

# FARMERS DO NOT WANT CHINESE LABOR; MEN WHO ARE UNFIT MIGHT WORK ON LAND

Central Ontario Fairs' Association Met in Belleville Yesterday—Addresses by J. Lockie Wilson and J. C. Stewart—Officers Elected, Fair Dates Set.

That the Government should apply conscription in order to secure help for the farmers as well as men for the trenches so as to guarantee an ample crop was the attitude of several speakers at the annual meeting of the Central Ontario Fairs' Association, which met in Belleville yesterday afternoon at the City Hall.

President George Carlaw, of Campbellford, was in the chair and the meeting was one of the largest on record. Among the visitors were Superintendent of Fairs J. Lockie Wilson and Mr. James C. Stewart, of Osgoode Ont., a former president of the provincial association.

## Mayor's Welcome

Mayor Platt extended the city's welcome to the delegates. He touched on production. "It is up to each and every one of us to help our country along in this time of terrible stress in Europe." Although not much of a reader along agricultural lines, he had had a little experience on the farm. "I think it is your duty to do your utmost to stimulate the farmers to put forth every effort towards production. Food experts say that the food situation is very critical. What you ought to do I should not be able to say. But you best know. Some societies are offering prizes for the best crops. That is a very good idea. Our boys need food. The bacon hog is an absolute necessity and the producers must be urged to strenuous efforts. You can also urge the farmers to produce that well-known cereal—wheat. The spring season is approaching. Try and see if it is not possible to change the crop from oats to wheat. The sinking of a ship means the loss of the crop from thousands of acres. If we supply the bacon and wheat, I think we can give the men."

President George Carlaw thanked Mayor Platt. He thought we can depend upon the farmers to produce as much wheat, oats and bacon as possible with the labor at hand.

## Chinese Labor Not Wanted

Mr. James C. Stewart, an ex-president of the Ontario Fairs' Association, opened his address with reference to the production of necessary food. "By conscription we want to mean conscription. We believe it is necessary to get men to go to the trenches. It is also necessary to get men to go to the farms. (Applause). We have in the cities, men in the poolrooms, serving on tables in hotels, and selling ribbon by the yard. Many of them are found unfit. We find that the man that must go to the front must have such physical strength that these are not acceptable. The Government wants only A-2 men at the front. These men, mentioned above, do not measure up to that standard. Accordingly, too much is asked of the farmers. We cannot fight and raise hogs at the same time. Surely, men not fit to go to the front are fit to go on the farm. If we do not get the help, it looks as if we are not going to get that extra 250,000,000 bushels of grain for export. Someone says, bring in Chinese coolies; but they are not wanted on the farms. Conscription should be carried further. There are 400,000 men fit to be in the first call. The Government wants 100,000 for the front. The Government should conscript the rest for munitions and for the farms. It is a scandal to have able-bodied men making candy or shining shoes.

## Assistance Necessary for Production

A man and his wife cannot milk 30 cows and care for three or four children. They must avail unless they have assistance. Farmers can accomplish much by co-operation as the Grange growers' Association shows. It now holds the balance of power in the Union Government. Mr. Stewart congratulated the Fairs' Association on its work. J. L. Wilson's praise for Fall Fairs.

Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, superintendent of fairs, was given a warm and hearty greeting. He congratulated the farmers on the great farming in progress. "You are doing your great part in the work of completing all that is good. You are the leaders of place of meeting, owing to the large fall fairs in this section, through attendance. The thanks of the Association last year. Governments are realizing the importance of the city and the Belleville Agricultural Society for the

industry of the country. There is no more patriotic class than the farmers and their families, who are doing their part. One hundred and eighty-five fair associations are represented in the provincial association. Yours is the oldest agricultural organization in Canada. It is over 100 years old. You have shown by your continuous struggle that you will never let go." Mr. Wilson touched on the advantages of the central association at Toronto.

## Specialization Advantages

"You are offering too many prizes but not large enough ones. Your prize list must be revised. Give your prizes so as to give the greatest good to the greatest number. Don't waste money on offering everybody a prize. Specialize, I say, specialize. Offer prizes for oats; encourage men to grow one kind of cat, best suited to your locality. This will build up a reputation for your locality. A man may grow what he likes, but it may not be best suited. That man who wants to be an individualist must pass away. The communistic idea is the proper one. Get your society to specialize on all lines of endeavor."

