

NORFOLK NEWS

CHRISTMAS MARKET NOT WELL ATTENDED

Poor Crowd Drawn at Simcoe—Other Simcoe News

TOWN'S FINANCES

Simcoe, Dec. 24.—(From Our Own Correspondent)—The management of the Christmas market learned yesterday that farmers cannot pluck fowl and get them on exhibition by 9 o'clock on a Monday morning. There was a small show, but the produce brought splendid prices, e.g., plucked fowler 50c a pound, hen turkey 53c, plucked goose 48c, pair 12-lb. ducks \$5.25, single duck, 8 pounds \$3.50, 6 lbs. \$2.50.

But these were first prize prices. The fourth or fifth prize prices were dangerously low, and for a combination of reasons the turkey exhibit was said to have been with the exception of Miss Guller's exhibits, the most inferior lot shown here. It was too near Christmas. The good birds were apparently all sold, for there was a big production this year.

The geese were good, but few shown. Ducks likewise good, but few shown and only one pair of chickens worthy of a prize.

Now, gentlemen, take a pointer or two handed us from one who apparently knows:

- (1) Advertise the classes in late October with the date about a week before Christmas and not on Monday or Saturday.
- (2) Give prizes and let the owners keep their birds.
- (3) Set no prices and allow the owners opportunity to sell their fowl after the judging is done.
- (4) Get a downtown shop, if possible, to exhibit in. That old market building is out of the way for everyone and a beauty uninviting. Yes, it is a kindergarten room, but it is no place to show fowl to advantage. It wants a different tint on the walls and a front entrance.

P.S.: Insist that all exhibits must be the produce of the exhibitor. And try the Christmas market once more. Get the town of Simcoe to give a diploma or badge for the sweepstakes in each section. We can have a Christmas market if we go to it properly.

Corporation Finances.—The treasurer's statement up to Dec. 15th was issued yesterday. It will be posted as required by statute and ratepayers may obtain

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copies at the clerk's office.

But the reader cannot get an accurate opinion of the cost of all departments from the statement if it stands. This is particularly the case with the Board of Works statement.

The total expenditures under this head is \$6,354.17. The grants itemized in the account total about \$3,158. This represents approximately the weekly pay roll for the year. But the account paid back \$900 into the general account at the last meeting, and should have credit for over \$700 street watering and for funds derived from wood supplied for charity amounting to \$307.50. So that from the account one cannot estimate just what the pay roll was. But of one thing we can be certain of, and that is, the total has to come down to \$1,550, as the present value of the tractor and deducting this, and the \$900 refund the total shrinks to \$3,954.17. This should be further reduced by about \$100 by a credit for snow shovelling.

Another Example. The charity account shows a total outlay of \$1,424.74, but of this \$148.50 is for wood account, almost all of the previous year. The Finance Committee is open to criticism for not attaching the names of those assisted to the accounts for the first two months, but the same names appear farther down the list. Funeral expenses, doctor's accounts and hospital charges are in a measure accountable for the unusual total and the doubled cost of groceries and provisions augmented the total. The committee was called upon to make out the entire provision for two or three households throughout the winter.

The Market and Parks. This account should be credited with \$30 rent, and \$48.04 returned to the treasury at the end of the year. The net draft on the treasury is therefore \$222.03.

Fire, Water and Gas. This amount totalling \$10,154.47 includes street lighting, \$3,417.99 not previously included, leaving \$6,736.48, and of this \$3,069.24 in paid to the waterworks as hydrant rent. The fire men's phones and allowance accounts for about \$1,200 more, so that there is less than \$1,500 left for incidentals, \$290 of this amount for hose, so that Mr. Jacques had only a

personal overnight of about \$1,270. The statement is worthy of personal, however, by all ratepayers. The auditor's statement will place matters more clearly for the average reader.

Town Bell Ready for Christmas

Chairman Jacques of the fire and light committee decided on Saturday that the bell on the hose tower had taken its last swing, compatible with safety and yesterday had new framework placed under it. The workmen found the bell pretty much the way it was, and the swinging mechanism—intended to automatically turn the bell in order that the clapper should not deal all its blows on two spots—is wanting, and the buffers of the clapper were badly worn away. However, the regulator of Simcoe's time is in shape, and this New Year's eve instead of Christmas eve, it is ready to join the annual midnight chorus.

Another Military Medal for Norfolk. Pie S. Buckle is homebound with a diploma from the officers of the 4th Battalion and a military Medal.

Ptes. A. Sohler and —, McDonald left Halifax on the evening of the 20th, and may have come in last night.

Odd Ends of News

Pt. Rowan's collector had about \$50 outstanding taxes on December 14th. It was the best record in the history of the corporation. Simcoe arrears on the same late were \$1,240.18.

