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OLD BLENHEIM HOTEL IS GUTTED BY FLAMES

BLENHEIM, Jan. 22.—The old hotel, the Vester House, was gutted by fire nuearly today. Since it lost its license a number of years ago it has been occupied in various ways, being a dwelling-house, butcher shop, bakery, and lastly a general produce building. It was owned for some time by F. E. Phillips, who has been buying and shipping produce from the farmers. In the building, among other things, at the time of the fire, were a large number of crates of eggs, some of which were ruined, and it is feared all are damaged.

The alarm was rung by Night Officer Rufus Earl, and with some difficulty the firemen succeeded in confining the fire to the building, which is a complete ruin, except the brick walls. The loss will be quite heavy, but will be partly covered by insurance. Just how the fire originated is unknown, as no one occupied the building at night. A fire was kept going in the building to keep some of the produce from freezing.

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Beans	15c lb.
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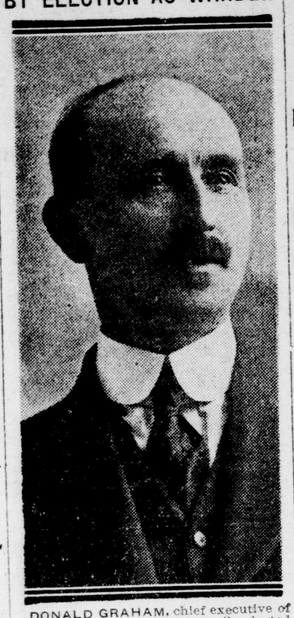

DONALD GRAHAM, chief executive of 1918 Middlesex County Council, elected at inaugural meeting Tuesday afternoon.

COUNTY WARDENS

Huron—W. R. Elliott.
Oxford—Robert Fewster.
Lambton—William A. Annett.
Wellington—Reeve Gregson.
North Grey—W. J. Boyd.
Haldimand—W. J. Clarke.
Middlesex—Donald Graham.
Bruce—Gideon Kastner.
Norfolk—John L. Buck.
Elgin—Nat Cornell.
Essex—Alexander McKee.
Kent—W. A. Walters.
Brant—E. Pitts.
Carleton—Bower Henry.
Frontenac—W. S. Reid.
Grey—W. J. Boyd.
Halton—A. S. Forster.
Hastings—Thomas Montgomery.
Lanark—J. V. Coburn.
Leeds and Grenville—D. Dempster.
Lennox and Addington—Jos. Hicks.
Lincoln—H. Fleming.
Northumberland and Durham — F. J. Slade.
Perth—Robert Armstrong.
Peterboro—W. A. Anderson.
Prescott and Russell—S. Labrosse.
Renfrew—E. O'Reilly.
Simcoe—H. W. Carter.
Victoria—Richard Hawkins.
Waterloo—Dr. A. Oakes.
Wellington—R. Gregson.
York—Thomas Griffith.
Stormont and Glengarry—J. Fisher.

LATE DR. WHYTE WAS NATIVE OF STRATHROY

The remains of Dr. Peter Duncan Whyte, who died at Pipestone, Minn., on January 17, were brought to this city, and the funeral held from the residence of his father-in-law, George Hodges, 374 Central avenue, Tuesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles H. Foreman, curate of St. Paul's Cathedral. The pall-bearers were Dr. W. M. Snoebotham, Septimus Thompson, and H. A. Stevenson, and Messrs. Mungo Nelles, A. T. Edwards and H. B. Archer. Besides his wife, Dr. White is survived by two children, Dorothy and Frank, of Pipestone, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Ferris of Chicago and Mrs. T. S. Norman of Mishawaka, Ind., and one brother, Arthur N., of Chicago. He was born in Strathroy in 1874, and after attending the public school and collegiate came to London and learned the wholesale drug business with W. E. Saunders & Co. He went to Chicago, where he entered the medical college of the University of Illinois. He graduated in 1902 and located in Hardwick, Minn. Last year he moved to Pipestone.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. S. E. Ferris and Mr. A. N. Root of Chicago, Mrs. T. S. Norman and son Ronald of Mishawaka, Ind., and Mr. R. C. Hodges of Chicago.

