

NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

NORFOLK COUNCIL

Many Matters Taken Up—Grant to Great War Veterans

(From our own Correspondent) Since, Jan. 25.—The county fathers visited the Industrial Farm and Home yesterday forenoon; called at Butler's photograph gallery at 1.30, and resumed business at two o'clock.

H. P. Innes, K.C., interviewed council re. the claim of James Cameron and daughter and Mrs. Paik for personal injuries and damages to car at the Big Creek bridge at Delhi, owing to alleged unsafe condition in the planking of the bridge. The matter was referred to committee of the whole.

Charlottetown Petitions A petition signed by F. A. Saul and many others requesting an alteration in the good roads system west of Writrol, to provide access to the station at Walsh, was read and referred to the committee of the whole with power to report on the same and all similar petitions.

Chairman Langford of the Educational committee was appointed to sign cheques in connection with the Department of Agriculture.

The request of the county treasurer for an increase in salary, was referred to the committee on salaries.

Council went into committee of the whole at 3.30, and considered the report of the Supt. of county good roads.

Great War Veterans' Appeal Mr. Langford opened the discussion on the question of supporting the Great War Veterans in their effort to receive returning soldiers. The discussion elicited the fact that many outside organizations are contemplating providing medals for returned men. Messrs. Buck, Welsh, Carter.

The committee recommended an interim grant of \$100, and rose at 5.30.

To Close Registry Office at Noon on Saturdays A notice of motion to introduce a by-law to authorize the closing of the office of the registrar of deeds at noon on Saturdays, was sent up, and Charlottetown moved the adjournment at 5.30.

The road and bridge committee had an informal sitting in the evening to discuss alterations in the good roads system in Houghton. A deposition was down to meet council.

A Windham farmer has notified Supt. Marston that he will close the fences taken down to allow the public to travel over his crop, in case of a thaw; and advises that the road-way leading to Teeterville should be put in passable condition.

There was considerable condemnation of stamp fences as causing drifting of snow, and the Teeterville road being exceptionally narrow, aggravates the nuisance.

Press Photographs Rev. A. B. Barney and family have returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. Richardson returned from Toronto yesterday with their baby son, who is recovering from an operation necessitated to remove an open sore on which the child swelled a month ago.

Even revival meetings do not deter Victoria young people from attending the Mason arena. Sleigh loads from there and from Renton were in last week.

GAOL LOCKS DEFICIENT

Investigation Into Escape of Three Prisoners at Simcoe

Simcoe, Jan. 25.—(From Our Own Correspondent.) The gaol officials spent yesterday evening as to the whereabouts of three prisoners who escaped from custody in the county gaol here sometime between midnight and three o'clock a.m.

The turnkey visited the corridors after eleven o'clock before retiring and found all secure.

The men are George D. Cooper awaiting trial, his brother James F. Cooper under sentence since July 26th, 2 years for desertion from the military force, and 6 months additional for breaking goal some weeks ago; Basil Brockenbury who had served half of a three months' term of sentence under the Ontario Temperance Act.

They escaped as Cooper and one Smith did recently by sawing through a cast iron pad-lock leading to the yard, using benches to scale the wall and lowering themselves by a rope of bed sheets fastened from a chimney.

The alarm was given by Night watchman Pepper, and the men traced to the stable of Cooper's father where a horse and sleigh was secured. They drove north and west from town but the sleigh tracks were lost in a light fall of snow which fell after midnight.

The sawing was apparently done with a notched jack-knife or some such instrument.

LABOR STANDS BY THE CABINET

Shelves a Resolution Demanding the Withdrawal of its Members

Nottingham, Jan. 25.—While condemning the votes cast in the House of Commons on some occasions by George N. Barnes and other members of the Labor party, the Labor conference to-day, by a vote of 1,885,000 to 722,000, shelved a resolution demanding the withdrawal of the Labor members from the Cabinet.

Arthur Henderson, former member of the War Cabinet, appealed to the conference not to pass the resolution. He said it would break up the government and delay peace.

Personally he would never again belong to the government, he asserted, unless the Labor party was predominant.

A resolution was adopted condemning Barnes, Hodge and Roberts, Government Laborite members of Parliament, for their votes favoring a weekly wage of two shillings for agricultural laborers.

