

# News of York County and All the Suburbs of Toronto

## TELEPHONE RATES HIGH, TIS SAID

Earlscourt Residents May Take Matter to Dominion Railway Board.

## FLAG PRESENTATION

Dr. Forbes Godfrey Gave Large Jack to British Imperial Association.

Thomas Matby, secretary of the clubhouse on Harvey avenue, Earlscourt, informed The World that the date for the dance at the clubhouse has been definitely fixed for Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Master of ceremonies, A. Harvey.

The Architectural Iron and Bronze Works, Limited, have recently laid off a large number of employees, and those retained in the firm have had to submit to a reduction in wages. Quite a number of these men live in the Earlscourt and Fairbank districts. Optimism is the feeling among the large majority of the residents of the district.

The Bell Telephone Company's rates in the county is a sore question with the people. The storekeepers and residents who require the installation are loud in condemnation of the prices quoted by the company. Thos. R. Wilcox stated at a meeting of ratepayers in Mount Dennis that his brother tried to get a phone, and the rate asked was five dollars a pole and seventy-five dollars a year. Mr. Wilcox advocates the taking of the matter to the railway board and falling this to the legislature. Runnymede and Swansea, according to the statement of I. B. Woolner, have to pay fifteen to twenty dollars a year more than the city. W. Carter, North Earlscourt, advocated going direct to the legislature in this regard. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, who has been in the county for some time, can only be secured, J. Deacon, Emerald road, was quoted \$105 a year for a two party service.

The annual meeting of the members of the Deer Park Church was held last evening. A number of important matters relative to church affairs were going into.

A meeting of the executive committee of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank Ratepayers' Association was held last evening at the residence of Chas. T. Lacey, J. H. Hill, W. Badams, Thos. Matby, secretary, and others were present. A letter from Mr. Dinckley, re the clubhouse, was read and discussed. This with other matters of importance, will be brought before the next general meeting of ratepayers, to be held on Friday, Jan. 23, in the public school, Fairbank. Members are requested in large numbers.

A Flag Presented. Dr. Forbes Godfrey presented a large Union Jack to the British Imperial Association last evening at their annual social, which was held in Little's Hall, corner Ascot and Earlscourt avenues.

Yesterday's executive meeting of the Earlscourt District Voters' Association was postponed owing to the absence of President Holmes. The fixed date for the meetings of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank ratepayers are the first and third Fridays in each month and the place of meetings is the new Fairbank public school, Vaughan road.

A time table for night car service on the St. Clair line should be placed in a conspicuous place at Yonge street and Avenue road for the information of night travelers. There being no affinity between the Toronto Street Railway Company and the city cars, it is difficult to get reliable information. After midnight St. Clair avenue is practically deserted, and the only thing to do is to wait a long time on the chance of a car coming along. The organization of a central body, composed of representatives from the different sections of the township, is desired in the North Earlscourt, and delegates being appointed to interview the other associations in the matter.

The Toronto Electric Light Company informed the secretary of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank Ratepayers' Association that about a year ago they took up the question of the payment of electric light accounts of their district into the bank with several of the city banks, but were unable to make any suitable arrangement with them. This means that the people in this far removed section have to go to the Toronto Electric Light offices in the city to pay their bills, paying car fare and losing time in the bargain.

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"I beg to state in reply to your letter asking if steps cannot be taken by the council of the Township of York to provide for the payment of township taxes and rates at some bank in the district of Earlscourt, that in the year 1907 provision was made by the council and it is incorporated in the lease that the township hold of the offices and council chamber in this building as part of the consideration that the bank be authorized by the council of the municipality, passed in pursuance of the statute in their behalf, to receive free of charge all township taxes and rates levied by the council during the term of the lease. The necessary bylaw was subsequently passed.

"The lease does not expire until Nov. 1917, with an option of renewal on the terms and conditions therein, for a further period of five years. There can therefore be no change in the present arrangement until after the expiration of the lease above mentioned, which I may add is considered a very favorable one for the township."

A meeting of the women of the Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is expected the Rev. Archer Wallace will preside.

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## THE REAL POINT IN ANNEXATION.