TILLSONBURG PLAYS SPRINGFORD TONIGHT

TILLSONBURG, Jan. 22.—On Wednesday evening the Tillsonburg Electrics, last year's cup winners in the Southern Counties League championship, will play Springford, runners-up in the trophy series. A good game is looked for. The annual tournament opens on January 28 and promises to be again a large success. Two of Tillsonburg's last year's junior stars, Carroll and Barrett, are making an exceptional showing on the Ingersoll line-up.

GOES TO CHATHAM.

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 22.—R. L. Stratton, who for seven years has been local manager of the Bell Telephone plant here, has been appointed manager at Chatham and will assume his new duties at the first of the month. He is succeeded here by Mr. Harris, now assistant manager of the offices at Hamilton.

COUNCIL BUYS BUSH.

CLINTON, Jan. 22. — At a meeting of the town council held last night Peter Cantelon and John Wiseman were appointed auditors. W. H. Hellyar was appointed the council's representative on the collegiate institute board; D. L. MacPherson on the local board of health and J. W. Treleaven on the public library board.

The council recently purchased about three acres of bush and have men at work cutting it up for firewood to supply the shortage of fuel.

GEE, I'M HAPPY MY CATARRH ALL GONE
Suffered Like a Boob for Years — Got Relief in Ten Minutes.
CATARRHOZONE DID CURE
That's the way hundreds of the boys around town are talking since Catarrhozone got into the drug stores. Nothing on earth like Catarrhozone to really cure Catarrh, Colds or Bronchitis.
"Catarrhozone"—it isn't a drug—it's a healing vapor, full of pine essences and healing balsams. It spreads over the surfaces that are weak and sore from coughing. Every spot that is congested is healed—irritation is soothed away, phlegm and secretions are cleaned out, and all symptoms of cold and Catarrh are cured. Nothing so quick, so sure, so pleasant as Catarrhozone. Beware of dangerous substitutes meant to deceive you for genuine Catarrhozone. All dealers sell Catarrhozone, large size, which lasts two months, price $1; small size, 50c; sample size, 25c.

DONALD GRAHAM IS NEW WARDEN OF MIDDLESEX

Popular Reeve of Caradoc Is Chief Magistrate of County.

RESULTS IN DISTRICT

Many Keen Contests Took Place for Coveted Seat.

By a decided departure from the plan that has prevailed in past years the members of the county council at its opening session yesterday afternoon elected Donald A. Graham, reeve of Caradoc, warden of Middlesex.

The method employed for the selection of warden followed a suggestion and plan adopted at the winter session of 1917. In order to eliminate friction and politics in the election of a warden it was decided to elect the warden in an open meeting, and not by a closed caucus as the custom has been in years past.

At 2 o'clock the members of the council asked Warden Blaikie to act as chairman of the informal meeting.

Instead of nominations being asked for it was announced that any councillor who wished to stand for election as warden must announce his intentions.

Many In Field.

Donald Graham, reeve of Caradoc; John Currie, reeve of Adelaide; Richard Fitzgerald, reeve of Nissouri; Fred Barrett, reeve of West Williams, and Samuel Okes, deputy reeve of Strathroy, announced to the council that they were in the field as aspirants for the wardenship.

It was decided then to take five ballots each councillor to write his favorite candidate on a slip of paper furnished for that purpose.

After the taking of the five ballots the low man was to drop out, and balloting was then to continue until elimination elected a warden.

Councillor Okes withdrew, when the fourth ballot was taken, leaving four in the field.

On the fifth ballot Fred Barrett of West Williams was automatically dropped from the race. When it came to the sixth ballot Richard Fitzgerald beat John Currie out by a nose, leaving Donald Graham still with a good lead.

When it narrowed down to the two candidates, Reeve Graham, a good Liberal, and Reeve Fitzgerald, just as good a Conservative, things really commenced to warm up.

Some councillors who had been taking the election indifferently up to this point awoke with a start.

Majority of 19.