Will Proceed with Bill Arthur Henderson, former member of the British War Cabinet, announced at the Labor conference here to-day that he had received a letter from Premier Lloyd George saying that the views of the Labor executive had been carefully considered, but that in consequence of the urgency of the problem, and on the advice of the military experts, it was impossible to comply with the Executive's request, and that the government would proceed with the "man-power" bill.

The request of the Labor Executive was that the Government suspend consideration of the man-power bill by the House of Commons until after the Labor conference here, so that the members of the Labor party in the House of Commons would be able to participate in the discussion of the measure.

Henderson Upheld The attacks on the Labor members of the Cabinet came largely from the fringes of the party, and were in many cases so fiery and anarchistic as to earn hisses even from such an extremely tolerant audience as this. The main body of the delegates stood firmly behind Mr. Henderson in his plea.

"For," he said, "present peace is the supreme issue, and we must not allow its consummation to be interfered with or clouded by retracting the Labor party's vote of the past two years in favor of the continuation of the coalition."

The speeches against the Ministers included one from a Manchester delegate, who urged everybody in the country to lay down his tools as a protest against the failure of the British Government to recognize the Russian democracy.

Scottish delegates called the Labor members of the Cabinet traitors and demanded that the British Government recognize the German democracy, as well as the Russian.

This delegate was "booed" into his seat. Secretary Bromley, of the Locomotive Engineers followed with: "There is to-day a real and imminent danger of a great popular insurrection in this country. It will burst out if we shuffle along with this unsatisfactory coalition government any longer."

Not Normal Times Mr. Henderson brought the meeting back to earth in a convincing speech, in which he said: "If these were normal times there would be no differences of opinion as to the undesirability of associating with the capitalistic parties, but they are not normal times, and the party has decided that on the whole the advantages therefrom have outweighed the disadvantages. Let the present Government go on, and let us push them as hard as we can towards peace."

A French delegate, Pierre Renaudel, leader of the majority Socialists, announced that it had been arranged for the Labor and Socialist parties of various countries to hold a conference on February 17 with the aim of promoting a general agreement on the lines of British Labor's war aims. An endeavor was being made to secure concurrence of the Labor movement in the United States. When a complete agreement was thus arranged, he added, the working class organizations of the belligerent countries would be invited to share in the united action to establish a durable peace ratifying the defeat of imperialism throughout the world.

JOINS CONFERENCE By Courier Leased Wire. Calgary, Jan. 24.—Alex Ross, M.L.A., Calgary, Labor member for the provincial house, has been asked to participate in the war committee and Labor conference at Ottawa and leaves for the East to-day.

SHORTAGE RELIEVED. By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Jan. 24.—The shortage of bunker coal, which a few days ago was seriously hampering the fueling of vessels in New York harbor, "has been entirely relieved," according to a statement to-day by J. B. Parsons, detailed by the United States Shipping Board to supervise the bunkering of ships at which the men were enclosed it was this port.

COUNTY USED DEBENTURES

Proceeds of Sale of Patriotic Fund Used For Current Expenses

LEVY IS NECESSARY In Order to Recover Funds—Startling Financial Situation

Simcoe, Jan. 25.—(From our own correspondent.)—A matter of much concern to the county council now in session is the situation of the county's finances. The council of 1915, of which Reeve McKie was "Finance Minister" closed the year with an overdraft at the bank of \$29,916.17. During the next year this deficit was wiped off except \$691.70. The year just closed left \$5,278.78 in the treasury.

During this period of two years, two issues of Patriotic Fund debentures of \$75,000 each have been sold, and the proceeds therefrom, approximately \$145,000, has been paid to the Patriotic fund or local association. The balance of approximately \$31,000 has disappeared in the general expenditures till only \$5,278.78 was left.

If any blame attaches anywhere, it must be placed upon those who deposited the proceeds of the sale of debentures in the bank to the credit of the general account, and to the bank for not advising otherwise, and while no blame can be attached to the temporary use of the debenture money to keep down the bank overdraft, the levy in 1916 and 1917 should have been sufficiently great to provide for current expenses and in a measure to cover the abnormal overdraft left by Mr. McKie, in 1915.

Mr. Duncombe's finance committee of 1917 doubtless based their estimates on those of 1916 and fell short by doing so. The council has now to grapple with the task of overtaking this irregular absorption of the Patriotic Fund account.