The World published three or four articles on this page dealing with the actual facts that confront the people in the suburbs in regard to annexation. We pointed out what Reeve Syme and his colleagues in the township council must do if they undertake to secure municipal improvements for the suburbs about the city: water, sewers, fire, police and health protection, schools, streets and pavements, not to mention a single fare street car service.

Following up these articles The World on Tuesday gave an interview with Mr. W. A. Clarke, the very experienced clerk of the Township of York, on this question. The Telegram, which is very much concerned with township affairs of late, did not copy the interview. We reprint it for the edification of The Telegram:

"There is only one ultimate destiny for the suburbs of Toronto, and that is annexation to the city," was the reply of W. A. Clarke, clerk of York Township, met The World yesterday when discussing the various problems now confronting the York Township Council.

Mr. Clarke went on further to explain that the township had not the power to give city conveniences except by a circuitous method. "We can and have laid sewers," he explained, "on the local improvement system. For the privilege of entering our sewerage into the city system, we paid a yearly fee of two cents a lineal foot frontage of township sewers. The city, however, are now asking the price of 20 cents, an exorbitant rate, and the question can only be settled by arbitration if our council has to carry out any further works of that character."

"We have no power either to establish sewage disposal plants or waterworks plants, and the council has not taken this phase of the question up," was Mr. Clarke's reply to the question to whether his municipality could to operate independent of the city.

If the people of the township desire to supply them with water, there is only one way in which it can be done. We will have to apply to the legislature to compel the city to supply the township with water, and for distribution to our ratepayers water mains will have to be laid as local improvements and charged against the various properties."

"How can you make provision for fire protection in the suburbs?" Mr. Clarke was asked. "As to that, the matter has never been considered. The statistics show that the township to lay out fire districts and to make grants to fire brigades, but what is the use of this unless we can guarantee a water supply?" was Mr. Clarke's counter query.

"My 27 years' experience as township clerk has led me to believe that there is only one solution of the suburban difficulties, and that is annexation to the city. If you have to do to confirm this is to go over the history of the township and city during that period. However, Mr. Clarke concluded, if the people want to stay in the township and still get city conveniences, the township will no doubt, do its best to get these for them."

We take it that it will cost the suburbanites more to get these conveniences from the township than from the city. Parkdale, North Toronto, East Toronto, all know, because they tried it.

But in the meantime The World trusts that Reeve Syme will get his council together, fix a date for a conference with the city board of control as to water, sewerage, etc. and if a deal cannot be made, to get experts at work on the job and see how the township will be able to give water and fire protection, sewerage and health protection, and streets, sidewalks, etc., and how such a proposition is to be financed and what property is to carry the burden thereof.

WEST TORONTO. A large meeting of the ratepayers of the township of York, which was held in the district of Church, St. John's road, to discuss the possibility of annexation to the city of Toronto, was held in the evening. The meeting was very well attended, and the speakers, Mr. J. H. Hill, W. Badams, Thos. Matby, and Mr. J. Deacon, all spoke in favor of annexation to the city.

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## ROBERT BARKER FAVORITE TODAY

His Election as Third Deputy Reeve is Practically Conceded.

## GREAT INTEREST SHOWN

Mr. Barker is Only Candidate From the East End.

As usual with a by-election, the contest in York Township today for the position of third deputy reeve was likely to arouse as much interest as if the whole council had to be chosen.

So far as the candidates are concerned it really does not matter very much who is returned. Robert Barker, however, will most likely be elected, as he is the only candidate from the east end of the township, and he has had many years of experience in municipal affairs. Mr. Barker has also arrived at a stage in his career when he is not likely to be stepped by any revolutionary policy which would be detrimental to the township as a whole.

Ward one Liberals held an at home at the Royal Canadian Club, Broadview avenue, last night. The value of fifty dollars were distributed to the winners at a game of pool. The winners were: W. Mackenzie, King, Walker, Harold Smith, P. W. Carter, J. H. Hill, W. Badams, D. Walton, Mrs. J. Sheppard, P. Shear and D. Walton, Miss Sadie Boylen and Miss H. Shear.

Many Liberals from the old country were present.

AURORA. Dr. R. B. Orr, director of the Provincial Museum, Toronto, gave an illustrated lecture on "The American Indians," before the members of Toronto Men's Association on Monday night.