The last and final ballot showed 19 for Graham and 9 for Fitzgerald. Two ballots were cast in mistake on the last vote for John Currie who had been dropped from the election on the seventh ballot.

Not in the history of the county council has such unanimity prevailed as at this January session. The new idea met with the utmost approval of all the councillors and will be the general plan adopted in the future.

Prominent Farmer.

The newly elected warden is a prominent farmer in Caradoc Township.

He has represented the ratepayers of that municipality in the township council for six years. In 1913 and 1914 he was elected as a member of the township council. In 1915 he was elected as deputy reeve, and the following year reeve by acclamation. He has been returned ever since as reeve by acclamation. He is president of the West Middlesex board of agriculture, and a member of the Strathroy fair board.

Called the Roll.

After the warden has been elected County Clerk Stuart summoned the meeting to order and called the roll.

A resolution moved by John Currie and seconded by Richard Fitzgerald was carried unanimously, the resolution being to elect Donald Graham.

Warden Graham was then escorted to the chair by the mover and seconder of the resolution. The warden was introduced to the members of the council by Councillor Fitzgerald.

The oath of office was then administered to the newly-elected warden by the county clerk. After signing the oath Warden Graham addressed the councillors.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude at the honor bestowed upon him, and announced his intention to perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

Reference was made by Warden Graham to changed conditions due to the war

Practice Economy.

Economy would have to be practiced. Referring to the fact that certain expenditures would have to be made, he thought that at any rate not many steel bridges would have to be constructed.

Upon completing his address Warden Graham was given an enthusiastic reception.

An appeal from the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, was made to the council in a communication addressed to the warden.

The mayor of Halifax in a letter directed to the warden thanked the members of the council for their donation of $1,000 towards the relief of distress following the disaster in that city in December.

W. R. Van Tassel, R. R. No. 8, requested that he be appointed a county constable. The question was referred to the jail committee.

James Gumb, a turnkey at the jail, asked that he be given an opportunity to address the jail committee, requesting an advance in salary. The communication was filed.

The council adjourned at 5 o'clock, and met again at 8 o'clock in the evening, when the report of the striking committee's selection for the standing committee was submitted.

New Committees.

The following were elected as members of the various committees:

Jail Committee.

Archie Blaikie, chairman; Archie C. Ferguson, E. L. Reycraft, T. W. Morrison, J. L. Robson, R. J. Petch, R. Fitzgerald, Robert Denning.

Petitioning Committee.

Wm. M. McFalls, chairman; Samuel Oakes, John Stewart, Wm. Martin, Albert Rosser, Alton Ryckman and Thos. Clark.

Educational Committee.

John Cousins, chairman; Neil McPhee, Daniel Smith, John Currie, John Morgan, Daniel A. McCallum, A. Holman.

Agriculture Committee.

Thomas Clark, chairman; Archie Blaikie, Dan Campbell, James Clark, T. W. Morrison, Archie Ferguson and Robert Denning.

Printing Committee.

J. J. Poure, chairman; John Stewart, Wm. McFalls, W. E. Grieve, Alton Ryckman, Wm. Martin, Samuel Oakes.

House of Refuge Committee.

John Cousins, chairman; A. J. Wright, Henry Dale, R. Fitzgerald, J. L. Robson.

Equalization Committee.

J. L. Robson, chairman, and all the reeves of the municipalities.

Finance Committee.

David Smith, chairman; A. Holman, secretary; A. J. Wright, W. E. Grieve, Dan A. McCallum, John Currie, Dan Campbell, Edward Douglas and Fred Barrett.

Board of Road Directors.

John Currie, chairman, and all the reeves of the municipalities.

The council adjourned at 9:30 o'clock last night to meet again today at 2 o'clock.

WINS BY ONE.

GODERICH, Jan. 22.—Reeve W. R. Elliott of Stephen Township was today elected warden of Huron County. According to custom the selection of a warden is made alternately from the Liberals and Conservatives. In the Conservative caucus Mr. Elliott had a close run with Reeve Lobb of Goderich Township, winning out by just one vote.

The new warden has had seven years' experience in township politics, two years in the council and five years as reeve, the last three by acclamation. In religion he is a Methodist.