## Unfit Might Regain Health on Farm

The success of the plowing matches was remarkable. "Make good plowmen of the farm boys." "I am glad to know you have risen to the occasion. You want to do the best for your country."

"I don't think you could do much with 100,000 Chinese coolies on the farm. Would you have 100,000 interpreters with them?" To the unfit, Mr. Wilson said perhaps these 300,000 would regain their health. "Shoulder your musket or shoulder the hoe; get hold of the reins. These 300,000 would be far better for farm work than Chinese coolies. Perhaps it would be well to take some farmers into the consultation in the matter."

"Who is to blame for the few farmers in Parliament? Whoever hears of a farmer lauding to the sky a bright young farmer?" "Thirty-five thousand Canadian boys sleep beneath the golden lilies of France—the heroes' sleep. A day may bring bad news to thousands of Canadian homes. Our boys are holding up that flag in Flanders or on the tossing deep. If it were not for the brave boys on the sea, where would be our security?" No man has done all he could, except he who is lying in Flanders' fields. What matters your crops, your herd, your prices, if the Hun is at the gate?

## High Prices

Abnormal prices are not best for the farmers. "You require to buy more than others require to buy of you. If your prices are high, high are the prices you will have to pay."

## Dates for Fairs

The following dates were selected for the fairs in the district: Shannonville, Sept. 14. Marmora, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Picton, Sept. 17, 18, 19. Tweed, Oct. 3, 4. Madoc, Oct. 1, 2. Ameliasburg, Sept. 20, 21. Frankford, Sept. 19, 20. Belleville, Sept. 2, 3. Wooler, Sept. 5, 6. Stirling, Sept. 25, 26. Warkworth, Oct. 3, 4. Castleton, Oct. 1, 2. Campbellford, Sept. 24, 25. Brighton, Sept. 12, 13. Coe Hill, Sept. 24, 25. Bancroft, Sept. 16, 17. Colborne, Sept. 15, 17. Roseneath, Sept. 26, 27. Millbrook, Oct. 8, 9. Centerville, Sept. 21.

## Officers

Officers were elected as follows: President, T. A. McParlane, Shannonville; 1st Vice-Pres., Clement H. Ketcheson, Frankford; 2nd Vice-Pres., Angus Nicholson, Madoc; Auditors, J. B. Ferris, Campbellford and W. J. Hill, Madoc; Sec.-Treas., G. A. Gay, Campbellford; Delegate to prov. assn., George Carlaw, Warkworth. Belleville was selected as the next place of meeting, owing to the large fall fairs in this section, through attendance. The thanks of the Association last year. Governments are realizing the importance of the city and the Belleville Agricultural Society for the

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Finances in Flourishing Condition—History to be Compiled.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church was held in the school room on Wednesday evening last with a good attendance of the members in spite of the severe weather. The pastor opened the meeting with devotional exercises and presided. Mr. Arthur McGie acted as secretary. The statement of session shows an addition of 37 members in the roll of the church, bringing the total membership up to 400. Sympathetic reference was made to several families of the congregation that had lost dear ones in the service of the country. There is an honor roll of 100 names representing the contribution of St. Andrew's church to the cause of world liberty and civilization. Col. Lazier, chairman of the board of managers, presented the financial statement which was of an encouraging character. It was also pointed out in behalf of the board of trustees that the entire mortgage of the church will be provided for this year, leaving the church in the happy condition of being free from debt. The report of the Sunday school shows the average attendance well maintained, an excellent staff of teachers and officers and the finances in a flourishing condition. \$100 being contributed to missionary and a surplus sufficient to provide for the running expenses of the school or 1918. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary showed \$350 raised besides valuable assistance rendered in other ways to the missionaries. Mrs. F. A. Bennett president last year being re-elected for another term of office. The Ladies Aid reported a most satisfactory year's work. Parcels have been sent to all the boys of St. Andrew's church, overseas which have been gratefully acknowledged by them. The receipts amounted to \$650 with a balance on hand of \$232. The Young Peoples' Guild held meetings weekly throughout the year with the exception of the summer months. The attendance has been maintained in spite of the disturbing influence of war. After all expenses had been paid there was a balance of \$35 which was given for missionary support. Mr. William Leslie, treasurer of the mission fund, reported \$1,330 contributed and with monies raised by auxiliary organizations for missionary and benevolent purposes a total of \$1700.00. The mission fund under the presidency of Mr. Wm. McIntosh was carried in the regular way and with the same measure of success as in former years. The managers selected for 1918 were Mr. R. Templeton, John McIntosh, A. J. Boyes, A. Gillen, Dr. J. Farley, W. J. Campbell.

