

# YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

## ASSESSMENTS TOO LOW IN COUNTY

### Committee of York Council Agreed That Assessors Must Make Increases.

A large part of yesterday afternoon's session of the county council was taken up with a meeting of the equalization committee. It was the general feeling of this committee that assessment of county property is too low and a resolution was drawn up to the effect that the equalization committee had agreed to instruct assessors to increase assessment twenty per cent. in each and every municipality throughout the county. This will be carried out during 1920 and the members of the council will urge the ratepayers to endorse this increase. R. Crossberry occupied the chair.

A sub-committee was appointed to go more fully into the question of equalization. Its members include: J. G. Whitmore, Jas. P. Stewart, J. H. Cliffe, Geo. B. Padgett, Wm. Jackson, A. E. Pugsley, Wm. Graham.

News of the sudden death yesterday morning of R. P. Coulson, chief inspector of the York County Children's Aid Society, came as a great shock to members of the council as well as to friends and relatives. Mr. Coulson complained of illness on Saturday, January 24, and the malady was diagnosed as influenza. On Tuesday, although he had not regained his normal health, he went down to his office in the county building and worked for a few hours. On Wednesday and Thursday his condition gradually grew worse, the death taking place early yesterday morning at his Toronto address, 15 Maitland street.

The late Mr. Coulson was in his 58th year and had lived at Stouffville nearly all his life. During the period from 1907-1912 he represented Stouffville in the county council, occupying nearly every office except warden. In October, 1915, he was appointed chief inspector of the York County C. A. S. and has been the moving spirit in that organization ever since. His widow, two sons and one daughter survive. A message of condolence and a wreath have been sent to the family by county officials.

**Two Appointments Made.**  
The county council, at the afternoon session, passed a bylaw appointing two representatives for the Canadian National Exhibition board. The members appointed are T. A. C. Tier and Robert McCowan.

Trustees appointed for the various high schools through the county are as follows: Markham, G. W. Reesor; Richmond Hill, Rev. Edward Kelly; Newmarket, Ed. Dilain; Aurora, H. E. Proctor. Two members were also elected to form a Weston board of education. They are: William Banks, who will act for three years, and Nelson Clark, whose term is for two years.

The report of the Industrial Home commissioners showed that the home has now 72 inmates, as against 66 at the end of 1919. Twenty-seven were admitted during 1919, and there were ten deaths. The gross income from the farm was \$2,584.29 during 1919.

### NO ROOM FOR PUPILS.

Application for further accommodation for kindergarten pupils has been made by the Frankland School, Logan avenue, officials to the board of education. At present there are 157 pupils of whom 50 are between the ages of 6-12 and 7 years, and who are over age for this class. It is suggested that owing to the overcrowded condition of the school building a store on Danforth avenue should be rented as a temporary measure.

### ITALIAN STRIKE ENDED.

Rome, Jan. 30.—The railroad strike, which has been in progress for some time, ended today. All the strikers have resumed work.

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## WRECKING FIRMS FORWARD TENDERS

### United States Munition Plant at Leaside Awaits Destruction.

According to reliable information, two local firms have submitted tenders for the wrecking of the big building at Leaside, known as "C" plant erected, it is stated, at a cost of over \$2,500,000, towards the close of the war as a munition factory for the United States government on the land owned by the Canada Wire and Cable Company. One of the tendering firms is stated to have already pulled down two of the smaller buildings and is completing the removal of the bricks and other material from the wrecked building.

"What are our federal government and financial magnates doing to prevent the criminal destruction of valuable property?" was the question asked by a prominent resident of the district yesterday, who pointed out that there are so many manufacturers and others looking for factory sites and unable to locate or erect owing to the high cost of building material. Nothing, however, in the way of carrying out the work pulling down the building can be done until the early spring, owing to the present severe weather, and in the meantime an assessor should be made to save the property from destruction.

### AUXILIARY GETS THEATRE.

W. H. R. Edward, manager of the Alton St. Clair theatre, has consented to the wish of the ladies' auxiliary of the Earls court branch of the G. W. V. A., for the use of the theatre one day next week, when the orphans of the district, chiefly of soldier families, will be entertained and presented with useful gifts. Mrs. James Stockley is the president of the auxiliary.