The appointment of a district agricutural representative comes up again this season, this county being one of the few which have not yet provided for such an appointment.

South Huron board of agriculture, a farmer's club in the south of the west Huron teachers' association all request provision for such an appointment at this session.

J. Ford and G. W. Holman were appointed to the board of criminal audit, and Oliver Cousins of Wingham and Peter Cantelton of Clinton were appointed auditors of other accounts.

Application will again be made at this session for a grant to purchase a children's shelter for the county. Last year's grant of $96,000 to the patriotic fund will be repeated this year, it is expected.

RETIRING WARDEN OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY AGAIN COUNCIL MEMBER

Advertiser Illustrations

REEVE ARCHIE BLAIKIE, 1917 warden, was returned by acclamation as reeve of Westminster Township.

GREGSON WON OUT.

GUELPH, Jan. 22.—At the January session of Wellington County Council here today, Reeve Gregson of West Garafraxa was elected warden. There were seven nominated, three retiring and one elected on the first two ballots. Reeve McColgan withdrew his name on the next ballot, leaving it between Reeves Gregson and Aitcheson. The former received 13 votes and was declared elected warden for 1918. He then came forward and took the declaration of office, and was escorted to the chair by Lieut.-Col. Mutrie and John McNab, the former congratulating him on his election. He considered it a great honor to be elected to such a position, he said, the highest in the gift of the county.

ANNETT IS ELECTED.

SARNIA, Jan. 22.—Wm. A. Annett of Brooke was elected warden of Lambton for 1918 this afternoon at the meeting of the county council. Three names were balloted for—W. A. Annett of Brooke, Thomas Simpson of Enniskillen and D. P. Shaw of Brigden. The first ballot showed 12 votes for Annett, 10 for Simpson and 4 for Shaw. On the second round Annett received 15 and Simpson 11. J. T. Whitsitt of Courtright filled the chair, and B. Woodhall and Peter Gardiner acted as scrutineers. The main question the new council has to deal with is the one of good roads for the county, which are urgently needed.

KASTNER IS WARDEN.

WALKERTON, Jan. 22.—On the second ballot tonight Gideon Kastner, reeve of Wiarton, was elected warden of Bruce by a vote of 30 to 11 over James Douglas, reeve of Hepworth. Warden Kastner has been reeve for ten years.

IN OXFORD COUNTY.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 22.—Robert Fewster, reeve of North Norwich, was today elected warden of Oxford County Council for 1918. Five ballots were necessary before Reeve Fewster secured sufficient votes to elect. Six were nominated, as follows: Reeves Fewster, North Norwich; Ed Adams, Blandford; D. R. Ross, Dereham; D. M. Ross, West Zorra; James Calder, East Nissouri, and James Stoakley, Dereham.

The voting was as follows:

Ballots.	1	2	3	4	5
Fewster	3	4	6	5	10
Calder	3	5	4	6	6
D. M. Ross	3	6	6	4	3
Adams	3	4	3	4	
D. R. Ross	1				
Stoakley	2				

IN ESSEX COUNTY.

WINDSOR, Jan. 22.—Alexander McKee, reeve of Sandwich, was elected warden of Essex County this afternoon by the county council, in session at Sandwich. This is the second time in 40 years that a Sandwich reeve has been chosen the "first citizen" of the border county, the previous occasion being in 1877, when James McKee, father of the new warden, was honored.

Other committee chairmen are as follows—Roads and bridges, Thomas Plant, reeve of Maidstone; equalization, William Waldron, reeve of Malden; education, Charles Clark, reeve of Colchester South; legislation and petitions, William Woollatt, mayor of Ojibway; printing, Maurice Renaud, reeve of Sandwich East; jail, R. McKee, deputy-reeve of Sandwich

DROPS OF MAGIC! LIFT OUT CORNS
Sore, touchy corns stop hurting, then lift right out with fingers

For a few cents you can get a small bottle of the magic drug freezone recently discovered by a Cincinnati man.
Just ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freezone. Apply a few drops upon a tender, aching corn or callous and instantly all soreness disappears and shortly you will find the corn or callous so loose that you lift it off with the fingers.
Just think! Not one bit of pain before applying freezone or afterwards. It doesn't even irritate the surrounding skin.
Hard corns, soft corns, or corns between the toes, also hardened callouses on bottom of feet, shrivel up and fall off without hurting a particle. It is almost magical.
Ladies! Keep a tiny bottle on the dresser and never let a corn or callous ache twice.

