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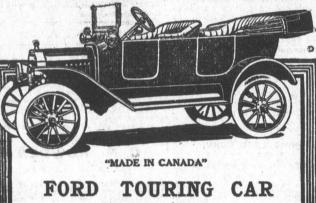
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JOHN ACTON, Secretary-Treasurer, R. R. 3, Watford. Nov. 19th, 1915.

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Monday, Dec. 6th, 1915

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to mention. No reserve, as proprietor has given up farming on account of sickness.

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BROOKE COUNCIL.

Alvinston, Nov. 27th, 1915. Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members all present. Minutes of former
meeting and of special meeting read and ton and adopted-Carried.

Engineer's report on 9 and 10 sideroad drain, con. 12, read, estimated cost \$141.00.

Campbell—Kennedy, that report of engineer be referred to solicitor.—Car-Mr. Herman Johnston applied tor

out of the amount.—Carried.

Johnston—Kennedy, that John McEachren be paid \$20.00 being two-thirds
value of one sheep killed and two lambs
injured by dogs.—Carried.
Campbell—Kennedy, that R. N. McVicar be paid the sum of \$12.00 being
full value for one lamb killed and six
worried by dogs. he having shot the dog

worried by dogs, he having shot the dog. Johnston—Kennedy, that council open as a Court of Revision on the repair and extension of the Parker-Lucas Drain, and

repair to the 13th con. drain. By law with Reeve in the chair.—Carried.
Declarations taken before clerk.
H. Holbrook, sworn, said, "I consider

my assessment too high compared with others as only about 13 acres of my land drains into said drain." Mr. R. Lucas and Sons appealed in

Alive 7c; Dressed 10c

DUCKS (Heads on)
Alive 11c; Dressed 14c

GEESE (Heads on)
Alive 9c; Dressed 12c

Mr. R. Lucas and Sons appealed in writing but was not present.
Johnston—Campbell, that by-law on the repair and extension of the Parker-Lucas Drain and repair to the 13th condrain be adopted without any change and by-law be read a third time and passed, and court closed.—Carried.

By-law read and passed.
Auditors submitted their report, being the audit of the books of the late

Receipts \$46,226.60, expenditure \$43,897.25, Legislative Grant \$1,155.48, Bank balance \$248.96, Cash balance

Bank balance \$248.96, Cash balance \$924.96.
Bourne—Kennedy, that auditors report be accepted and books transterred to the new Treasurer.—Carried.
Petition received from Mark Ansley and four others asking that the Zavitz Award Drain be municipalized, repaired and extended

and extended.

Kennedy—Johnston, that petitioned be entertained, and engineer requested to examine and report to the council with a view to enabling the work to be proceeded with.—Carried,

William Hayter asked in writing to have the Benner-Duffy Drain repaired and if deemed advisable by putting in tile. and extended.

report.—Carried.

Kennedy—Campbell, that by-law No. 24 be read and finally passed, appointing the municipal nommations for 1916, be held in Code's Hall, in the village of Alvinston, during the hour between one and two o'clock p. m. and naming the following parties as deputy returning officers for the several Polling Subdivisions viz: Div. No. 1, James Y. McKeown; No. 2, John McAlpine; No. 3, Thomas Oakes; No. 4, Robert Clark; No. 5, Geo. Lightfoot: No. 6, Archie Walker; No. 7 Lachlan Lindsay; No. 8, Samuel Johnston; No. 9, Wm. Brown; No. 10 Howard Shirley; No. 11, Wallace Watson; No. 12 Dan. McDonald.—Carried.

By-law introduced and read on the proposed McTaggart Drain, estimated cost Brooke's share. \$301.00.

Kennedy—Brown, that the by-law be provisionally adopted, printed in phamplet form with copies served on each party assessed, with Court of Revision on same, will be held in Code's Hall, in the village of Alvinston, on Monday, Inc. 10th 1916 at 3 Oclock p. m. Dou-

the village of Alvinston, on Monday, Jan. 10th, 1916, at 3 o'clock p. m. Dougald Campbell to be commissioner and serve by-laws.—Carried.

The Brooke Municipal Telephone The Brooke Municipal Telephone System, having received a petition from 50 or more landowners of the township of Warwick, asking to have a by-law passed for the extension of the System's lines into the said Municipality and approved of by the R. R. Board.

By-law No. 25 was then read being a by-law to extend the lines of the Brooke Municipal Telephone System into the township of Warwick.

Kennedy—Johnston, that by-law No.

Kennedy—Johnston, that by-law No. 25 be read a third time and finally pas-

25 be read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

A by-law to raise by issue of debenture the sum of \$24,600.00 for the extension of the Brooke municipal lines and the cost of purchase of the Inwood Telephone System was read.

Bourne—Campbell, that by-law No. 26 to borrow by debenture the sum of \$24600.00 for the purchase of the Inwood Telephone System and costs of extension to the Brooke Municipal Telephone System be read a third time and passed.—Carried.

