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3. Where do you live? Province	4. Name of city, town, village or Post Office
Street	Number
10. How much time have you lost in last 12 months from sickness?	11. Have you full use of your arms?
12. Of your legs?	13. Of your sight?
14. Of your hearing?	15. What are you—married, single or a widower?
16. How many persons besides yourself do you support?	17. What are you working at for a living?
18. Whom do you work for?	19. Have you a trade or profession?
20. If so, what?	21. Are you working now?
22. If not, why?	23. Would you be willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?
24. Are you willing, if your railway fare is paid, to leave where you now live, and go to some other place in Canada to do such work?	

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John Welsh, the Plympton farmer, was bound over to keep the peace with his sister Mrs. Healey.

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D. A. McLachlan : Principal.

BROOKE COUNCIL,

Alvinston, Dec. 15th, 1916. Council met pursuant to adjournment, members all present, minutes of former meeting read and adopted.

Communications from W. A. Davidson requesting Council not to take action in regards to repairing the Edgar drain, No. 1, as all of the interested parties have agreed to repair the drain themselves.

Kennedy—Campbell, that motion instructing the engineer to examine the drain be rescinded.—Carried.

From Harry Moore, notifying Council that his successor will carry out the printing contract as it now stands with me, and to pay my successor the months salary due me as well as the succeeding two months.

Bourne—Johnston, that Alvinston Free Press be paid 4th quarter's salary.—Carried.

ried. From Headquarters Military District No. 1, asking that the Council through its members individually, and collectively assist toward the securing of the men needed for overseas service.

Bourne—Campbell, that Council individually and collectively, assist in recruiting of men for overseas service.—Carried.

Kennedy—Bourne, that Hugh McLean be paid \$49.00 for three sheep and one lamb killed by dogs, S. S. Courtright \$12.00 for four sheep worried by dogs, and Dugald McIntyre \$60.00 for two sheep and two lambs killed by dogs.—Carried.

Mr. Annett as chairman of the local Board of Health handed in the annual report of same.

Bourne—Johnston, that report be accepted and adopted and order issued for the sum of \$48.50 in remuneration of members and payment of expenses.—Carried.

Mr. Cowan's account for services in 1916 including retaining fee amounting \$42.85 presented. Bourne—Kennedy, that accounts be paid.—Carried.

Petition received from Ed. McLean and seven others asking that the Rilet drain be repaired by putting in tile.

Bourne—Johnston, that petition be entertained and engineer instructed, if he deems advisable to do so, to have the drain repaired by putting in tile and to submit a report, plan, profile, specification and to make an assessment of lands and roads to be benefited by the same.—Carried.

Petition from D. A. McIntyre and nine others requesting the Council to consider the advisability of providing a new outlet for the drainage area using the 9 and 10 sideroad drain in the 7 and 8 concession, by diverting the waters of the said drain eastward into the drain known as the Smith—Patterson drain, at a point to be

decided upon by the engineer. Bourne—Campbell, that petition be entertained and engineer instructed to make an examination, if he deems advisable, and to submit report plan, profile, specifications, and to make an assessment whether such assessment is a variation from former assessments or not.—Carried.

D. J. McEachren asked for \$700.00 be advanced for telephone purpose.

Bourne—Johnston, that Telephone Board be advanced \$700.00.—Carried.

W. J. Johnston, commissioner in charge of the construction of the west end and outlet of the 12 and 13 concession drain repairs, reports of the work completed. Receipts \$1501.00. Expenditures \$1428.10. Balance to the credit of the drain \$72.90.

Johnston—Bourne, that report be adopted and bylaw authorizing the distribution pro-rata according to assessment made for repairs to said drain.—Carried.

Mr. Johnston also reports repairs to the 9 and 10 sideroad drain concession 12, completed. Receipts \$142.05; expenditures \$148.00; overpaid \$5.95.

Johnston—Kennedy, that report be adopted and township assume the overpayment.—Carried.

W. J. Bourne and Hugh Kennedy, Commissioners in charge of the construction of the Smith—Patterson and repairs to the 9 and 10 sideroad drain, reported the work completed. Receipts \$11640.00; expenditures \$12865.83 overpaid \$1225.83.

Bourne—Kennedy, that report be adopted and deficit charged pro-rata to lots and roads assessed and debentures spread over a period of five years issued, to return to township the over expenditure.

W. J. Bourne, commissioner in charge of the repairs to the 6 and 7 concession and Weidman drain, reported the work completed. Receipts \$1070; expenditures \$1084.60; Balance \$35.40.

Bourne—Campbell, that report be adopted and balance left to credit of drain.—Carried.

W. J. Bourne, commissioner in charge of the repairs to the 6 and 7 sideroad drain, reported the work completed. Receipts \$3970.00; expenditures \$3898.81; balance to credit of drain \$38.19.