REMEMBER THIS!
This meat market remains open every night until 6:30. Shop on your way home from work.
WILSON'S Phones 5600-5601.

Power Shortage

To Hydro Consumers:

Owing to ice trouble at Niagara Falls, if the service is to be maintained on the local hydro system, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY CONSUMER REDUCE HIS LOAD FROM 15 TO 20 PER CENT.

Switch Off All Lamps, Motors and Heaters Which Are Not Absolutely Necessary!

Consumers having other sources of power, light or heat, are requested to use same in preference to hydro-electric energy.

PATRIOTIC CITIZENS will co-operate in this matter, as failure to do so will result in MUNITION and WAR-MATERIAL FACTORIES being shut down entirely.

THE CITY HYDRO, 238 Dundas Street

MANY IMPROVEMENTS THOUGH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LESS

Children's Aid Society Develops During Past Year.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon will take place in the office of Sheriff Cameron, president of the Society, in the courthouse.

The society this year, though not as largely supported by the public as in 1916, has managed to meet its obligations and finance the work, which has made heavy demands. Remodelling of the back part of the Children's Shelter has been completed, with the result that more accommodation is afforded, and the institution throughout has been brought up to date and made much more comfortable. A part of the remodelling process consisted in veneering the back part with brick, making it much warmer. A large sleeping porch has also been added at the side for the smaller children.

A full report of repairs to the building, as well as of the work carried on during the year, will be a feature of the meeting.

HOG PRODUCTION PLEA BRINGING GOOD PROMISES

General Situation Improving, Says Provincial Report.

A report on farm conditions, issued by the Ontario department of agriculture indicates that the hog production campaign is progressing favorably. One of the big difficulties confronting farmers who would increase the number of brood sows is the fact that corn and other feeds which have to be purchased are not only high in price but are difficult to procure in lots sufficiently large to insure future supplies.

Encouraging reports, however, have been received from all over the district. In Middlesex 800 extra sows have been reported, while Waterloo County promises 619 extra sows for the coming year.

Lincoln County promises to produce over 550 tons of extra pork for 1918.

Despite the severity of the weather, the supply of milk is reported to be about normal. Butter is selling from 38c to 54c per pound, according to quality.

A feature of the report on farm conditions is the statement that there appears to be a sufficiency of labor on most farms for the winter work. Married men are wanted on farms for the spring and summer work, it is stated.

Getting Too Fat? Try This—Reduce

People who don't grow too fat are the fortunate exception. But if you find the fat accumulating or already cumbersome, you will be wise to follow this suggestion, which is indorsed by thousands of people who know. Ask your druggist (or if you prefer write to the Marmola Company, 864 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.) for a large case of Marmola Prescription Tablets; 75c is the price the world over. By doing this you will be safe from harmful drugs and be able to reduce two, three or four pounds a week without dieting or exercise.

EAT LESS AND TAKE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS
Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers.
Canadian men and women must guard constantly against Kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.
When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.
Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

SUCCESSFUL RALLY OF LONDON B.Y.P.U. IS WELL ATTENDED

District as Well as the City Societies Represented.

The Baptist Young People's Union of the city held a successful rally in the Maitland Street Baptist Church, which was preceded by a banquet, at which six delegates from each society comprising the local union were present and representatives as well from St. Thomas and Ingersoll, more than forty in all. Charles Geer, president of the local union, was toastmaster, and Rev. Joseph Janes of Ingersoll, a former London boy, the guest of honor.

A feature of the after-dinner program was a round-table conference on up-to-date methods in young people's work conducted by Rev. A. C. Bingham of Egerton Street Baptist Church. Adjournment was made to the church auditorium for the mass meeting at 8 o'clock.

