

Canadian Order of Oddfellows Meets

Surplus Over \$30,000 For Year—Good Growth of Membership

Lindsay, Mar. 19.—At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, held here Wednesday, with Grand Master T. L. Hudson of Montreal presiding and a hundred delegates in attendance, the following officers were elected: Grand Master, F. S. Delong, Hamilton; Deputy Grand Master, W. Creelan, Kingston; Grand Secretary, Robert Fleming, Toronto; Grand Treasurer, W. H. Shine, Toronto; Grand Chaplain, A. Palmer, Minden; Grand Medical Examiner, Dr. H. S. Bingham, Toronto; Grand Auditors, W. L. Young, Markdale, and W. R. Day, Toronto; Grand Lodge Representatives, F. C. Fielding, Toronto, and John Moore, Mount Albert; Grand Solicitor, Lyman Lee, Hamilton.

District Deputy Grand Masters were elected as follows: Toronto, G. H. Leaf, Toronto; Montreal, W. B. Bastino, Montreal; Hamilton, J. S. Clarke, Hamilton; Galt, J. F. Miller, Brantford; St. Thomas, W. B. Henderson, Thamesford; Belleville, Capt. S. B. Russell, Rednersville; Chatham, Reg. A. Amond, Chatham; Lindsay, E. Molton, Cambridge.

Toronto was selected as the place of meeting for the Grand Lodge in 1921.

The Finance Committee reported a surplus of over \$30,000 during the past year, and with the investments as reported by the Grand Treasurer, the budget for the operating expenses for 1920 included estimated receipts of \$14,130.27, with expenditures of \$13,250.

A civic welcome was extended to the Grand Lodge by Mayor B. L. McLean and responded to by Grand Master Hudson.

The Grand Medical Referee's report showed an increase in invested funds in the Insurance Department of over \$20,000. The death rate in nine months was very low, 30 claims being made. There was also an increase in members, particularly in the cities.

The Grand Secretary reported an increase in investments of \$30,100.12, making the total investments of the order in behalf of the Insurance Fund of \$238,426.27.

Latest News Events From Busy Trenton

(From The Ontario's Special Trenton Correspondent.)

Trenton, Mar. 18. On Wednesday, March 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. A. Simmonds, Henry St., a son.

Mr. Morley Sparling and children are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Barry. Miss Margaret Long is in Toronto for a few days.

Mrs. Asselstine, of Frankford, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Young, during Mrs. Young's illness, returned home on Wednesday.

The St. Patrick's tea and sale under the auspices of the Women's Local Council, held at the home of Mrs. T. S. Farncombe, was a decided success.

The first gold medal contest, under the management of the Royal Templars will be held Monday evening in the auditorium of Grace Methodist Church. The contestants are the silver medalists of the four previous elocutionary contests. Those taking part are the Misses Asselstine and Huffman and Messrs. McDougall and Digby. All those interested are looking forward with keen interest to the result.

Hastings County Roads Must Be Reconstructed

Heavy Motor Traffic Has Caused Serious Deterioration of Roads in South County.

The annual report of the Ontario Department of Public Highways contains the following interesting reference to the roads of Hastings County.—The work in this county for some years has consisted of the re-surfacing and cutting off of shoulders of old gravel roads constructed years ago as a county system. This system was established about sixty years ago before the country was properly served by railroads. At that time it will readily be appreciated that such roads would be most important factors in the economic life of the country and we may safely assume that they were built and maintained with all the enthusiasm and energy that their importance demanded. With the ushering in of the railroad era, whereby shipping

points were brought reasonably close to the farmer, the traffic on the county highways diminished in volume and assumed a purely local character. Under such conditions it was a simple and inexpensive matter to maintain these roads in a manner suitable to the needs of local horse-drawn traffic. The roads, however, were retained under county control and maintained as a county charge, but simply because such a system had been established. The roads being easy to maintain and not a serious financial burden on the ratepayers, we can picture to ourselves the County Council merely setting aside a nominal sum each year for the maintenance thereof.

Then came the time, about 1908, when all the old wooden county bridges, having served their natural life, began to fall at an alarming rate. An annual levy was no longer equal to the burden of replacing them as fast as needed and the county had to commit itself to a large debenture debt for this purpose. One can readily understand then that what little public interest in road-building that formerly existed was diverted to what became the burning question of county bridge construction. The interest and sinking fund charges on these debentures became an important part of the county taxes.

About this time the automobile began to make itself felt in the county, very unobtrusively at first, but soon in such numbers as to become a serious factor in the cost of road maintenance. Commodity and labour costs were mounting steadily and the roads began to depreciate noticeably, especially in the south, but no appreciably increased appropriation was made for maintenance. We might safely assume that the roads had largely deteriorated before the County Councils had recognized that greater efforts and expenditures were required to meet the changed conditions that had arisen.

