

NORFOLK NEWS

SIMCOE TO APPOINT PERMANENT AUDITOR

Board of Health Recommends Scavenger System to Town Council

INSPECT ALL HOMES

Simcoe, Nov. 5.—From Our Own Correspondent.—At a meeting of the Municipal Council held last night a by-law introduced by Reeve Carter and providing for a permanent auditor as cited in Sec. 240 of the Municipal Act, was passed. The appointment will possibly be made tonight at an adjourned meeting. There was a considerable docket and an adjournment was made before the slate was cleared.

The Long Vexed Question.
His Worship informed council that the Board of Health had by resolution recommended the establishment of a scavenger system. He informed council that a formidable by-law had been prepared some years ago and was still available, but that it would require hours to consider it. The matter was removed to the foot of the list.

Alderman Crabb speaking for himself and for others of the relief brigade that has been battling the "flu" said that Simcoe's greatest trouble was not poverty but filth. "It should not obtain," he continued, "a report may be brought before council later but it is well that we think about it. Systematic church effort to educate along lines of cleanliness and the appointment of a competent visiting nurse with authority to enforce some show of cleanliness is required." The general impression the remarks left was that a visitation by the fire brigade with a few handles under high pressure might serve as a first persuader and make a start. A soap and water agitation has been in the air for a fortnight. Incompetent buying of food, and lack of domestic cleanliness is said to be too prevalent in many quarters. There must surely be some report coming.

The Hospital.
Chairman Crabb followed with a verbal report on the hospital service. Five patients now under care; hopes for the recovery of all of them; total received, 53; discharged, 41; died, 7. From the financial aspect every-

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thing progresses splendidly, splendid donations of chickens, eggs and broths for the patients and friends for the nurses have been given liberally from citizens of town and country. Though only town patients were as a rule received, a few suburban sufferers had been taken in. Against this liberal donations in cash and kind, from outside were balanced, and Miss Knowles of Delhi and Miss Marslan of Lynedoch were mentioned as volunteer workers on the staff of attendants.

A splendid donation of four bags of apples from Colborne citizen had been distributed among many families about town and were much appreciated. He hoped that the hospital could be closed in a few days.

The expenses incident upon the care of members of the Medal family and the three funerals would not be a burden upon the town, provision having been made for this. Mrs. Medal had made her will at the hospital and the family had means.

Patients Appreciated Care.
With a single exception all the patients were grateful for the services rendered. One man left vowing that he would take legal action at once because he was refused beef steak and onions, especially the onions. It was a very encouraging report.

A Permanent Hospital.
Alderman Crabb voiced the opinion of an ever increasing and more concerned number of citizens when he concluded his report with a hope that the permanent hospital problem would be worked out in the near future, as it would be the same life-saving and economical method of caring for the ordinary sick, as the emergency has been for the 'flu patients.

Industrial Committee on Garden Plots.
Chairman Calder gave his final report on the Council's war garden

effort. The committee had received a grant of \$50. They had drawn on this to the extent of only \$22.50. A rental of \$1.50 each had been charged for the lots. The crop was in general good. On a plot 60 x 150 feet one man got 60 bushels of potatoes and three bushels of beans.

Must Hide Their Time.
The barbers' petition for exemption from early closing was placed on the shelf. The tobacco side line is in the way. Besides the barbers signed the by-law, and once tampered with Council might be called upon to put through an amending by-law at every meeting. These cost time and money.

Reeve Carter thought that very probably early in the new year a general move for a 6 or 6 o'clock closing would come from the merchants. The hour 6 to 7 was of little avail for business. There was considerable opposition to the suggestion of shutting the stores to the ten-hour worker by a 6 o'clock enforced closing. The topic was passed with little debate.

The Holden Damage Case.
Reeve Carter reported on the matter of Mr. James Holden's claim for damages through freshets. He thought that if Mr. Holden had any claim it was through the fact that the sidewalk had been raised. His committee had asked Mr. Holden to set matters to right and Council would deal fairly with him. Nothing definite was arranged.

Council will resume sitting at 8 o'clock this evening.

Victory Loan Force Drumming Ahead.

The thirty-one good men and true who are travelling the side lines of the county, walking encyclopedias of the country's finance, are still receiving encouragement and were last night ahead of last year's total at the close of the corresponding day. There was reported yesterday \$89,750. This brings the total up to \$430,250 from \$21 investors. Many want to invest in the postoffice savings bank at 4 per cent. A Victory Bond at 5 1/2 with the end of war in sight begins to look like a much more inviting investment than it would have a few months ago; and then there is the absolute necessity of the money to keep the wheels of prosperity spinning. Britain will need credit to buy even wool to feed the looms that are soon to replace the shell mills and give us a supply of clothing, and to buy the cotton to continue the manufacture of light fabric.