The building was crowded to its capacity by young people from the different churches, the various societies comprising, the union responding to roll-call with a favorite hymn, enthusiastically sung. Rev. Joseph Janes delivered the chief address, his subject being "Personal Evangelism." In this connection, he referred to the apparent decline of evangelism in church life today, and dwelt upon the characteristics indispensable to the soul winner. He based his address on the text, "He That Winneth Souls Is Wise."

LOUIS BLAKE DUFF SPEAKS AT AD. CLUB

Brilliant Canadian Editor Bringing a Message.

At the meeting of the London Advertising Club on Friday evening of this week the speaker will be Mr. Louis Blake Duff, editor of the Telegraph, Welland, Ont., who will have as his subject "The Fourth Estate."

Mr. Duff has spoken before the advertising clubs of Toronto and Hamilton, and handles his subject with the ease that comes of a knowledge derived from close personal experience.

His wealth of experience, keen sense of humor, intimate knowledge of men and affairs, and his grasp of world politics make his talk particularly interesting, and it is safe to say that all those who attend the dinner on Friday night will come away with a new conception of what it means to produce a daily newspaper, and an enhanced respect for those who are producing them in Canada today.

THIS SUPERDREADNOUGHT WAS OLD WOODEN SHIP, BUILT IN THE YEAR 1833

New York, Jan. 23.—The Associated Press today issued the following:

New York, Jan. 23.—Many afternoon papers yesterday carried an item from London which read:

"London, Jan. 22.—Three boys, all under 16 years of age, members of the crew of the British superdreadnought Warspite, were arrested today, charged with setting that vessel afire."

Some papers carried the explanation that the Warspite played a prominent part in the Jutland naval battle; that although badly damaged she managed to reach port, but "evidently she was of no further use in the first line and was converted into a training ship."

The truth is this:

The Warspite, burned Sunday in the Thames River, was a wooden three-decker vessel, built in 1833. She had been loaned by the British admiralty to a charitable society which was training boys for a possible career in the navy. She had been moored at Woolwich for years. No one was injured in the fire.

BREAD RATIONING WILL APPLY TO DISTRICT OF PARIS AT ONCE

Paris, Jan. 22.—The Government has decided to apply the bread rationing system to the Paris district on January 29, extending it gradually throughout the country. Victor Boret, minister of provisions, explained the plan today at a conference with the prefect of police, the president of the municipal council and suburban mayors. Every man, woman and child will be entitled to ten ounces of bread daily.

M. Boret explained that the Government had been impelled by imperative necessity to take this step, so as to free as much tonnage as possible for the transportation of American troops. He added that the farmers had made a great effort last autumn. More than 900,000 acres in excess of the previous year were sown and there was reason to hope the crop would be appreciably better. To complete the task it would be necessary to continue the effort in planting spring wheat for which purpose the farmers must at any cost be given the large quantities of seed wheat they asked.

VETERAN SHOE DEALER IS DEAD AT PETROLEA

PETROLEA, Jan. 22.—A prominent local shoe merchant in the person of Henry Hahen, died today in the Englehart Hospital after being confined in that institution since September last. He was 80 years old, and had conducted a boot and shoe business for the past 25 years. He is survived by relatives at Norwich and Owen Sound, but has no relatives in Petrolea. The funeral will be held at Norwich.

At the annual meeting of the Petrolea and Enniskillen Agricultural Society in the office of the district agricultural representative officers for the year were elected as follows—President, W. A. Brock; vice-president, F. E. Steadman; secretary-treasurer, A. A. Dewar.

MILITARY CROSS FOR LIEUT. DEACON, NOW IN HOSPITAL HERE

Former 34th Battalion Officer Honored for His Bravery.

STRATFORD, Jan. 22.—In the official list of Canadian officers decorated for bravery at the front is Lieut. A. W. Deacon, formerly of the 34th Battalion, son of Rev. D. Deacon. He gets a Military Cross. He is at a hospital in London, Ont., nursing a shattered arm.

HELD AS DESERTER.