Then came the war which multiplied the traffic on the roads and inflated prices so that a dollar for maintenance would only go half so far as before. The destruction of the roads in the southern portion of the county, with its denser population and traffic, has been most noticeable during the last three or four years. On the main roads, bearing the heaviest traffic, the destruction has become so complete that the problem has resolved itself from road maintenance to one of reconstruction.

To meet this problem, the County Council during the coming years must recognize that greater efforts and different methods will be required in the south than those in the north with its sparser population and vastly lighter traffic. There was spent on grading and re-surfacing during the season of 1918 some \$40,000. It is noticeable that bridge building costs have gradually dropped during the last seven years until they are now almost negligible.

CREEKS ON A RAMPAGE

Cobourg, Mar. 19.—On Thursday last the first spring freshets started in the creeks, as the result of the thaw and the rain, and before night a number of cellars were flooded, owing to the height the water went. The ice in the bottoms of the creeks did not break away, and the water had to go over it, causing the water to rise higher than it would otherwise have done. The ice at the mouth of the creek that flows through the town was dynamited, giving the water free access to the harbor. The factory creek also rose fairly high, but beyond taking out a small dam belonging to the Cobourg Pulp Co. little damage was done.

Another Industry is Proposed

Lindsay, Mar. 19.—A meeting of parties interested will be held in Lindsay on Friday evening for the purpose of discussing the formation of a joint stock company to operate a launch and canoe repairing as well as manufacturing industry in Lindsay. It is also proposed to manufacture Norwegian sleighs for which there is quite a demand in Canada. Lindsay is looked upon by the promoters as a local centre for an industry of this nature.

Galt civic employes received an increase of \$100 per year in salary. Fredericton, N.B., barbers have raised the price of haircuts to 50 cents.

John Brown was arrested in London for passing a forged cheque in St. Thomas.

Burglars Break Into Thompson's Store

Effect Entrance by Taking Out Pane of Glass in Back Window

Cobourg, Mar. 19.—For about the fifteenth time burglars entered the Thompson-Macdonald store, either last Saturday or Sunday night. Entrance was gained through a rear window of the store. A pane of glass was taken out, the wire netting over the window out with a pair of pliers, and entrance gained through a space about seven inches wide. The burglars were taken from a tool box belonging to a hay press that had been brought on the premises Saturday evening, the tool box being placed in the stable. The only things missing are \$4.90 in silver, which was taken from the vault, which was not locked, as well as two Ingersoll watches valued at \$2.00 each. Chief Ruse is investigating.

ROSSMORE

Frank Belnap has bought a dandy driving horse from Wm. Brickman, Mr. Wm. Maidens, of Texas, visited at Mr. J. S. Ayles' and other friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Sexsmith, of Belleville, visited all of last week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Losee.

Mr. C. Baker and family have all been confined in with the "flu." Hope to see them around again soon.

Mr. Jack Belnap is slowly recovering from his serious illness.

Mrs. Wm. Brickman has so far recovered from her recent illness as to be out around once more.

Mrs. C. Brickman and son visited Mrs. Brickman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creed, this week.

Mrs. Frank Belnap has returned to her home here after spending several weeks at her mother's in Belleville.

Mr. Kiser, of Belleville, is staying at C. Losee's, helping Mr. Losee with his hoop-net fishery, also trapping in the marsh here.

A buyer of muskrat was through here today, paying the fancy price of \$5 apiece for rats. Some of the trappers think they are going still higher. This small fur-bearing animal must sure hunt for a hiding place as there are more trappers than rats.

Miss Norma Huff visited her friend, Miss Dorothy Post on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott are talking of leaving our village for the city life. We will be sorry to see them go.

Misses Claribel Belnap, Rea Cronkite and Alvera Scott were all present with a solid silver Sunday school pin for regular attendance at Sunday school for a whole year.

Mr. C. Belnap spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Belnap.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wood will move to Belleville so Mr. Wood will be closer to his work.

THE MOIRA RIVER

Editor Ontario:—When the danger of food is past, our river is quite forgotten by the people of the city, unless it be in the heat of summer when its stagnant waters near the city become low and slow.

The fact of the powerful Nyaaga of the north is entirely lost sight of, which, if held back, would insure a continuous flow and prevent the flood.

We see the Moira, a fine stream, near Deloro making town. It flows in a south-easterly direction, along the mountainous ridge, the granite rock perpendicular as a wall standing at a height of thirty feet or more, as it winds its way for twenty-five miles, reaching the great reservoir, the beautiful Moira Lake, near Madoc village, draining this great stretch of snow-holding, granite basin and ledge.

