BOOZE, NO JOBS CAUSE OF CRIME SAYS GRAND JURY

Recommends Change of O. T. A. To Bring Liquor Entirely Under Government Control—Suggests Public Works To Provide Employment — Want Truant Officer To Get Busy—Judge Macbeth Agrees.

Unemployment and whiskey were blamed for the present deplorable prevalence of crime in the province, by the grand jury returning its presentment at the county court assizes yesterday afternoon. It recommended changes in the Ontario temperance act to bring the sale of liquor entirely under government control and agencies and suggested public works and municipal and provincial undertakings to provide employment.

Juvenile delinquency was also noted and regretted, and more activity on the part of truant officers recommended, along with a stricter censorship of moving pictures and rigid control of children's amusements. Closer home supervision was also favored.

The jury found conditions at the Ontario Hospital for the Insane much improved, better methods in vogue, and the patients improving in temperament because of the greater freedom allowed them. There are 1,300 patients in the hospital.

The X-ray departments at Victoria and St. Joseph's Hospitals were favorably commented upon. Victoria Hospital has 280 patients and St. Joseph's Hospital 150, the latter a smaller number than usual.

There were 39 prisoners in jail, all men.

"I thoroughly agree with your recommendations," said Judge Macbeth, in dismissing the grand jury. "Your recommendations seem prompted by sound common sense."

Policy of Unit System For Collegiate Adopted; Three Trustees Opposed

Trustee E. Smith Asks If It Is Intention To Use Ratepayers' Money To Support Plan Advocated — Says Central School Plans Padded.

By a vote of 11 to 3 the board of education at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon, decided to adopt the policy of the unit system program for the London Collegiate Institute. This action was taken after the adoption of Trustee T. Rowe's motion, of which he had given notice at the last regular meeting of the board that the action taken by the board on October 5, 1920, be reconsidered.

When the meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Trustee E. Smith asked: "What is the idea of seeking to rescind the action of the board with regard to the collegiate institute now? you have been working on the matter since April 23. Why not leave it now to the people? Why not let their voice be heard, either by direct vote or through the result of the election of trustees in January? This board has only 21 days longer to live.

In October you decided upon the one-school plan, at the last meeting of the board you suggested two plans, and now you want to go back to one plan, that of the unit system. In my opinion the matter of which plan is the best can well be left to the judgment of the people." In conclusion, Mr. Smith asked that he be placed on record as "not in favor of any action by this board at the present time."

To Pave Way.

Trustee Rowe replied that the purpose was to pave the way for the placing before the electors of concrete plans, which the board, after much study, and on the advice of experts, believe to be in the best interests of the city.

The motion of which Trustee Rowe had given notice, was as follows:

"That the action of the board authorizing the building of a new collegiate institute, containing 26 teaching rooms on the present site the building to be a three-story building (as set out in the minutes of this board on October 5, 1920, in paragraphs 8 to the end, of Miscellaneous Business), be reconsidered."

The resolutions of the board of education, passed at its meeting held on October 5, 1920, are as follows:

"Moved by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Dr. Tillmann that a new collegiate institute building, comprising 26 teaching rooms be erected on the present site."

"Moved by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Harris, that the new building be a three-floor building."

Mr Rowe, in support of his motion, recommended that in the event of such action being rescinded by a resolution be passed, adopting the following unit system program for collegiate institute accommodation for London:

First—To build at once a complete unit of sixteen teaching rooms north of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Second—To build at once ten teaching rooms of a second unit school in South London.

Third—To provide for a unit collegiate, to be built in the east end when required; to instruct the architect of the board to prepare the necessary plans for the approval of the board; and to authorize the chairman of the board to adopt such means as he may deem wise to inform the ratepayers of the policy of the board and the advantage thereof.

Election Propaganda.

Trustee Smith objected to the latter part of Trustee Rowe's recommendation as being election propaganda. "Is it the intention to use the ratepayers' money to support the election of certain trustees favorable to the three-school idea?" he asked.

Chairman Hayman assured him that there was nothing of that kind intended, but it was desired that the people should have a definite policy laid before them, so that they might vote intelligently.

A somewhat lengthy and involved discussion followed, and in replying to the arguments advanced against the unit system, Trustee Rowe read a long typewritten speech. He explained this action by saying that it was for the special benefit of the reporters and to insure himself against being wrongly quoted.