Col. W. N. Ponton was appointed by the congregation as chairman of a committee to gather historic data and undertake the preservation of a document setting forth the history of St. Andrew's church since the founding in the neighborhood of 90 years ago. The meeting was concluded with one national anthem and benediction.

## OBITUARY

LUELLA STAPLEY

Luella Stapley, third daughter of Richard Stapley, Cannifton Road, died yesterday at the home of her father at the age of 17 years and 24 days. She was born in Belleville and resided here all her life. About seven weeks ago she was taken ill. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church. Mourning her death are her father and mother, three brothers, Richard, of Belleville, Edgar, of France, Ernest at home and four sisters, Mrs. C. McBride, Toronto, Gertrude, Minnie and Georgina at home. Funeral notices will appear tomorrow.

Mrs. J. B. Gibson, Yorkton Sask., left for her home yesterday, having spent several weeks in the city owing to the death of her mother, Mrs. A. G. Vermilyea.

## POPULARITY OF HASTINGS DOGS

County Council Did Not Want Increase in Tax—North Hastings Inspectorate.

Kent County Council presented a copy of a memorial to the Legislature, asking for the removal of the inequality of franchise under which the rural parts live as compared with the cities regarding the need of courts of registration of voters. The warden and Mr. Clare spoke in favor of the change.

This only applies to the provincial voters' list, not the Dominion, said Mr. Vermilyea. The County Council of Hastings concurred in the memorial.

## Hastings' Dogs Popular

Grey County Council's memorial to the Legislature was next taken up. It was with relation to the taxation of dogs and taggins, because of the killing of sheep. Ex-Warden McLaren opposed the further taxation of dogs. Dr. Embury, of Bancroft—"Better put a tax on wildcats. The wildcats are killing more sheep in our locality than dogs."

Mr. Hubbell said claims had been made for sheep killed in his district and the judge ruled that they were killed by wildcats. The dogs in his district were mostly hounds. Mr. James T. Clare favored enforcing the tagging of dogs. "Talk about the high cost of living," said Mr. Laycock, "there are dogs eating up what people should have."

S. B. Rollins—"This dog tag business is no good. How can you tell whether a tag is for 1918, 1917 or 1916 when you can't catch the dog. We tried it in Tweed and it was a failure."

"The dog tax should be \$2," said Mr. Clare. Mr. C. Rollins, of Wollaston, thought the present system fair enough.

Mr. John W. Hess—"The present law works all right in Sidney."

"One dollar is enough," stated Mr. C. Vanderwater. "The dogs of Rawdon are about as popular as they are here," said the warden amid laughter. "Rawdon had a sheep bill of over \$600 in one year. The danger to sheep is so great that sheep-rangers fear to branch out. There should be some more stringent law. It is hard to trace a dog that has killed a sheep."

"Marmora had no success with tags," said Mr. Grey. "Nobody owns the dog. There's the difficulty," declared Mr. Clare. Mr. Vermilyea said: "Thurlof has a moving population. Every year we lose 500 or 600 assessments for dogs. Taking it altogether, I stand by the dog. We have 550 assessments for dogs. But we lose some, leaving 300 dogs on which taxes are paid. We have a greater revenue from dogs than our expenditures for sheep bills."

The vote was in favor of the present system, no action being taken with the memorial.

## Inspector's Office

Inspector H. J. Clarke sent a communication to Council regarding a bookcase for books and respecting the use of his office in Shire Hall for purposes other than for his use and for committee meetings.

Mr. Vermilyea said the room had been used for election purposes by the city, province and Dominion. "Turnkey" Robert Colling said Chairman Coulter of the Finance Committee had given him permission for the use of the room for the elections.

Mr. Vermilyea—"The Finance chairman had no power to authorize anyone to use the room. I am not finding fault with Mr. Colling, but with the system. The county should not be supplying election voting places, or should be paid for the use of any rooms."