The Agency acknowledges the gift of a twelve pound turkey, stuffed and fat, for Christmas. Delighted, why yes, and here's a tip regarding New Year's. Let us have not a single name on the corporation in arrears. As publication ceases, the books must go in, and the easiest way to pay is before the record leaves here. Do it now. There are not many of you. Don't be the last.

During the past few weeks we have refused subscriptions to cover past the end of the year. Those who have paid into 1919 will be taken care of, and we hope to be able to announce towards the week-end that Norfolk news service will be continued in Simcoe.

A Merry Christmas to all. Why some of our delivery boys have already been gladdened with recognition for diligent and punctual delivery, and they are bounding the times when the paper missed the car.

One word more. If you are driving a car these days, keep off Norfolk St. from Robinson St. south. One driver says he has had 22 punctures in the past ten days, and invariably gets a flat headed nail—Merry Christmas.

Free Photographs. Warden Buck and O. H. Duncombe, Reeve of Waterford, were in town yesterday on County business. Rev. and Mrs. P. Nicol returned from a week trip to Toronto where Mr. Nicol tied the matrimonial knot for one of his nieces, who was a former resident of Port Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nicol, of Brantford will have Christmas dinner with the latter's mother, Mrs. Hope Franklin, Lynnwood Ave.

Mr. Brant Esau, of Brantford, is banking. He goes to Listowel shortly.

Vincent Ripple will leave for Buffalo during the week end.

BEGIN HOT WATER DRINKING IF YOU DON'T FEEL RIGHT

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

If you wake up with a bad taste, bad breath and tongue in coated; if your head is dull or aching; if what you eat sours and forms gas and acid in stomach, or you are bilious, constipated, nervous, sallow and can't get feeling just right, begin inside bathing. Drink before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will flush the poisons and toxins from stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels and cleanse the system and purify the entire alimentary tract. Do your inside bathing immediately upon arising in the morning to wash out of the system all the previous day's poisons, waste, gases and sour bile before putting more food into the stomach.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves, body impurities, get from your pharmacy impurities, get from your pharmacy a quarter pound of limestone phosphate which is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except for a sourish tinging which is not unpleasant. Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so hot water and limestone act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Men and women who are usually constipated, bilious, headachy or have any stomach disorder should begin this inside bathing before breakfast. They are assured they will become real cranks on the subject shortly.

TORONTO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire Toronto, Dec. 24.—(Practically no dealings in the stock market place at the Union Stock Yards this morning and prices remained unchanged. Receipts, four cars, 41 cattle, 72 calves, 45 hogs. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, \$13.25 to \$14; medium, \$12.50 to \$13.25; bulls, \$10 to \$10.75; butcher cattle, choice, \$10 to \$11.25; medium, \$9.25 to \$10; corn, \$1.10 to \$1.25; 25; butcher cows, choice, \$9 to \$10; 50; medium, \$7.25 to \$8.25; canners \$6.75 to \$8; bulls \$8.25 to \$9; feeding steers \$9 to \$10; stockers, choice, \$8 to \$9; 10; 25 to \$7; milkers, choice, \$9.00 to \$10; 50; springers, choice, \$9.00 to \$10; sheep, ewes, \$7 to \$9.50; 25; bucks and culls \$4 to \$7; calves \$14.25 to \$14.50; hogs, fed and watered \$18; f.o.b., \$17.25; calves \$17 to \$17.25.

The American and National Leagues will open their season on April 23 and play a schedule of 140 games instead of 154.

LARGER STOCKS OF FOOD HELD

Eggs in Cold Storage Have Declined, but the Other Products Increased

MUCH MEAT IS STORED

85 Per Cent. More Poultry Than There Was Last Year

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Cost of Living branch reports as follows to the Minister of Labor regarding stocks of food in storage on December 1.

The amount of butter reported is 1,240,635 pounds of creamery and 1,867,849 of dairy. This amount shows that the policy of export to Britain has not been overdone and that we can spare still more without necessitating as high a price as that which now prevails in the United States. The amount in store regarding supplies coming in, is nearly three times the amount reported by the wholesalers as their sales for consumption during October.

The eggs in cold storage have declined by about one-third. We are safe in saying that the decline would be still greater and our supplies short were it not for imports of Chinese eggs, an interesting feature is the 2,654,154 pounds frozen eggs on hand. The total stock of eggs on hand is about enough to supply domestic consumption alone until early in February judging by the consumption figures of October. Exports, imports and production, however, must also be taken into account.

Oleomargarine stocks are increasing. The amount on hand, however, is less than the consumption figures for one month.

The stocks of meats in storage are in general greater than either last month or last year; the only exception being a decrease of 2.41 in dry salted pork, a class of cured pork not very popular to-day.