GALT, Jan. 22.—For failing to report at London for military service under the M. S. A., the local police arrested G. Addis, a local man who is in the jail awaiting arrival of a military escort from London. This is the first arrest here for desertion under the M. S. A.

SHOT DOWN FIVE TIMES.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 22.—Lieut. Leslie Dickson of the Royal Flying Corps is home on furlough, following a disastrous fall with his machine in France. He had many thrilling experiences and narrow escapes in France. He was "shot down" five times, on each occasion the fall resulting in the death of the observer who accompanied him. The last fall resulted in serious injuries to the local aviator. Lieut. Dickson was formerly with the 68th Oxford Battalion, but went overseas with a draft of officers and was transferred to the air service.

GOES TO LONDON.

SARNIA, Jan. 22. — Corp. R. H. Young, who has been in charge of the military police in this city since last October, has accepted a higher position in London with the Western Ontario Regiment, and will leave in a few days to take up his new duties. Lieut. Mac Auley will succeed him here, he having been made D. A. P. M.

ALLEGES COAL FIRM GAVE ONE HOME FUEL AND REFUSED OTHERS

Fuel Controller Puts St. Thomas Case Up to Ottawa.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 22.—Fuel Controller Shaw of this city is still deluged with applications for coal orders. There is considerable criticism of the local dealers' action in supplying farmers with coal, while certain citizens are unable to get their orders filled.

The local controller has reported one coal firm to the authorities at Ottawa, it is alleged, for delivering eight tons of coal to a residence on Centre street, while other citizens are refused a supply.

SELL SOFT COAL AT OWEN SOUND.

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 22.—The serious coal famine in Owen Sound will be somewhat relieved following the action of the public utilities commission that it will sell soft coal in half-ton lots from the gas plant. It will sell only 100 tons. During the past week the famine has been very acute, dealers having refused to sell soft coal for fear of being obliged to break industrial contracts. Hundreds of families without fuel will obtain relief through the action of the commission.

GUELPH SUPPLY IN NEARING END.

GUELPH, Jan. 22.—The coal situation was so bad today that the fuel controller hardly knew what to do at 10 o'clock this morning, when permits for all the available supply had been issued. It is understood that several carloads of both hard and soft coal have crossed the border, and are somewhere between Niagara Falls and Guelph, but how soon they will get here is not known.

Many people visited the office of the controller today who have only enough for a day. Mr. Foster said that if some of this coal does not arrive soon he will have to take some of the coal in the schools.

MAYOR OF GALT IS AFTER COAL.

GALT, Jan. 22.—Mayor Dakin left for the American coal centre today to try and get a supply for Galt. He was accompanied by two local dealers who are going to put up a fight for a more equal allotment of coal to Galt. The situation is still serious, and commencing today the city coal office opens at 9 a.m., and orders are taken as long as the stock lasts. Only one car of peacoal was put on sale today.

FOUR VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT PETROLEA

PETROLEA, Jan. 22.—The nomination to select candidates for the council of Petrolea to fill the four vacancies remaining from the nominations at the beginning of the year was held tonight. The number of electors who gathered at the council chamber was not large and little enthusiasm shown. The results of nominations were as follows: For councillors only: James Pitman, T. K. Smith, P. F. Reilley, Joseph Landon, Dr. Arthur Johnston, Thos. A. Brock, C. Umphrey.

WOODSTOCK SOCIETY HAS BALANCE OF $800

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 22.—At the annual meeting of the Woodstock Agricultural Society an encouraging report of the financial standing was presented, showing a balance of $800. James Pullin of West Oxford was elected president; first vice, James Lattimer; second vice, James Innes; directors, Joshua Lawrence, N. Lindsay, Mack Raul, J. Y. Smiley, Robert Dickie, Thomas West, Thomas Dent, J. D. McKenzie and Elwood Jacobs. W. S. West was re-elected secretary, and John McKenzie treasurer.

OVER 400 ORDERS FOR COAL AT STRATFORD GIVEN BY CONTROLLER

Citizens Line Up at Office to Get Small Supply.