From the lake it continues its course through the fertile hill country of Huntingdon with numerous lake expansions stretching through the villages, passing through and running the mill at Latta on its way to the rapids at the Railroad Bridge north of the Village of Foxboro, where fine fishing is enjoyed as the waters come down the rocky incline.

Below the rapids the waters form a bay, where the water is deep and quiet, surrounded by leafy growth, with the island called Zwick making some very fine scenery. The water continues on its way a little back of the village through the valley where the bells or noise of the town mingle with the rill of the waters at the second small rapids.

From the bridge rapids to the falls at Corby's village is the most beautiful part of the whole river. There are two places of small rapids and two foot-bridges. The rapids are

accessible by boat, except at very low water when it is easily forded. Beneath the south foot-bridge, built by Mr. Albert Loucks, is the famous tiberlock formation underneath the water extending all across the river along about three hundred yards affording the best bathing place of the whole river. The water is clear and the smooth rock bottom can be seen through any depth of water, while in the bathing season the water rock basin slopes gradually affording a wide bathing place where children may, in the warm weather, safely enjoy the cooling water.

Passing Riviera embankment we come to the bay at Rivardale Farm, on the east, McDavid's grove. The water is deep and the most beautiful part of the river along the islands and the fine covered twin bridge resting on Long Island, with the old stone mill on the river bank where sorghum syrup, we can remember, was made. Pass the road bend, around the fine triple bend, where one would think another river joined in, on down nearly to Caniff Mills rapids, may be seen the most luscious foliage growth, and our tall friend, the crane, may be seen fishing along the bank.

Below the rapids we come to the fine Cannifton bridge; then at the country town or City of the Bay we have no less than five bridges, and if you follow on past these you will come to the fine approach to the new locks, which also affords a good harbor, giving a grand view of the opposite Prince Edward shore and Bay Bridge, through which the boats are soon to begin their work for freight and passage.

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IVANHOE

Rev. A. B. Frederick attended the funeral of the late Rev. Sanderson of Madoc, on Monday.

Miss Hester Jones spent Sunday with Miss Gladys Rollins.

Miss Thursa Given and friend, of Peterboro, spent the week-end with Miss Bessie Fleming.

Mrs. Arthur Wood is spending a few days with her father, Mr. Saries of Minto, who has been ill.

Mrs. Walter Gauley, of Malone, visited his cousin, Mr. Charlie Martin over the week-end.

Mr. A. Herity and Mr. Warren Haggerty, township assessors have been calling in our community this week.

TRENTON

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Claude Graham, Byron St., has cast a gloom over the town. Mrs. Graham has been ill for several weeks, and for her recovery. She died at 10 o'clock on Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Derry. She leaves to mourn her early death her husband, Mr. Claude Graham.

The funeral service was held on Friday at 2.30 o'clock at Grace Methodist Church. Rev. G. E. Ross of Peterboro, a former pastor, assisted with the services.

Mr. R. Weddell is in Toronto for a couple of days on business.

WEST HUNTINGDON

Mrs. Geo. Post visited her daughter in Belleville last week.

Miss Sarah Wilson has been visiting at Hastings the past week.

Mrs. Frank Wilson from Bayside, visited at her son's recently.

Miss Lulia Saries is visiting at Eggleton.

Mr. Robert Jeffrey has purchased a new Grey-Dort car.

Miss Gertrude Ashley has returned to Peterboro after being home after having the "flu."

Mr. Sandy McCurdy is able to be out again after a severe attack of measles.

Mrs. J. McQuary from Toronto is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. McCurdy.

Messrs. Everett Fargey and C. Heath went west last week.

Mr. Geo. Cooke sold a load of swine which brought him the nice sum of \$434.—90c.

Mrs. S. Fargey and Mrs. H. McCullen visited at Mr. Geo. Post's last week.

Miss Christina Wilson and Miss Saries visited Miss Bessie Jeffrey on Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Craig has returned home to the west after spending some time visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Fred Kingston visited Mrs. A. McInroy last week.

Farmers are having quite a time securing help this spring.

They are assessing the township this season.

Mrs. Jas. Haggerty had a quilting recently.

Mr. Wilmut Kingston has purchased a nice grey horse from Mr. J. Craston.

GILEAD

Sunday school was the only service on Sunday. Owing to the condition of the roads and weather, the revival meetings have not been held every night, but will be conducted each night in the church this week.