"The inspector should have full control of this room," declared the warden. The matter was left to the Finance Committee to deal with.

Mr. J. N. Bell, principal of the Frankford Continuation School, was appointed as a member of the Board of Entrance Examiners.

## Reduce Size of Inspectorate

"At present Inspector Colling has 104 teachers over very difficult territory," said Dr. Embury, of Bancroft. Of these, 60 are in North Hastings, 34 in Parry Sound and 10 in Nipissing. Mr. Colling thought that a recommendation of the Council might hurry the action of the Department in reorganizing the inspectorate to reduce the number of teachers under his charge. The territory is too large.

Dr. Embury moved, seconded by Mr. Hubbell, that this Council re-

## WANTS GERMAN GIRL PLACED IN REFUGE

County Council, Now in Session at Shire Hall, Decides to Take No Action in the Matter.

A German girl whose brother lives in Wicklow and with whom she had been living, ran away from her home and has since been staying in Madawaska in Nipissing at a place, the owner of which cannot get her to leave. She is not altogether normal. It was thought that an effort should be made to get her into the County Refuge at Belleville.

Reeve Green, of Wicklow, reported on the case. "They cannot compel us to look after her. It is outside our jurisdiction anyway," said Mr. Vermilyea, who moved that no action be taken. The motion carried.

## Road's Expenditures

Treasurer B. Mallory presented a report on the expenditures on roads in 1917. Maintenance totaled \$25,745 and construction \$1,118.82 on a Tweed road and College St. Belleville \$2,466.05. The governments share of the expenditures was \$8,029.76, on unapproved roads \$1,807.97 was expended. The total expenditure on roads in 1917 was \$31,137.95, which cost the county \$29,602.07, the balance of \$1,535.88 being paid by Thurlof and Tweed.

Road Superintendent H. G. Bleeker took part in the ensuing discussion.

## Council adopted the report.

The nominating committees report was read and adopted. Finance Committee—S. B. Rollins, chairman, R. T. Grey, J. V. Walsh, S. Fox, W. A. Hubbell, Warden Montgomery.

Roads and bridges—J. H. Clare, chairman. House of Refuge—J. W. Hess, chairman, T. Laycock, Warden Montgomery. Bridges—J. A. Moore, chairman, J. G. Sills, Frank White, E. Brinklow and C. Vanderwater.

Auditors of administration of justice accounts—U. Vermilyea.

## Provincial Highway

It was moved by Mr. Hess seconded by Mr. McLaren that whereas an act has been passed by the legislature of the province of making provisions for a main highway from the eastern boundary to the western boundary of the province. It is hereby requested by the council of Hastings that such a route may be selected as shall pass through the Townships of Sidney, Thurlof and Tyendinaga that would be approved by the council of the county that the proportioned cost and maintenance be assumed by the county and not by the townships mentioned through which it passes—carried.

## PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

County Continues Patriotic Grant of \$3,000 per Month—Children's Aid Work—Appreciation of Services of Member for North Hastings.

At the County Council on Thursday afternoon it was moved by Mr. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Kells, that the usual grant to the northern stances several special cases had municipalities on the roads be the same as that of 1917, and that the same conditions govern the payment of said grants as have previously governed—carried.

It was moved by Mr. Laycock, seconded by Mr. Grey, that the clerk be authorized to notify the Hydro-Electric Commission that poles no. 585, 596 and 597 on their power line leading to Delora are too close to the road and request them to remove same to a reasonable distance from the road, their present situation being considered as dangerous and inconvenient to the public. Carried.

## Children's Aid Work

Mr. A. E. Bailey, president of the Children's Aid Society, addressed the Council and stated that the Society had received from Mr. Ritchie \$16,000, from the City of Belleville \$5,000, and from the county \$4,800 for the new shelter building on Dundas Street, in Belleville. The receipts for 1917 were \$6,562.72, and the expenditures 4,333.69, leaving a balance of \$2,229.02. As against this balance there are some outstanding accounts against the building fund.

At the present time there are 45 children at the shelter. During the past year 122 children were taken in from the county, but many had been placed in foster homes. He asked the county to give a grant of \$600 to assist in paying off indebtedness. The City Council would also be asked to give a grant.

In answer to an inquiry from Mr. Vermilyea, Mr. Bailey stated that the Government did assist to a certain extent, paying a proportion of the expenses of the agent of the Society, Mr. Ruston.