### CONSERVATIVES TO MEET.

Earls court, which is generally first in political and local affairs, is planning to hold a big meeting next Monday night at the Earls court Public School under the auspices of Ward Six North End Liberal-Conservative Association. Civic business is down on the agenda for discussion and Mayor Church and ward six aldermen will be on deck to speak. W. F. Maclean, M.P., has also been asked to give an address the same evening. W. H. Jeeves is president, W. G. Sanderson, vice-president, and R. C. Cadmore secretary of the association.

### FLU RAMPANT IN EARLS COURT.

The Earls court district has caught its share of the dreaded influenza. Hundreds of citizens being down with the disease, most of the doctors working early and late. Brillinger's big drug store on St. Clair has had the full-time working late into the night all this week, preparing doctors' prescriptions for flu patients. So far the present epidemic has not reached anything like the proportions of last year, said Dr. F. E. Thornton of North Cliff boulevard, speaking to the World, but this week has been a busy one in this district, the attack not being confined to adults, but the children in a large number of cases having contracted it.

### S. A. CONTINUE DRIVE.

The local building committee of the Earls court branch of the Salvation Army will meet next week to arrange for another publicity campaign in the benefit of the building fund for the erection of a new club, the land for which has already been purchased on South Dufferin street, Earls court. C. T. Johnson, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Earls court branch, is the treasurer, and authorized to receive donations from the public.

### B. I. A. TO FOLLOW BIER.

The British Imperial Association will attend in a body the funeral service of their late member, R. Macdonald Russell, to Prospect Park cemetery, today, and members are asked to meet at the cemetery gates at 1:30 p.m. Members are also asked to wear their B.I.A. badges out of respect to the memory of the deceased. G. Willis is president of the B. I. A., succeeding J. B. MacNicol at the last election of officers.

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## DOMINION ORTHOPAEDIC CONCERT.

A concert and entertainment was held in the Belmont hall under the auspices of the Dominion Orthopaedic Hospital Association last night, nearly all of the artists being returned men. The Earls court veterans attended and the hall was crowded to capacity, some twenty numbers of an excellent program being rendered. At the close of the concert a series of boxing bouts were put on. The Veterans band furnished the music. The proceeds go to the hospital funds.

## NEW INDUSTRY OPENS IN TOWN OF LEASIDE.

The Leaside Engineering Co., Ltd., of Leaside, Ont., has organized a contracting department and is prepared to enter into contracts covering the construction of pulp and paper mill plants, hydro-electric power developments, industrial plants, factories, warehouses, bridges, wharfs, etc. The company's organization in the past has constructed a large shell plant, consisting of six buildings, for the United States government; wire plant for Canada Wire and Cable Co., Ltd.; fire mill for Dominion Tire Co., Ltd.; at Kitchener, Ont.; complete sets of railway and locomotive shops at Moncton, N.B., Halifax and Charlottetown, P.E.I.; 10,000 horsepower hydro-electric plant at Cobalt for British Canadian Power Co.; 20,000 horse-

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power hydro-electric plant at Beauport, Que., for Laurentian Power Co., besides a large number of smaller contracts. The company will be represented by Edward C. Warren as manager, and J. R. Nichols as general superintendent, both of whom have been in the organization for a number of years and have handled the above mentioned undertakings.

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Inter-planetary communication, as suggested by mysterious waves recently caught by wireless plants throughout the world, is not a subject for ridicule, says Domenico Argenteri, a widely known scientist. He asserts it is possible to send messages from the earth to other members of the sun's family because ether will convey electric waves as readily as air.

Woodstock.—The death took place yesterday of Margaret Ellen Munn, wife of L. E. Edwards. She was born near Toronto 66 years ago.

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## Scandalous to Attribute Such Nonsense to Marconi, Says Italian Scientist.

Rome, Jan. 30.—Father Alfrangi, director of the Ximilina observatory at Florence, said today that "spread rumors relative to interchange of messages between planets was 'absolutely scandalous.'"

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A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers, especially to R. A. Fletcher, who has presided over the meetings for the last two years.

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