Will Require Nine Mill Rate. In committee of the whole to-day, Warden Buck forecast a 1918 rate of 9 mills on the dollar to square away these deficiencies and get the county in a solvent condition. He said he had spent some time during the morning with the auditors and the treasurer, and had come to this conclusion.

Levy Low for Years. The situation has developed from the fact that for some four or five years the annual levy has been much too low to meet expenses. The intersection of the proceeds of the sale of the \$150,000 Patriotic Fund debentures into the general fund covered the situation up so far as the current year was concerned, and the bank reaped the benefit of the interest on a huge overdraft at a good rate and of course with excellent security. It was not up to the bank to sound the alarm.

Not even the treasurer, he blamed, as he claims he was not permitted to open a special account for the Patriotic fund money. His first intimation that the proceeds of the last sale were to hand, was obtained by examining his bank book entries after the money had been placed in the general account.

MUSICAL HEADQUARTERS. Pianos and Player-Pianos in many makes at H. J. Smith and Co.'s. The largest dealers in musical merchandise in Brant county. The prospective piano buyer would be well advised, if he consulted them and looked over their offerings before purchasing. Hundreds of satisfied customers in city and county for references. Edison Diamond Disc Phonographs and Records are here for your inspection. Music lovers who want the best, invariably select the New Edison Sheet Music. If you want, at any time, any kind of sheet music, you will find at this store all the best classical music, together with the latest popular songs, and they will be cheerfully played for your selection. No matter what your requirements are in the line of music or musical instruments they can be supplied by H. J. Smith and Co., headquarters for music in Brantford.

DOODS' KIDNEY PILLS. KIDNEY PILLS. RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, BURNS, DIABETES, GRAVEL, SANDS, STONES, 23 THE PROPHET.

STORE OPENS 9 A. M. CLOSSES 9 P. M. J. M. Young & Co. "QUALITY FIRST" January Sale

Saturday Specials From Our January Sale!

Hundreds of Bargains Await You. Every Department has Special Lines for Saturday Selling. Shop Early

Wonderful Bargains in Here Our Dress Goods Specials for Saturday

Ladies Winter Coats, made of all wool Blanket Cloth, Tweeds and zobelines, all smart styles and full range of sizes; Sale price \$7.90

Coats at \$19.50 Coats made of Velour, Tweed, Beaver Cloth, high-class styles to choose from and worth up to \$27.00; Sale price \$19.50

100% ALL FURS AT 10% Fur Coats, Neckpieces and Muffs

Salts Plush Coats \$35.00 Best quality Esquimette Plush, 46 in. length; full sweep belt, large collar, best Italian lining; Sale price, at \$35.00

Dresses at \$8.90 Ladies and Misses one piece dresses, straight line effects, colors navy, brown and black; made of good quality Serge collars of silk or Georgette Crepe; Sale price \$8.90

Millinery All trimmed Millinery, black and colors, all to clear at Half price.

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS \$1.79 PR. 20 pairs of Grey Flannelette Blankets, good large size; special sale price, pair \$1.79

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS \$2.19 PR. We have just received another shipment of 12-4 white and grey flannelette blankets, (slightly imperfect) January sale price, pair \$2.19

REMNANTS OF PRINTS, GINGHAMS, TABLE LINENS, ETC. A big lot of stock-taking remnants, consisting of Table Linens, Towellings, Flannelettes, Prints, Gingham, etc., all at sale prices.

PRINTS AND GINGHAMS 20c YARD. Balance of last year stock of Prints and Gingham; worth up to 30c yard; all to go at 20c

WHITE TABLE LINEN 39c YARD 2 pieces of White Table Linen, 58 in. wide; good heavy weight; Jan. sale price, yard 39c

36 IN. WHITE POPLIN 25c YARD 3 pieces of White Poplin Suiting, 36 in. wide, January sale price, yard 25c

J. M. YOUNG & COMPANY

CONVALESCENTS SHOW FINE SPIRIT Undaunted by Big Handicaps They Surmount All Difficulties and Smile

The indomitable spirit of the Canadian man who return from the front disabled for further military service, subject according to the extent of his wounds for further medical treatment or vocational re-education under the Military Hospital Commission, is glimpsed in the following story told by the M.C.A. officer at the Halifax receiving depot.