Boost the Loan up. It will help the present marketing of produce and will press down the price of clothing.

Her Life for Her Friends.
Miss Janet Reid, teacher in S. S. No. 15 North Walsingham, died of pneumonia following influenza. Miss Reid dismissed school just before the teachers' convention was held to nurse her father and mother, who

were then ill, and was one of those referred to in our notice of the convention as absent through illness. When the school was closed by the Board of Health Miss Reid responded to the S.O.S. call and did much good work in the neighborhood before being herself stricken.

Miss Reid was in her 23rd year, and the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reid, a well known North Walsingham farmer, who moved recently from his home on the 10th to the Robert Pick farm on the 14th, east of Glen Meyer.

An excellent teacher with a heart of sympathy and a soul for service is lost to Norfolk, and her worth was being recognized by an unusually large salary. Inspector Cook regrets the loss to the profession, while the parent and school community are bowed in grief.

The same chances which the late Miss Reid took have been taken by many Simcoe ladies who have taxed their powers of physical endurance to the limit in and out of the hospital caring for the sick. In some cases those who were worn by vigils in their own homes have later fallen to the disease. Up to the present not one of all those who have gone cut on S.O.S. work has been called away.

The Children Query.
This is a time for rejoicing. Children whose fathers have been years overseas are on the streets asking adults about the war and wondering if "daddy" will really get home soon. Surely this is good reason to believe that the same will soon be up and that married men will be the first to be relieved from further duties and returned to their families.

Stop It.
The Police Committee at the request of Council will instruct the police to enforce the by-law prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks, and crates over windows are considered part of the sidewalk.

AUSTRIA IN DANGER
By Courier Leased Wire.
Amsterdam, Monday, Nov. 5.—The state council at Vienna has issued an appeal to the German people of Austria, it is declared the country is in danger, and the army breaking up in disorder. The appeal exhorts the soldiers voluntarily to join the German-Austrian army corps.

ELECTION IN BRITAIN
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Nov. 5.—(Canadian Press Dispatch from Reuters Limited.)—General election will take place in Great Britain on December 7, it is expected. Information was given out at a meeting of whips to settle plans for the campaign.



PRISONERS TALKING TO A GERMAN-SPEAKING AMERICAN OFFICER. The group of German prisoners resting upon the rocks are a few of those taken in the recent battle with the Americans.

CITIES FIGHT

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ing and general overhead expenses this might be sufficient. Later on he suggested that in addition to the foregoing the company should supply a statement of its revenues account for the past year or two, coupled with an estimate of what its profits would be during the next year if the increases were granted and what they would be if there were no increase in tolls.

There was some discussion as to the ability of the company to furnish statements applicable to the various municipalities.

City Solicitor Fairly of Toronto asserted that details should be given relative to the cost of operation and the revenue earned in that city.

Mr. MacFarlane argued that this would be quite impossible. The application, he said, was for a general increase in all telephone rates and it would not be fair to expect the company to submit figures other than those showing to the general increase in cost of operation.

Justice directly bearing on conditions in that city as distinguished from other municipalities.

The chief commissioner suggested that Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon and Dillworth of Toronto, be appointed by the municipalities to examine the books of the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Atwater said that without making the slightest reflection on this company, he would like to suggest that Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Company of Montreal, be appointed.

Sir Henry Drayton then said that he would have an order issued instructing the company to produce necessary papers and statements and appointing auditors to examine the books of the company. This work could be done, he said by the two firms suggested, who could work in conjunction.

Mr. MacFarlane asked that the examination of the company's books be limited to a period not exceeding ten days, but the chief commissioner made no ruling on this point.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Today's casualty list follows:

- INFANTRY**
Killed in Action.
W. R. Dean, Alton; H. A. Morgan, address not given.
- Died of Wounds**
N. Kennedy, Bruce county.
Died.
W. S. J. Clark, 191 Bathurst street London.
- Wounded**
Lieut. C. E. F. Hiscocks, M. C. Essex; W. E. Sharp, Oakville; C. H. Flood, Oakville; L. W. Shaw, Alton; A. Izzard, not stated.
- Machine Gun Company**
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