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"RESOLVED, that I will renew my subscription to The Guide-Advocate for 1919 At Once."

—Let this be your first New Year's Resolution.

### Salvation Army Launches Big Drive

The Salvation Army is about to launch a campaign to raise One Million Dollars for war and demobilization purpose.

The money-getting campaign will be from January 19 to 25.

The Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada; Sir Robert Borden, Sir William Hearst, Sir Wilfred Laurier, and many other prominent citizens have endorsed the scheme, and strong committees have been formed for the purpose of boosting the objective.

The Salvation Army intends to use the money for three purposes:—

(1) To establish hostels for returned soldiers who are discharged and in need until they are absorbed into industrial life.

(2) To provide emergency receiving and maternity homes for soldier's wives, widows, and dependent children in need.

(3) To continue during demobilization in England and France the equipments and comforts already provided by the Salvation Army for the Canadian soldiers overseas.

### Going Strong

The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal is having the best year in its history. Their subscriptions for the month of November exceeded by almost 200 per cent. the same month of any previous year. December will also be a record breaker. The Family Herald Publishers are perfecting plans for elaborate improvements. The public should not confuse that great weekly with a small daily paper of somewhat similar name now in liquidation. There is no fear of such a thing happening with the Family Herald. The word "Family" should not be omitted in the address of that paper. We are informed that their offer of a War Album free to all who subscribe still remains good, but the demand is so great that it may have to be withdrawn soon. The Family Herald is big value and the Album is most attractive, so it is no wonder they are securing thousands of new subscribers.

### From Old Subscribers

Miss A. M. Andrews, Chemains, B. C.—Enclosed find \$1.50 for the Guide-Advocate. We can't get on without it. The weather here is very mild.

Mrs. G. J. Phillips, Berkeley, Cal., writes:—Enclosed find \$2.00 for the renewal of the Guide-Advocate. It has been a most welcome visitor in our home for many years. We could not very well get along without it.

H. S. Sweet, Cayley, Alta., says:—As renewing time has again rolled around I enclose the necessary amount for our weekly letter from Watford.

Robert Hillis, Windhorst, Sask.,—Enclosed find P. O. O. for my subscription. Am always anxious to see the paper which arrives here every Tuesday. Weather could not be better. Crops are on the light side but business is pretty good.

T. H. Collier, Regina, writes:—Attached please find Postal Note for \$1.50 for Guide-Advocate for another year. We could not very well do without your paper after all these years. No other friend is so faithful in forwarding all the news from the Old Town and surrounding country and in keeping us posted with the doings of our old friends and neighbors.

### School Reports

S. S. No. 6, Warwick for fall term, 1918. Class IV—Sr.—Alberta McNaughton, Hilda Morris, Mabel McNaughton, Mary Smith.

Class IV—Jr.—Agnes Bryce, Kenneth Smith.

Class III—Sr.—Frieda Manders, Harold Manders, Arthur Harrower.

Class III—Jr.—Manville Bryce, Allan McNaughton.

Class II—Marguerite Smith, Dorothy Morris, Burton Duncan, Nina Chambers, Doreen Manders.

Class I—Amy Duncan, Maud Williamson.

Primer Class—Mary Manders, John Bryce, George Manders, Ivie Peaslee.

No. on Roll, 22 Average for term, 19.2.—ALBERT H. RUSH, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 8, Warwick, December.

Class IV—Edna Dunlop 85, Clifford Sitter 79, Irene Eastman 75, Gretna Muma 71, Beatrice Thompson 66, Ethel Dunham 63.

Class III—Sr.—Edgar Sitter 91, Gertie Thompson 87, Ellwood Benedict 82, Grant Evans 81, Olive Dunlop 80.

Class III—Jr.—Wilbert Eastman 77, Cecil Dunham 59, Harold Evans 56.

Class II—Harold Dunlop 73, Vera Fitzsimons 71, Gordon Dunlop 57.

Class I—Sr.—Leona Butler 68, Alice Wambough 58, Lawrence Benedict 54.

Class I—Jr.—Jean Butler and Eiden Smith 56, Hettie Percy 75, Leonard Sitter 72, George Wambough 56, Alma Dunlop 45.

Primer Class—Franklin Muma, (Dean Percy, Evelyn Cochrane) even, Mary Wambough, Leo Eastman, Harry Wilson.

OLIVER A. OAKES, Teacher.

The Dominion Railway Commission has allowed the Bell Telephone Co. to increase their rates temporarily.