STRATFORD, Jan. 22.—The degree to which local cellars are depleted of coal was evidenced by the rush made when it was announced that nine cars of coal had been received by local dealers. There was a regular line-up at the controller's office.

Upwards of 400 orders were issued, and by noon some of the dealers were unable to fill any more orders.

Falstaff school was closed today owing to shortage of coal, and the pupils were sent to Avon school, where they doubled up. The kindergarten at Avon has been discontinued. A half-day system has been inaugurated at Avon.

For the first time since the big storm ten days ago a train has reached the city today from Port Dover.

Effects of War.

The effect of the war and the loss of many members through enlistment were reflected in the reports presented at the annual meeting of Knox Church congregation last evening.

The report of the managers showed for the first time in many years a decrease in revenue. The financial statement showed receipts of $12,265.16, and a balance of $307.95. The debt had been reduced $1,500 and now stands at $28,700.

For the building fund there was raised $1,303.43, from which $922.03 had been paid out.

The membership report showed a net increase of six, the present total being 1,125. The average attendance at communion was given as 624.

The average attendance at Sunday school was 331, and the collections amounted to $396.67.

For mission $3,665.46 was given.

Sprang Surprise.

Somewhat of a surprise was sprung at the county council meeting this afternoon in the election of Robert Armstrong, reeve of Elize, as warden for the current year. Mr. Armstrong's name had not been publicly mentioned, the race being considered as between Reeve Martyn of Mitchell and Reeve McCallum of North Easthope.

There were three other names placed before the council, Messrs. Martyn, McCallum and Colquhoun, the latter of Hibbert. On the first ballot the vote stood: Armstrong 9, Colquhoun 6, McCallum and Martyn each one.

Reeve Colquhoun moved and Reeve McCallum seconded that the election be made unanimous, but the clerk ruled that it was necessary for the second ballot. This was taken and the vote stood Armstrong 9, Colquhoun 6. The motion made by Mr. Colquhoun was then introduced and carried.

The Appointments.

The following appointments were then proceeded with:

Clerk, William Davidson; treasurer, George Hamilton; caretaker, Fred Braunston; auditors, J. Jones, Mitchell; H. Hemsworth, Gowanstown; solicitor, G. G. McPherson; engineer, John Rogers; auditor criminal accounts, W. Davidson; high school trustees: Mitchell, M. J. Boyd; St. Marys, M. Bennett; Listowel, T. G. Anderson; jail surgeon, Dr. Rutherford.

Special committee named to secure Government tractor for Perth.

Financial report showed receipts of $313,099.67, and expenditures of $305,397.23, leaving balance on hand of $4,702.45. Added to this should be $8,644 unpaid county rates, and deducted should be $1,776 held to credit of municipalities, leaving a true balance of $11,570.31. For the month of January there was a balance of $11,256.18.

Has 44 Schools.

Inspector J. H. Smith, South Perth, reported receipts of $60,104.77, expenditures of $40,817.08, and balance of $19,287.69. There are 44 schools and 46 teachers.

In North Perth William Irwin reported 106 teachers and noted the diminishing of male teachers, there being only ten.

In all schools agriculture was taught.

It cost $2.19 4-5 a week for inmates in the House of Refuge, Inspector Dickson reported. There were 47 inmates. Receipts were $6,521.32 less than expenditures, leaving that sum to be raised by the city and county.

The legislative committee will report on the request from Kent County to unite in petitioning the Government to amend the manhood suffrage registration act to give persons in rural municipalities the same privilege of having their names placed on the voters' list by the board of registration, as enjoyed by city people.

Judgment for the plaintiff for the full amount of his claim was given at the county court today, in the case of Valentine Schade vs. Edward Broughton, both of Elma. The plaintiff sought $225, which he claimed was due from the sale of land amounting to $2,225.

PETROLEA HOME IS SWEPT BY FLAMES

PETROLEA, Jan. 22.—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Street Commissioner Wm. Barnes on Maud street tonight. When noticed at 9:30 o'clock the flames were sweeping through the big frame house, and soon after it was a pile of ashes. No one was home at the time. Mr. Barnes lost everything and has no insurance.