Bourne—Campbell, that report be adopted and balance left to credit of the drain.—Carried.

Mr. Hugh Kennedy, commissioner in charge of the repairs to the Dean drain, reported the work completed, expenditure \$119.95.

Kennedy—Bourne, that report be adopted and bylaw authorizing the pro-rata of the costs on the original assessment for the construction of the drain and to be placed on 1917 collectors roll for collection.—Carried.

Mr. Hugh Kennedy, commissioner, reported the repairs to the Lamb drain completed—Receipts \$375.00; expenditures \$1135.40; overpaid \$260.40.

Kennedy—Johnston, that report be adopted and deficit charged pro-rata on lots and roads assessed, and placed on collector roll in 1917, for collection.—Carried.

Bourne—Campbell, that by-law authorizing repairs to the Thompson drain be read a third time and finally passed.—Carried.

By-law read and passed.

Bourne—Kennedy, that minutes of meeting be read and adopted.—Carried. Reeve thanked the Board for their able, efficient, and courteous services during the year.

Campbell—Johnston, that council do now adjourn sine die.—Carried.

W. J. WEED, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE M. H. OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1916.

To the Local Board of Health of the Township of Brooke.

Gentlemen—There is very little to report regarding the year 1916.

During the early spring we had a few cases of measles.

In August we had a case of infantile paralysis, an Indian child from the Munsey Reserve.

There is at present an epidemic of German measles in the north of the township. The first cases were cared under the impression that they were Measles; since the error was discovered no action has been taken.

There were three complaints regarding nuisances. In two no action was taken. One nuisance has been taken to remove the nuisance.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. TAYLOR, M.O.H.

Resolution Passed by the Lambton Co-operative Association

Petrolia, December 4th, 1916

Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont. Dear Sir:—Whereas the Dominion Government have been asked to remove the restrictions governing the importation and sale of Oleomargarine into Canada, we, the Directors of the Lambton County Co-operative Association, with 44 clubs and 1000 farmer members, desire to place ourselves on record as strongly opposed to the importation and manufacture of Oleomargarine in Canada and for the following reasons:

First—The dairy industry in Canada has been fostered and built up with the distinct understanding that the home market would be protected from all importations of Oleomargarine and butter substitutes. Millions of dollars of capital have been invested in dairy herds, separators, butter and cheese factories.

Second—The production of dairy products has greatly increased during the past few years, especially in Western Canada, and in spite of the drought and expensive care and feed during the winter months, in Eastern Canada as well.

Third—That the production of butter in Canada is greatly in excess of the consumption and that the export of butter out of Canada in 1915 and 1916, under war conditions, has been increased several times over the exports of former years.

Fourth—Owing to the fact that Russia has prohibited the export of butter out of her country and the enormous supplies

of butter from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Holland, which formerly reached England, now being sent to Germany, other countries must supply the need and Canada has sent forward large shipments.

Fifth—In the face of above conditions the people of England and France, along with our boys in the trenches, must depend upon receiving their butter supply from Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Sixth—Are the Canadian Dairy men to be censured and their market destroyed for exporting to our soldiers a share of their excellent butter?

Seventh—Feed of all kinds used in the production of butter has nearly doubled the price during the past few years. The capital invested in a dairy herd is nearly doubled. The cost of labor has advanced. Positive proof can be given to show that the farmer is not receiving an unfair price for his dairy products under present conditions.

Eighth—Canada is at war and war conditions control the price of butter in Canada and elsewhere, and when this crisis is past butter will return to its normal rate. The present price will only tend towards giving a stimulus to the dairy industry, thereby increasing dairy herds and greater production. On the other hand, if you allow Oleomargarine to come into Canada, you discourage the production of butter and deliver a serious blow to our industry.

Ninth—We are informed that the pork and beef manufacturers are spending large sums in hopes that they may secure the introduction of Oleomargarine into Canada. Have they given an estimate of the amount of money it would take to control the manufacture and sale of this product if it were allowed in by your department? Have they told the story of the manner in which the people of the United States are exploited with Oleomargarine and butter substitutes?

If Oleomargarine is admitted into Canada it will jeopardize the Canadian Dairy Industry and seriously retard butter production, and the consumer in the end will loose.

We, therefore, respectfully ask the Dominion Government to not interfere with the present excellent Dairy Act and to keep the bars up against the importation and manufacture of Oleomargarine in Canada. We further ask that the Secretary send a copy of this letter to the Representatives for the Dominion in Lambton County, namely:—J. E. Armstrong and F. F. Pardee.

Yours very truly,
D. A. MACDONALD
President Lambton County Co-operative Association.

Mrs. Mathew Stapleton, a resident of Enniskillen for 60 years, died last week.

Mr. Herbert A. Oliver, who has been conducting a general store in the township of Bosanquet, west of Theford for years, died in Victoria Hospital, London on Saturday last, after several months of severe illness.

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