### Canada's War Contribution

The Minister of Finance has made up the war expenditure of Canada, and the annual pension burden which will result from the war. The total expenditure of Canada is estimated at one billion and sixty-eight million dollars to November 30th. To the 31st of March next it is estimated at one billion two hundred and ninety millions. To this estimate should be added the amount of war outlay which will be incurred after March 31st, 1919, which may exceed three hundred million dollars. The pension board is estimated at thirty million dollars per year, and probably more. Canada's net debt at March 31st, 1914, was three hundred and thirty-six millions. The net debt to March 31st, 1919 is estimated at one billion and a half.

### Watford Finances

Treasurer's financial statement of the town of Watford is printed. Copies can be had from the town officials or at this office. The receipts for the year amounted to \$22211.39 and the expenditures \$17020.59, leaving a substantial balance in the bank on Dec. 14th. The assets and liabilities are set forth as follows:—

#### ASSETS

Public school, grounds, & furnishings.....	\$10000 00
High school, grounds and furnishings.....	10000 00
Lockup.....	700 00
Fire engine and Hose.....	1350 00
Engine house and Belfry.....	1650 00
Driving Park.....	1500 00
Cemetery.....	1400 00
Council room and furniture.....	200 00
Town Scales \$200.00, road scraper \$50.00.....	250 00
Stock in Agricultural Building.....	200 00
Wire Works.....	5291 38
Public Library.....	7100 00
Hydro Electric plant.....	13000 00
Uncollected taxes.....	2706 50
Cash in Bank.....	5190 71
Band stand and Instruments.....	200 00
Total.....	\$60738 54

#### LIABILITIES

Local Imp. Deb. No. 1.....	\$ 241 86
" " " 2.....	2635 98
" " " 3.....	585 40
" " " 4.....	3327 32
" " " 5.....	3706 37
Lloyd Thompson, Debenture.....	7605 92
Public Library.....	505 13
Hydro Debenture.....	9713 21
Unpaid accounts.....	381 41
Orders passed but not paid.....	1085 00
Country Rate for 1918.....	3164 91
Total.....	\$32952 46

### BOSANQUET COUNCIL

Council met on the 16th inst. All members present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following orders were given:

Wm. Stutt \$41.55, M. Sadler \$20.85, Fred Clark \$3.30, J. H. Fawcett \$28.40, Blake Rawlings \$35.40, J. H. Powell \$13.75, John Fleming \$8.00, John Morrison \$19.00, Frank Wight \$1.80, John Menhenick \$9, Geo. Catt \$119.20, Geo. Smith \$7, and John Coultis \$8.40 for gravel; Cowan, Towers and Cowan \$62.00 as per itemized account, R. McKenzie \$35.00, rent of hall for council meetings; John Dolan \$4.00 for tile, A. S. Coda \$152.50 for survey etc. Sand Road and \$141.00, survey etc. for repair of Mud Creek dr.; O. West \$1.00 right of way to gravel pit on lot 17 con 1, Geo. Valentine \$21.25 tile for outlet on 17 side road, Fred Slaughter \$2.70 tile for outlet on con. 10, Hy Frayne \$3.00 repairing bridge con 11, W. J. Reader \$649.06, steel for 4 bridges, Oil Springs Cement Co. \$807.15 tile for Donald drain, W. Byrant \$2.50 for nomination bills, Ira Brooks \$12.00 constructing twp's share of agreement drain, Ed. Campbell \$1.00 for cement, Mrs. R. Wilson \$35.00, for Jura Guild, C. Medcoff \$300.00 for work on Mud Creek drain, J. H. Fawcett \$2 refund of Wm. Addison's dog tax, Addison being non-resident, Municipal Ward \$1.45 for 7 copies of the Municipal Election Act, G. Sutherland \$9.00 phones, stamps and postage, \$95.00 bal of salary and \$14.00 for reeve and treas. for annual statement, B. Tidball and G. Sutherland \$10.00 each expenses to Sarnia, Raymond vs Bosanquet. B. Tidball, reeve, \$47.60, R. Thomson \$47.60, W. McDonald \$39.00, H. Russell \$49.40 and Wm. Stewardson, \$51.80 councillors, R. Tidball \$53.70, R. Thomson \$104.25, W. McDonald \$129.30, H. Russell \$51.00 and W. Stewardson \$115.30 road commissioners. Minutes read and confirmed and council adjourned sine die.  
GEO. SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

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