Let every one feel their personal responsibility for the success of these meetings and come and assist.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lanier, and Mr. John and Miss Ida Collins, Latta, spent Wednesday at Mr. Albert Lawrence's.

Mrs. Fred Yorke and Kenneth spent a few days with Mrs. Wm. Hodgen, Carmel.

The W.M.S. meeting was held at Mrs. T. Coulter's on Wednesday afternoon. A goodly number was present and Mrs. James Huffman was appointed delegate to the convention at Peterboro in June.

Mrs. Harvey Wallace spent over Sunday at Anson, where she attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr. McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lazier, Melrose, visited on Friday at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Ralph Lawrence.

The neighbors have been assisting Mr. Frank Huffman to move his furniture to Foxboro on Tuesday, where he loaded a car for his new home in Uxbridge.

Rev. J. C. McMullen took tea on Monday evening at Mr. J. F. Yorke's.

NILES' CORNERS

Our roads are in a very bad condition just now.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis and Mr. Wm. Ellis, sr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cruickshanks at Melville on Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Ellis spent Wednesday night and Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. C. McCartney at Rose Hall.

Mr. Wm. Ellis, sr., visited relatives and friends at Rose Hall last week.

Mr. Harry Datoe is having his house fixed over. Mr. Fitzgerald and men, of Wellington are doing the work.

On account of the bad condition of the roads, our Wellington mail man failed to make his all-round trip on Thursday night and again on Saturday night.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Preston at the Corners.

Sorry to say that Mr. James A. Tice of Lake Shore is gradually failing.

Mrs. Clarence Demill is gradually sinking, with no hope of recovery.

We don't hear any one complain about not having water these days; all wells, cisterns and some cellars are full.

WESTERN AMELIASBURG

Sawing wood has been the topic of the day among the farmers of this line.

Mrs. Jack McCullough returned home last Saturday after an extended visit with friends around Melrose.

Mrs. Wm. Bird and son Earl visited at the home of Mr. F. H. Howes on Sunday last.

Mr. Joe Thrasher has sold his farm.

Mrs. Rose, of Madoc, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. G. Bamber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson were the guests of the latter's brother, Mr. Ed. Spencer of Turner's Settlement one day recently.

A sleigh load from here attended the party at Mr. B. Bird's, Station Road, last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelly spent Sunday at Mr. Jim Lake's.

Miss Eleanor Johnson spent a few days visiting friends at West Huntingdon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morgan of Holloway visited the latter's sister, Mrs. W. Bird on Tuesday of last week.

The recent rains are making people smile as so many cisterns and wells were dry.

Late Mrs. Mary Belair

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Belair took place this morning from the residence of her son, Mr. W. N. Belair, Victoria Avenue, to St. Michael's Church, where Father Killen officiated at requiem mass. The remains were taken to St. James' cemetery (vault). The bearers were Messrs. T. Collins, T. J. Hurley, J. Perkins, J. M. Trausch, L. P. Hughes and F. P. Crane.

In these "dry" days there's many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip—Brantford Expressor.

Yes, and many a trip from the hip to the lip.

Obituary

MRS. JOHN CROSS

It was with startling suddenness, the Angel of Death entered the home of Mr. John Cross of the 8th Con. of Tyendinaga on Tues., Feb. 24th, and claimed for its victim the beloved wife and mother. She had apparently been feeling quite well all day Monday after her baby was born, until about 6 o'clock, when she suddenly took worse and passed away on Tuesday evening. Ethel was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Crawford and had spent all her life at home until about a year ago, when she was married to Mr. John Cross who now is left beside an infant son to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. She was always of bright and cheerful disposition and had a smile for every one and will indeed be very much missed among her many friends. She also leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother and one sister, Mrs. Bruce Way and five brothers, William, James and Robert of Saskatchewan and Alex and Wesley near home.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Roslin and her remains were laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery. The many beautiful floral offerings placed on her casket showed the high esteem in which she was held.

And with farewells unspoken She calmly entered home.

HERMANN LLOYD

Hermann Lloyd, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lloyd, 20 Franklin street passed away this morning at his parents' home. He was born in South Fredericksburg 22 years ago and for six years had been an employe of the Steel Co. of Canada.

Besides his parents there survive four brothers, Harold, Raymond, Addison and Clarence and three sisters, Marjory, Ethel and Doretha.

MISS M. J. MCKNIGHT

Miss Mary Jane McKnight passed away on pneumonia yesterday at her home on Front street, aged eighty-four years. The funeral took place this morning at Pieton via the C.N.R. by Mr. E. T. Thompson. The bearers were friends of the deceased. The Rev. W. Elliott, of the Tabernacle officiated.