In beginning his address he protested against the criticism leveled against the board of education by a certain local paper, which, he said, one day rails against "the railroading through of plans involving millions of dollars; the next day it takes the trustees to task for unnecessary delay in taking any action, and the next it rails at the weakness of the supposed plans of the board. All I ask is that the dealings of the board and the statements of the trustees be fairly stated and that these statements be stopped."

Trustee Wright—"Hear! Hear!"

Would Cost Less.

Supporting the unit system Mr Rowe declared that the two schools, which it was proposed to go ahead with would cost less than the single 26-roomed central school. They would not, he claimed, cost near a million dollars and the cost of maintenance would be no greater than for one.

Trustee Smith declared that he had it on good authority that "the plans for the central school had been padded, thereby causing the estimates to be higher than for the two schools for which less elaborate plans had been submitted to the architect.

Trustee Rowe objected strenuously to Mr. Smith's statement, and the chairman expressed the opinion that there should be a retraction.

Trustees Smith withdrew the word padded, but stoutly maintained that the standard of the plans had differed so greatly that a fair comparison of the estimates for the separate plans could not be made.

On the vote being taken Trustee Rowe's motion was adopted by 11 to 3. The vote being as follows: Yeas—Trustees Coleridge, Rowe, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Harris, Langford, Wright, Dr. Tilmann, Dr. Brown and Chairman Hayman. Nays—Trustees Smith, Udy and Eggett.

Mayor E. S. Little, representing the city of London, paid compliments to the county, to the warden, and to the members of the council. "We are not citizens of London or of Middlesex," he said, "but we are citizens together in the greatest heritage ever given to a people. This is the hub of the garden of the Western Hemisphere." He referred to the Western University as belonging to the people of Western Ontario, and asked that as it stood for co-operation it should point out duty towards other things.

Reeve J. E. Morrison of Parkhill responded to the toast, "Our Empire." He outlined the growth of the Empire from the time of its earliest inception when the British Isles were united. He compared the adding of colonies to the growth of a family, and he believed the squabbles in the confines of the Empire would only tend to weld the ties more firmly.

J. C. Elliott, ex-M. P. P. for West Middlesex, responding to the toast to "Canada," told of the important part which Canada was playing in the conference of the league of nations. He commended the spirit of the representatives of Canada when they protested against things that would lessen the autonomy of Canada. This country, he said, did not wish to have her affairs governed by a body sitting outside of the Dominion.

In responding to the toast to "Ontario," Reeve Stanley Shaw of Dorchester claimed that Ontario is the greatest jewel in all of Canada. He told of her great riches in natural resources. Reeve M. F. Clatsworthy also responded to the toast.

"Middlesex" was eulogized by County Engineer C. Talbot and Reeve W. E. Grieve of Westminster. Mr. Talbot told of the debt owed to the early pioneers of the county. "Our Municipal Institutions" was responded to by Reeve James Peters of Caradoc. Mr. Peters regretted that more time was not spent on the public platforms in discussion of municipal affairs.

County Clerk John Stuart and Reeve S. Oakes spoke on "Our Educational Institutions." Mr. Oakes expressed the belief that the Provincial Government should come to the aid of the Western University, and bring it to such a high standard that Canadians could be independent of the universities of the United States for higher education.

"The Ladies" received compliments at the hand of J. Pierson and Reeve W. Martin of Lucan. County Treasurer T. E. Robson also spoke.

An excellent program of musical numbers was given by Capt. T. E. Robson, Reeve C. Henry, and a ladies' quartet composed of E. Suhr, I. Straitch, M. Heck and G. Ware.

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MIDDLESEX WARDEN AND WIFE PRESENTED WITH ROCKING CHAIRS

County Councillors Show Their Appreciation of His Long Municipal Life.

In relaxation after a week of strenuous work spent in formulating new policies for the county of Middlesex, and in transacting her business, the members of the county council and friends made merry at a banquet, tendered them by Warden Thomas Clarke in the Grigg House Friday evening. The spirit of good fellowship, which has permeated throughout each of the many meetings held since Monday last, burst forth in a blaze of good cheer as gathered around a sumptuously spread table the many guests listened to splendid speeches eulogizing the institutions of their county and empire, and heard expressions of admiration for the retiring warden.

