.25
Supplies	764.56
Repairs	151.10
Fuel	1030.51
Insurance	38.20
Printing, postage and stationery	32.03
Examinations	375.05
Miscellaneous	107.86
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1923	5954.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17274.75</b>

Audited and found correct, leaving a balance of Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-four Dollars and Nineteen cents (\$5954.19) in the hands of Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1923.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS**

1923 Jan. 1 To Balance on hand from 1922	\$ 1376.51
County Grant 1921-1922	28.52
Cash from Municipal Treasurer	4425.00
County Treasurer Legislative Grant	1323.57
County grant for Accommodation and Equipment	29.81
Balance taxes raised in 1923	1075.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8258.41</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

1923 By Teachers' salaries	\$ 5313.70
Janitor's salary	250.00
Secretary's salary	25.00
Treasurer's salary	30.00
Fuel	1162.86
Supplies	100.40
Repairs	87.90
Miscellaneous	57.96
Balance Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1923	1250.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8258.41</b>

Audited and found correct leaving a balance of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Fifty-nine cents (\$1250.59) in the hands of the treasurer on December 31, 1923.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS**

1923 Jan. 1 To Balance from 1922	\$ 9.71
Municipal Grant	500.00
County Grant	25.00
Legislative Grant	97.22
Proceeds of Concert	25.75
Receipts at Library	154.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 814.86</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

1923 By Light	\$ 29.42
Fuel	189.90
Books, Magazines, Papers	220.47
Librarian's salary	270.00
Janitor's salary	70.00
O. L. A. fee	2.00
Supplies and repairs	15.40
Freight and Sales tax	5.19
Secretary's expense account	7.45
Balance on hand	5.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 814.86</b>

Audited and found correct leaving a balance in the hands of treasurer of Five Dollars and Three Cents (\$5.03) on Dec. 31, 1923.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**Hydro Electric Department REVENUE**

1923 Jan. 1 To Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1923	\$ 147.02
Residential lighting	3740.23
Commercial lighting	2856.12
Power	3011.28
Street lighting	1365.00
Supplies	4.75
Loan	400.00
Miscellaneous	47.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11572.39</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

By salaries and expenses	\$ 621.77
Power purchased	4918.46
Supplies	1594.26
Line work and repairs	456.50
Debenture and interest	836.79
Association fee	406.50
Express, freight and cartage	2.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1923	57.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11572.39</b>

Audited and found correct leaving a balance of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$2678.14) in the hands of the Treasurer on Dec. 31, 1923.

**Waterworks Department**

**REVENUE**

To Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1923	\$ 29.96
Water and meter rent 4th quarter 1922	115.79
Water and meter rent 1st quarter 1923	118.98
Water and meter rent, 2nd quarter, 1923	149.54
Water and meter rent, 3rd quarter 1923	156.83
Grant from Corporation	150.00
Installations	218.89
Sale of tanks of water	66.00
Repairs	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1012.99</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

By Salaries	\$ 180.00
Hydro Electric Commission for power	308.07
Fuel	26.50
Supplies	364.70
Gasoline	26.61
Labor	38.75
Miscellaneous	12.07
Repairs	11.93
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1924	44.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1012.99</b>

Audited and found correct, leaving a balance of Forty-four Dollars and Thirty-six Cents (\$44.36) in the hands of the Treasurer on Dec. 31st, 1923.

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