Kennedy—Campbell, that account of W. C. Browne, preparing the body of W. C. Browne, preparing the body of the state of the s

Annett-Campbell, that council do

now adjourn to meet in the village of Alvinstou on Dec. 15th, 1915.—Carried.—W. J. Wred, Clerk. SPECIAL MEETING

Inwood, Nov. 13th, 1915.
Council met in the Orange Hall in the village of Inwood at 2 o'clock by the call of the reeve. call of the reeve.

Present: Reeve and Deputy Reeve.
Reeve stated object of meeting was to appoint an auditor in place of Duncan McIntyre, resigned.

Bourne—Annett, that we adjourn to neet in Alvinston.—Carried. Council assembled in Alvinston.

Present: Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Councillors Johnston, and Kennedy.

Bourne—Johnston, that resignation of Duncan McIntyre be accepted and that Gordon Oakes be appointed auditor .-Carried.

Carried.

By-law introduced and read confirming the appointing Gordon Oakes auditor Kennedy—Johnston, that by-law be read a third time and passed.—Carried.

Kennedy—Johnston, that we do now adjourn.—Carried.

W. J. Weed, Clerk.

Letter From C. E. Routley 18th Battalion The following letter was received by

The following letter was received by Fred R. Routley from his brother Pte. C. E. Routley, who is on the firing line with the 18th Batt. Pte. Routley is an old fourth line Warwick boy, having spent his boyhood days at the home of the wred. May be the the the state of the state charitable aid.

Kennedy—Johnston, that the sum of \$10.00 be granted. He to pay his taxes out of the amount.—Carried.

his uncle, Mr. A. Morgan. He is the second son of Walter Routley of Petrolea, formerly of Watford.

On active service with the British Expeditionary Force.

> Dear brother and all—Just a few lines to say that I'm safe and enjoying the best of health. We are in a rest camp now about six or eight miles in the rear of the excitement. We have had six days good rest but are going back to work to-morrow if all is well, but I don't expect to go into the trenches for a couple of weeks. We are just in the front line a quarter of the time. I have had a couple of "close shaves" that I couple of weeks. We are just in the front line a quarter of the time. I have had a couple of "close shaves" that I know of, and of course we can't see how close the bullets come. The first time that we were in the front line, we were bombarded pretty heavy but with no effects. The closest that any of us got was a coal box, (large shell) which fell just in front of the bay in which I and my section were stationed. It tore a hole in the ground about ten feet deep and about twenty feet in diameter, it showered us with dirt and pieces of shell dropped all around us. One piece weighing about four pounds dropped about four pounds dropped about four pounds dropped about four inches from my left foot. One of my mates picked it up and burned his hand pretty bad. I was put in charge of a section the second day that we were in the front line. Our Corporal was taken away and put in charge of some bomb throwers. The last day that we were in the trenches we received another bombardment, but it was from light artillery. Whiz bangs, or three inch shells were used when they began to fall thick and tast all around us. The man that was watching through the periscope refused to stay at his post and retired to a safe ding out. He was very nervous so I didn't try to force him to go back to duty, and for fear we should be surprised I took the part myself, some of the shells dropped pretty close and I felt a bit shakey until one dropped about six feet from me, exploded and peppered the sand bags full of shrappell on both sides of me and set my great coat on fire, but never gave me a scratch. I felt fear no longer for I felt assured that God was watching over me very close or I would have been blown to atoms. Of coarse

our trench was shaken a little and filled in a few places, but outside that the bombardment was a failure. A person can't imagine what it is like out here until he comes to see I must not tell you about our advances or losses, but we are doing good work, more gains than losses, but we have some extra good artillery backing us up. I'll give you a slight hint to let you know how much more accurate our gunners are than those of the enemy. I saw three German airoplanes brought down in about twenty minutes the other day by anti-aircraft gun and I have never seen one British or French plane brought down yet and our airmen go just about where yet and our airmen go just about who

I saw Frank Yerks and Perkins of the 2nd divisional cavalry this morning for the first time since we left England. They look well. They tell me that Bert. Rubery and Sergt. McNelly were left in the hospital in England, both having received a kick from a horse shortly before they left for France. The first brigade relieved our brigade once since we've been in the war zone and I saw quite a tew of the lads from around home. You remember Lamb that was with the 34th he is in the 1st batt now, he has been out here some ten weeks. Well I must ring off now hoping to hear from you. soon. I get quite a lot of mail but Reg. Cassell holds the record for getting large-mails in our company, he received 29 letters and nine parcels in one week, when we were in the trenches. One parcel was from Mr. A. Searsbrook and family, they have been awfully good to us since we have been soldiering. Goodbye for now. bye for now.

From your brother, C. E. ROUTLEY. Address—No. 53610, Ptc. C. E. Rout-ley, 2nd Canadian Division, 18th Batt. B. E. F., Army P. O. London, Eng.