One of the most delightful yet touching events of the evening, if not of the whole year of successful legislating, was a presentation made by the members of the council to the warden and to Mrs. Clark, who stood beside her husband smiling happily during the supreme moment of his career of 28 years in municipal affairs. On behalf of the members, Reeve A. Holman of Newbury presented them with two handsome leather rocking chairs and read an address which expressed some of the deep feeling and regard which every councillor felt for the venerable couple.

Add Ten Years.

Mr. Holman touched on the faithful and impartial way in which the warden guided the affairs of the county, his affectionate regards and the courteous manner in which he treated every one whom he come in contact with officially and unofficially.

The warden said that it was a memorial year for his wife and himself. He expressed the hope that always he would be good friends with those who were present. Mr. Clark asserted that the past year was the most harmonious one of his long years in public life. Amid cheers from the councillors he claimed that the comfortable chairs would add ten years to his life.

Reeve A. Ferguson of Lobo was the toastmaster. His ready wit kept everyone laughing and in the best of spirits.

COUNTY TO BORROW $80,000 TO MEET EXPENSES OF ROAD

Grant To Ailsa Craig, Coldstream Continuation Schools Refused—Treasurer's Report Accepted.

ASK GOVT. ROAD GRANT

Reeve Grieves Thinks Whole County Police System Should Be Reorganized.

Friday afternoon's meeting of the county council proved to be the busiest since the opening of the session on Monday last. The second reports of several of the committees were received and adopted, while discussions on many important questions were so lengthy that the meeting was extended until well after 5 o'clock.

According to the recommendations made by the finance committee and adopted unanimously by the meeting, the warden and county treasurer will be authorized to borrow $80,000 in 20 notes of $4,000 each, to meet the expenses of the county road system until the government grant comes in. Other clauses in the same report provide for an increase of $100 for the court stenographer and the payment of an account presented by the Children's Aid Society.

The petitioning committee brought in the following report:

1 That we take no action to change the representation of the county council.

2. That we take no action to have the manner of payment of government grants on county roads changed.

The report was adopted.

Favorable Consideration.

It was decided not to make a grant to the Ailsa Craig and the Coldstream continuation schools for the past half year, as the two councils in question will receive the grants as arranged for other continuation schools in the January session. It was decided to make a recommendation to the incoming councils that the matter of grants to the Educational Association should receive favorable consideration at its hands.

So that the surplus supply of roots and other feed on hand at the house of refuge might be used advantageously, the chairman of that committee has been empowered to buy four cows for the industrial farm of that institution. He will also have the power to purchase a new cook-stove.

A report covering eleven months of the present year was presented by the county treasurer and accepted as read. According to the figures compiled by him, there is a balance of $88,711.51 on hand in the treasury. The receipts for the eleven months were placed at $340,197.01, while the expenditures were $251,484.50.

J. W. Laidlaw Reappointed

By an unanimous vote, John W. Laidlaw was reappointed hospital trustee for 1921.

Deputy Reeve B. C. Brooks and the county engineer were appointed a committee to carpet the floor of the registry office with cork matting. A claim was made that the stone floors of the office gave the clerks cold feet in the winter time.

The following resolution was brought in by Reeve A. C. Ferguson of Lobo and found favor with the members of the council:

"That the warden and the county clerk be authorized to sign and submit to the minister of public works and highways for the province of Ontario, the petition of the corporation of the county of Middlesex showing the amount expended from January 1 to December 1, 1920, upon the county highway system, and requesting the statutory grants on that amount as provided by the act to aid in the improvement of public highways."

Considerable discussion centered around the attempt to pass a resolution that would make it permissable for a county constable to receive a greater amount of pay for making an arrest than that which otherwise would be provided in the tariff covering the case, if a recommendation to that effect was made by the board of auditors. It was decided, however, that such a resolution might be a dangerous precedent, and that it might conflict with any steps taken by the Provincial House in its next session, so the matter was dropped.

The council was in one accord in the belief that at times under the present system constables do not receive the amount to which they are entitled. Several ridiculous provisions in the tariff make it impossible for the board of auditors to make certain allowances.

Should Be Built Up.

The question has been under fire for a long time. It was brought to a head by Constable Heath of this county. Recently that official was sent to make an arrest and in carrying out the order, was forced to travel somewhat more than 100 miles over wretched roads. He presented a bill for $37.80, but owing to certain provisions in the tariff the board of auditors could grant him no more than $24. He refused this amount and appealed to the council.