MRS. MARY BELAIR

The remains of Mrs. Mary Belair, widow of the late Alex Belair, of Madoc, arrived in Belleville this morning from Kingston where she had been residing and were taken to the home of her son, Mr. Wm. Belair 104 Victoria Avenue.

ALEXANDER McMULLEN

On Thursday, March 11th, after four years' of suffering from muscular rheumatism, one of Rawdon township's oldest residents passed away in the person of Mr. Alexander McMullen at the age of 76 years.

He was born in County Down, Ireland, and at the age of three years, came to Canada with his parents, the late William and Jeanette McMullen, and settled in Huntingdon township.

A family of ten children, only one sister, Mrs. Mary Jane McMullen, of St. Thomas, survives.

In 1877 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Burke, also of Huntingdon township.

For the past thirty-five years he resided at Anson and for fifteen years was employed by the Grand Trunk Ry. as signalman at Anson station.

He was instrumental in opening the first postoffice at Anson, of which he was post-master for a period of twenty-five years and during which time he also acted as fire ranger in the northern parts of Hastings and Peterboro counties for the Rathbun Lumber Company of Deseronto.

In politics he was a staunch Conservative, a keen debater on all questions of public interest and a loyal subject of the King.

True to his friends and possessing many admirable traits of character, he was also a friend to those who were in need, a kind husband and a father.

He was prominent in Masonic circles, being a past master of Stirling lodge No. 69 A.F. and A.M. and oldest Mason in his demise township.

He was also a member of Stirling Chapter Royal Arch Masons and was well-known by the members of the craft throughout the district.

Left to mourn his loss are Mrs. McMullen and five daughters, Mrs. Geo. Leach, Ignace, Ont., Mrs. N. McMullen, Punnick, Sask., Mrs. D. J. Rollo, Winnipeg, Mrs. A. I. Moore,

and Mrs. F. Hutchison, Anson, Ont., and one son, H. W. Beecker McMullen in the west. The funeral was conducted by the Masons of Stirling lodge, the bearers being Messrs. Claude Sharpe, Leonard Sharpe, Wm. Emmons, H. Rollins, R. Thrasher and B. O. Lott. The brief service, which was held at the house, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Baistone, of Rawdon circuit.—St. Thomas and Stirling papers please copy.

DEATHS

GREEN — At Belleville, Thursday, March 18, 1920, Susan Green, widow of the late John Green, aged 85 years, 2 months and 18 days.

BELAIR — In Kingston, March 17, 1920, Mrs. Mary Belair, widow of the late Alex. Belair, Madoc, age 65 years.

LLOYD — In Belleville on Thursday, March 18, 1920 Hermann Lloyd, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lloyd.

Forty-Two Years on Police Force

Chief Newton's Envious Record as Public Official

Forty-two years ago today, Chief of Police John Newton joined the Belleville Police Force as constable under Chief McKinnon. On March 1st, 1878 Mr. Newton became Chief Constable. His record of permanent service is the longest of any city official and his career as police officer is almost unequalled in point of years of service anywhere in the country. He has served under four police magistrates and innumerable Mayors. The "Chief" is still going strong and on duty every day. Chief Newton was on the force when Belleville became a city in the year 1878.

Fire Chief Brown has a long record as fireman, but his early work was volunteer in nature.

DAYLIGHT SAVING KILLED

Forum Vote Favors Bridge Street Route For Highway.

The results of the ballot taken at the Forum meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last evening on three public issues are as follows:

Do you favor Daylight Saving?—yes 36; no 43.

Which local route do you prefer for the Provincial Highway?—Bridge St., 55; Dundas St., 24.

Are you in favor of a rural section for the Chamber of Commerce with an annual fee of \$5.00?—yes 72; no 6.

CHILD SUFFOCATED

Doris M. McKenna, aged 4 months and 13 days, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McKenna, South George, was found dead in bed this morning when Mrs. McKenna rose at 6.15 o'clock. The child had fallen asleep on its mother's arm and it is thought that the unfortunate baby had during the night, moved slightly and its face came in contact with a pillow. Death was due to suffocation. The child had been dead some time before the tragedy was discovered. Coroner Yeomans after considering the facts deemed an inquest unnecessary.

A Pill that Proves its Value

Those of weak stomach will find strength in Parmele's Vegetable Pills, because they serve to maintain the healthful condition of the stomach and the liver, irregularities in which are most distressing. Dyspeptics are well acquainted with them and value them at their proper worth. They have afforded relief when other preparations have failed, and have effected cures in ailments of long standing where other medicines were found unavailing.

BORN

PAGE—At Belleville, Wed. Mar. 3, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Page, 33 West Bridge St., a daughter.