Capt. Ruston said the Government allowed him his actual expenses when he visited a ward who is placed in a foster home, if the child is sent from a shelter in another district. During the past year, 122 children were placed in the Shelter from the County of Hastings. The average length of time the child is in the

comment that the number of schools to be inspected by Mr. Colling be reduced in numbers in Parry Sound and Nipissing Districts, as we consider that in the present arrangement he has too much work to do. Carried.

The County Council concurred in recommendation of Prince Edward County Council to have the Highways Act amended so that the road superintendent will have power to close roads undergoing repairs or construction.

## A Northern Highway

Mr. Sills moved, seconded by Mr. Gray, that the county road from Belleville to Maynooth via Foxboro, Halloway, Madoc, Eldorado, Bancroft, Millbridge, Murphy's Corners, Ormsby, L'Amable, Bancroft and Bird's Creek be designated a provincial county road, and a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Cook, M.P.P. requesting him to try and have the Department recognize the above road as a provincial county road. Carried.

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## Conference on Roads Necessary

Mr. Gunter moved, seconded by Mr. Burns, that a committee composed of the reeves of the nine southern townships and the superintendent of roads be appointed to meet the minister of highways and representatives from the City of Belleville and Town of Trenton to reach an agreement as to what roads leading into these places they will proportionately build and maintain and what portions will be assumed by the province, the City of Belleville, the Town of Trenton and the County of Hastings, said committee to meet at the call of the minister of highways. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Simeon Fox, seconded by Mr. W. H. Kells, that whereas the Council of Hastings County has accepted the proposal laid down by Mr. Cook in connection with the Provincial Department, promises to assume responsibility to the extent of 70 per cent. in provincial highway, and 60 per cent. on highway connecting Belleville with Maynooth, we therefore request Mr. Cook to get the Department to assume these roads this spring. Carried.

## Continuation Schools

Dr. Embury moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. Kells, that in view of the fact that in the future as Tweed continuation school will rank as a high school, and therefore the proportionate grant system will be changed, that Bancroft continuation school receive a grant of \$300 for the year 1918. Referred to the ways and means committee.

## Robert Cook's Services Recognized

Moved by Mr. N. Vermilyea, seconded by Mr. Gunter, that this Council hereby recognize the very valuable and efficient services given in this county's interest, not only in the matters we have been discussing, the question of provincial and county roads, but in many other and widely extended directions, all in the public interest, of Robert Cook, Esq., M.P.P. for North Hastings, and this County Council solicits a continuance of these services and thanks Mr. Cook for past help. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Dr. Embury, that whereas there are many highways of the Hastings County road system carrying a large amount of traffic that does not originate within the county, but is through traffic, and whereas it is considered unjust and unfair that the municipality should have to bear the greater part of the burden for the construction and maintenance of such roads, be it therefore resolved that the minister of public works be requested to designate as a provincial county road, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 28 of the Highways Movement Act, the following road from Belleville north through Foxboro, Halloway, Madoc, Eldorado, Bancroft and Bancroft to Maynooth, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the minister of highways. Carried.

## COUNCILLORS VOICE REGRETS

Resolution of Condolence in Death of Mr. A. W. Vermilyea Passed by County Council

At the County Council meeting on Wednesday afternoon J. V. Walsh, moved, seconded by Mr. J. T. Clare, "That, whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from the sphere of worldly activities by death Mr. A. W. Vermilyea, brother of Nathaniel Vermilyea, Esq., reeve of Thurlof, we, the members of Hastings County Council, desire to hereby extend to our respected and beloved colleague and the family of the deceased, our sincere sympathy and assure them of our profound sorrow and deep regret at the great loss they have sustained. We realize how empty words of condolence seem on these occasions, but we pray that grace sufficient to mitigate the great burden of grief may be supplied to the friends left behind and that the exemplary life lived by the deceased in the interests of his fellow-men may stimulate our efforts to emulate his noble example and give us the right to claim in some small measure the affection and regard enjoyed by the departed by those who knew him best."

The motion was carried by a standing vote and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. N. Vermilyea. "The resolution is most kind," he said with deep emotion.

The obsequies of the late Brakman George Barnum, who lost his life at Mimico, were held under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Trainmen. In an error, a previous report stated that the B. L. F. conducted the funeral.

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