Following a suggestion made by the county clerk, J. Stuart, a resolution was drawn up, empowering the board of auditors to make recommendations as to the amount constables should receive, but after much discussion it was withdrawn. No action was therefore taken on the appeal made by Mr. Heath.

Reeve W. E. Grieves of Westminster expressed the belief that the whole system of county police should be torn down and rebuilt on a new plan from the foundation up.

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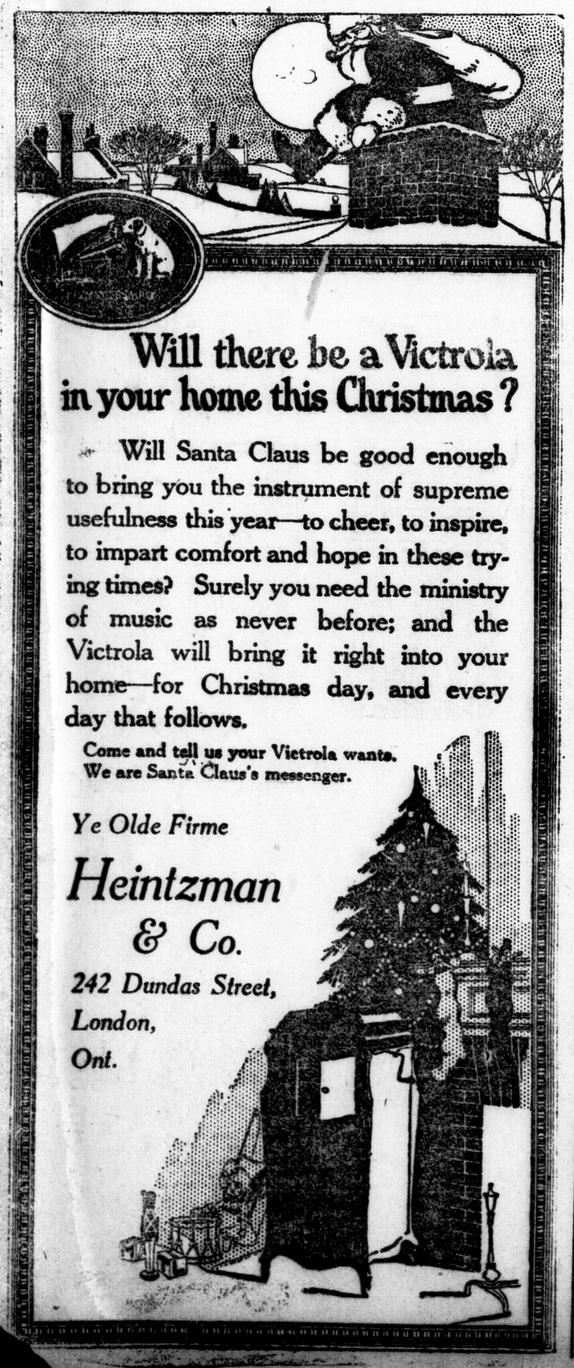

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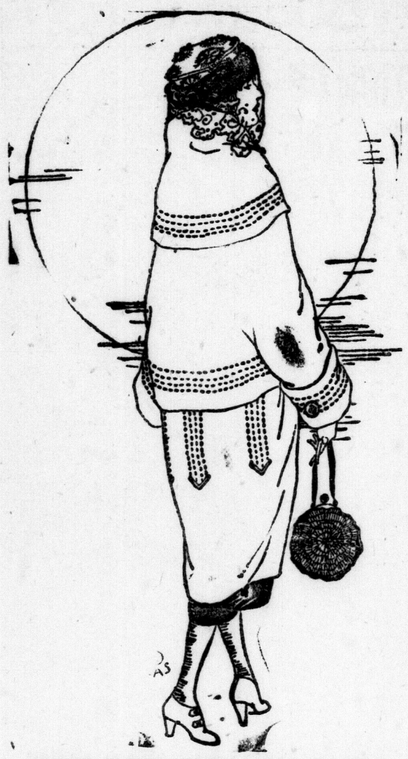

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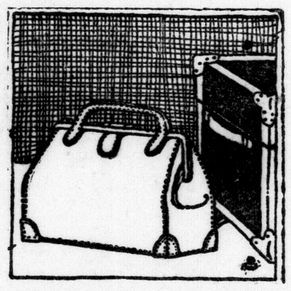

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