Death of Mr. James Stalker

Mr. James Stalker died at his home in Mr. James Stalker died at his home in Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illmois, on Nov. 19th, aged 79 years and 2 days. Deceased was born in the township of Trafalgar, Halton County, from which place he came with his parents to Warwick township, settling on lot 21, Egermont road, where he lived until his marriage to Miss Mary McChesney of Adelaide township, when they moved to Wyoming, where he worked in the Taylor Refinery until it was burned in the year 1869. With his family, Mr. Stalker then removed to his late home in Illinois.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, one son, Walter, and two daughters Mrs. Chas. Grant of the same place and Miss. Sadie at home, also four grandchildren. One brother and two sisters survive viz: John of Petrolea; Mrs. John McDonald, Petrolea; and Mrs. Wm. Colter, of Entirelia.

Cecil Cavell, of Listowel, a cousin of the martyred nurse, has enlisted in the 110th Perth Battalion.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

SPACIAL fur sale Saturday .- SWIFTS SIGN the items you send to the Guide-

HAVELOCK LODGE meets on Tuesday mext. Second degree work. SWIFTS'. LETTERS to Santa Claus are now

LADIES' and Misses' coats to be cleared, at 1/4 off .- A. BROWN & Co.

ALL municipal councils meet next Wednesday to close up the business of the year. "A beast at bay" very adequately des-cribes the position of Germany and her

THE famous "Spaulding" hockey stick at TAYLOR'S 35c to \$1.00. Put in your accounts to the clerk before Dec. 15th and pay to treasurer accounts due the corporation.

CONSULT the advertisements in this issue for Christmas bargains. It pays to read the advertisements.

PROSPECTIVE brides should see our new samples of wedding invitations and announcements, cake boxes. etc.

McLaren's Annual Xmas goods display, Monday evening Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 10 p.m. APPLICATIONS will be made at the Middlesex county council to have Kerwood incorporated into a police village. THE WILLING WORKERS of the Methodist League will hold their annual bazar and cooking sale on Dec. 17th and 18th.

ANYONE wanting repairing done or mew sleighs should call on HARRY WIL-LIAMSON at his shop opposite the

Baptist church. Do your December shopping in Wat-ford. Its your home town and you should be proud of it.—SWIFTS.

Ir is said that baldheaded men-never go insane. Nevertheless some of the hairless chaps might be willing to come on a little less sanity and a little

PETROLEA young ladies have organized a H. U. J. Club for patriotic purposes. The first question they ask a young man when he calls on them is, "Have U. Joined the colors yet?"

TAYLOR has a special price in hand-sleighs with malleable iron runners, 50c

MEETING of Court Lorne, C.O.F., next Monday evening. The officers for the coming year will be nominated at this meeting. A full attendance request-An officer of the Independent Order of Oddtellows will visit Peabody Lodge here next Monday night, December 18th,

on important business. It will be to the interest of every member to be present. It will be to the COME and see Santa Claus at Mc-LAREN'S opening, Monday eve Dec. 13. Newspaper advertisements are the initials in the finger-post on the road to right buying. They are quick and sure guides to the places and goods most worthy of your testerorage.

patronage. THE HASTINGS WAGON Co., Limited, is shipping a lot of their noted sleights for the winter trade. These are all made of well-seasoned timber and guaranteed the best on the market. T. B. Taylor is superintending the work.

WE are showing some smart lines in military outfits, regulation walking sticks, officers riding crops, khaki handkerchiefs silk or linen, money belts, khaki shirts. Agents for two lines of officers uniforms.—Swifts.

It has been reported that the Wattord Baptist Church was to be closed for a time but such is not the case. There will be service as usual every Sunday evening. Rev. Jamieson, of London, preached very acceptably last Sunday ties have evening. THERE was a big crowd in town on Saturday and the merchants had a splendid day's business. Christmas shopping has commenced early this

shorping has commenced early this year and the large and varied stocks carried by Watford business men are an atriult to

Italian to buyers.

KHAKK handkerchiefs, ties, gloves and flannel shirts for the men of the 149th.—
A. Brown & Co.

In compliance with a request made by the Sarnia Daughters of the Empire all entertainments in that city will be opened with "God Save the King" instead of bringing it on at the close of the program. This is the custom in Great Britain and should be followed in all Canadian places of amusement. Canadian places of amusement. A QUIET wedding was solemnized on affixing

Thursday of last week at the rectory, Watford, when Mr. John A. Freer, of Metcalfe, and Miss Flossie Ferguson of Wyoming, were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. S. P. Irwin, B. A. Mr. and Mrs. Freer will reside in Metcalfe. NEILSON'S high grade chocolates in Full Xmas packages 25c to \$3 at TAYLORS'. & SON'

CHRISTMAS is near. Shop early and shop in your home town. You will feel better and get better values for your money.—Swifts. money.—Swifts'.

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