The stocks of meat are also large, as compared with available consumption figures. Domestic consumption, however, shows our supplies of meat, largely with our export trade in the case of beef and pork products. This is not equally true of mutton, lamb and poultry, and in the case of these products the stocks on hand are not only large as compared with available consumption figures, but are large as compared with stocks on hand a year ago, and last month. It is natural that poultry stocks should be greater than a month ago, but since they are nearly 80 per cent greater than a year ago, high prices are unjustifiable. We also have nearly 81 per cent more mutton and lamb on hand than a year ago. These stocks being for domestic consumption should not be held for an unreasonable price.

Pork stocks amount to 41,418,945 pounds, or nearly 15 per cent more than a year ago. This is due to large production this year, and is a cause for congratulation rather than criticism in view of continued overseas requirement. It is noteworthy that over 17,000,000 pounds of this is still in process of being cured and not yet ready for market.

We have 52,138,467 pounds of beef on hand which is also about 16 per cent more than last December. Of this nearly 43,000,000 lbs. is frozen beef. While these figures do not point to a rising market, yet it must be remembered that a large portion of these stocks must be exported to feed our allies and pay our war debts, and the price is governed by the world market in which our supplies play a relatively small part.

MONSTER Public Meeting

Victoria Hall Friday, Eve'g., Dec. 27

MAYOR MacBRIDE and Others Will Address the Meeting

Every man and woman in Brantford should take an interest in this city's affairs. Don't believe all you read. Come and hear for yourself. This is the "People's Meeting" and is not dominated by any "clique" or "class." An intelligent use of the ballot is the key to successful Democracy. Our soldier boys have given us the great principle. Be sure we live up to it. This is the "Testing Time." It's "Machine Politics" against the People. On which side are you?

Public Dance Armories Simcoe

Proceeds to give soldiers' kiddies a six o'clock tea on New Year's Night. Children should get tickets at once from committee named in local papers. Contributions to the cause thankfully received. Mrs. A. N. West, Secretary. Admission to dance, 50 cents.

ELECTION CARDS and LETTERS

The advertising rates for election cards this year will be as follows: Regular 1 1/2" space to run from nomination to election day or for shorter time—\$4.00. Spaces run for longer periods will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch per insertion. Letters to the Editor advocating support of any candidate will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch.

SNOW AT LAST

So it's not to be a green Christmas after all. The snow commenced to fall at an early hour this morning, and kept it up without a moment's hesitation. The fall may not be heavy enough to provide good sleighing, but it at least adds one hundred per cent to the Christmas element in the landscape. It is rumored that considerable money changed hands in the city to-day as a result of wagers as to whether there would be snow before Christmas.

Bowly for Mayor

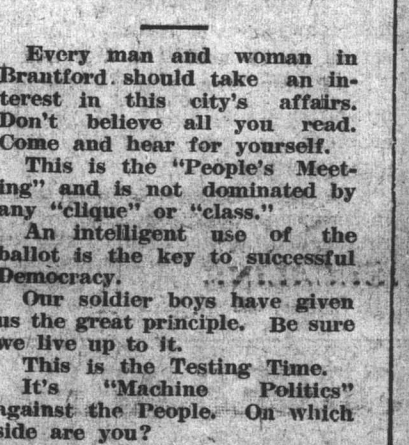
Bowly had the fight of his life to obtain City ownership of the Waterworks, thus saving to the water takers thousands annually. Bowly inserted the clause in the contract with the then street railway company, compelling construction over Terrace Hill within six months, or forfeit their charter. It was forfeited, and because of that the city owns the railway.

Bowly was the cause of the successful appeal to the railway board compelling the Grand Trunk to have a subway at St. Paul's avenue. Did not Bowly promote the grading of Dundas street. Behold now the spectacle the citizens of Terrace Hill being deluged with promises by their new found friends to secure their votes.

Vote for Bowly, who makes no promises, but does things.

Service and for Saving Tom Lyle Stands Before You!

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(3) Six inch gun crew standing by the gun on the "Empress of Britain," at right Chief Officer F. H. Moore, who gave the gunners the range.

The "Empress of Britain," which sailed from New York on Sunday afternoon with 150 officials of the British War Mission, Y.M.C.A. and Knights of Columbus workers, has already covered 173,130 miles since the outbreak of hostilities, when she was taken over by the British Government and has transported 10,000 troops overseas. She took thousands of Australians and Britishers to Gallipoli, and was one of the transports assigned to take the "Empress of Britain" to the Cape of Good Hope trip around the Cape of Good Hope with troops for German East Africa and also for Mesopotamia. She made eight trips with Canadian troops and for the first seven months of the war, patrolled the South Atlantic as an admiralty cruiser. It was during one of the trips across the Atlantic with 5,000 troops

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Candidate for Mayorality

Wishes Brantford the Seasons Best

May there be harmony and co-operation in 1919

May Brantford Prosper and Progress

May the Spirit of Christmas 1918 Lend its influence Through the Entire Year to Come

A Happy Yuletide for Every Brantford Home

TOM LYLE

Candidate for Mayor 1918

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