Concours are held every night in the recreation room of the depot while the men are detained there, and the talented citizens of Halifax have been very generous in giving their services. For the last time to land before the big disaster these was the customary program on the night of their arrival. The battered heroes lined the big room. In the back a row of wheel chairs drew up as a rear guard, and in the front on the floor sat a row of lads cross-legged.

The artist was a young woman, a visitor in Halifax, unaccustomed to the maimed back-wash of war as Halifax has seen it since the first transport of disabled pulled into port. The expectant faces before her were a stimulus she never had known before and when she stopped the room rang with a clamor of approval.

In the front row were two lads each of whom had lost an arm. They were boyish men carried away with enthusiasm. They just had to applaud somehow and so they got together on it. One had held out his one hand and the other laid his into it with resounding whacks.

The young woman sang every song she knew at that, and when after she encloses a friend said, "You never sang so well before," she replied, "And I never expect to sing so well again. I'll never again have those two wonderful lads to inspire me."

Hood's Pills 3322 constipation, biliousness and all liver ills. Do not gripe or irritate.

FOR SALE

\$2000 for 25 acres, good 1-2 storey; 7 rooms; bank three acres of fruit; all un- seen. Would exchange of city. \$6000—66 acres; good nine rooms; bank barn, No. 2, 28x44; one acre of fruit cultivation. Best of so Pleasant. \$3500—For good brick rooms on Park Ave, half a gain. \$1000—For good white large, five rooms, on Dalhousie. \$4000—For new two brick house on Albion St. \$3200—For a fine two brick house; all conveniences. St. Large lot. \$1500—For 25 acres of house, 1-2 storey bank three acres of fruit, one berries, strawberries; nice \$600 cash. \$9500—For 100 acres; buildings, best of soil; near

G. W. HAVILA 61 Brant St., Brantford Phone 1530

PARLIAMENTARY

Friday, the fifteenth day next, will be the last day for presenting Petitions for Private Bills.

Friday, the twenty-second day next, will be the last day for introducing Private Bills.

Thursday, the seventh day next, will be the last day for Reports of Committees of Reports.

ARTHUR H. SYD Clark of the Legislative Toronto, January 8th, 1918

TORONTO CLEARING

By Courier Leased Wire Toronto, Jan. 24.—Ban for the week ending to-day 1918.

HOSIERY FOR SATURDAY SELLING

Boys' Heavy Worsted, 2-1 Ribb Hose, all sizes; Sale price 65c and, per pair \$1.25

Ladies All Wool Cashmere Hose, elastic top; all sizes; O. S.; Sale price \$1.25

Ladies Fleece Lined Hose, all sizes, good wearing hose; Sale price \$1.25

Children's Wool Gauntlets Mitts, in cadet, red, white, navy and black, all sizes \$1.25

Ladies Chamisette Gloves, 2 dome fasteners; in black, white; all sizes; Sale price, \$1.00 and \$1.25

LADIES SILK WAISTS Ladies Waist, made of white Habitu Silk; good smart styles; all sizes; Sale price \$2.19

Ladies Waists, made of silk crepe de chine; trimmed with dainty gipure edging; Sale price \$3.29

FLANNELETTE GOWNS \$1.50 Ladies Flannelette Night Gowns, made of good quality flannelette; slip-over or high neck style; nicely trimmed; sale price \$1.50

UNDERWEAR 65c Ladies Vest and Drawers, long sleeves; vests come in white or natural, heavy weight. Here is a bargain; sale price, per garment 65c

TERRITORY EVACUATED

Austrians Quit Positions on Northern Italian Front

By Courier Leased Wire Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The enemy has evacuated territory on the northern mountain front behind Monte Tomba, extending from the Piave River westward.

The defense lines have now been moved back to Mont Spinocola. Italian patrols reconnoitered in the last few days found that their patrols and sentinels had been withdrawn and later discovered that the enemy had abandoned the entire region. This retreat is a sequel to the brilliant victory French troops recently obtained on Monte Tomba, inasmuch as the enemy's position thereafter became untenable.

The retirement of the enemy is important in showing that he has given up his efforts to force a passage to the Venetian plains by way of Monte Tomba and the west bank of the Piave, at least for the present. He is now constructing defensive works in the rear.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid! In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hacking, snuffling, blowing, sneezing, dryness. No straining for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream to your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly. It's just fine. Don't stay stuffy with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

Buy your Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. THE ELY A CHAIN