The annual meeting of the public library board will be held in the council room on Monday night, Jan. 26, at 8.30.

WARD SEVEN. A picked team from the students of the Humberdale Collegiate defeated the Oakwood High School team yesterday afternoon at the new high school rink on Glenhurst avenue. The game was a fairly close one, but the students of the Collegiate were victorious.

The subject of the address is "What a Twentieth Century Woman Should Know of the Social and Political History of the World." The speaker is Dr. Ernest Hart, Vancouver, secretary of the British Columbia Temperance Society, has accepted the invitation of the Mothers' Educational Association of the Annette Street Public School, and will address the club on Monday afternoon.

At Park Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, a fairly large audience enjoyed an excellent program provided by the following: Mrs. M. A. Jones, soprano; Miss Agnes, alto; Mrs. E. A. Oddie, contralto; Mr. Rogers, tenor; Mr. McCrae, piano soloist; Mr. Carey, bass, and Mr. Genoa, elocutionist. Mr. Moss was accompanist.

Dr. Ernest Hart has presented a bass instrument to the Wychwood Salvation Army.

HUMBER BAY. Government inspectors for the past few days have been laying out a route in this district with a view to rural mail delivery.

The hydro-electric employees have just completed the installation of 100 lights in New Toronto, and are now working on the lighting of Queen street and the skating rink. The rink is completed by Saturday the hydro people to play the local men a game on the ice.

At the Masonic Hall, Eglington, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., the installation of the officers of the new York Lodge No. 224, A. O. F., took place, the ceremony being conducted by T.C.R. Bro. Goddard, after which the annual banquet was held, followed by a first-class musical program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: T.C.R., Bro. Kieberger, C.R., H. Samuels; S.C.R., Bro. Walters; treasurer, Bro. Kieberger; secretary, F. M. Edwards; assistant secretary, J. Luck; S.W., J. Scott; J.W., Bro. Overington; S.E., Bro. Whalen; J.B., Bro. Lawrence; trustees, Bros. H. Samuels, Walters, and J. Scott; auditors, Bros. H. Redhead and Wacey; M.O., Dr. McCormick; pianist, Bro. Wacey.

The marriage took place quietly in Christchurch, Woodbridge, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, of the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts of Woodbridge, to John, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fobbs of Vaughan. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of dark blue silk and fur-trimmed coat, and was followed by a first-class party of about twenty.

Single Fare to Ottawa Via Grand Trunk Railway. The Grand Trunk Railway System will later return to the single fare to Ottawa from Toronto, North Bay, Parry Sound and stations east in Canada, good going daily until Thursday, Jan. 22, inclusive. A through electric-lighted Pullman sleeping car leaves Toronto 10.45 p.m. daily and Ottawa 6.55 p.m. daily for Toronto. All tickets are valid for return until Jan. 24, 1914. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the "Winter Fair" which will be held in Ottawa, Jan. 20 to 28, inclusive. Berth reservations and full particulars at Grand Trunk ticket offices, Toronto City office, northwest corner of King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4294.

It has been figured that no less than 50,000 birds are killed annually in England alone by dashing themselves into lighthouses during night flights.

For cautious administration with progress, in York Township's affairs

## VOTE FOR ROBERT BARKER

Who has had a good municipal experience.

Election Today, Jan. 22nd

## KNOCKING DOWN THE TENSINS

T.S.C. FIVEPEN LEAGUE.	1	2	T
All Stars	112	104	216
McBride	112	104	216
Bowman	112	104	216
Harris	112	104	216
Steele	112	104	216
Ryan	112	104	216
Totals	672	616	1288

Senators	1	2	T
Jordan	144	134	278
McKinley	144	134	278
Weekes	144	134	278
Dodge	144	134	278
Totals	576	536	1112

Paras	1	2	T
Dean	112	104	216
Black	112	104	216
Moore	112	104	216
Harrison	112	104	216
Dodge	112	104	216
Totals	568	528	1096

Woodgreens	1	2	T
Flider	112	104	216
Smith	112	104	216
Black	112	104	216
Barnett	112	104	216
Stitt	112	104	216
Totals	568	528	1096

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Cusack	144	134	278
Rose	144	134	278
Hayward	144	134	278
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Vodden's Clean	1	2	T
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