

Reconstruction of North Hastings

The Hastings County Council on Thursday adopted a recommendation of the Finance Committee to have county workmen insured under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Finance Committee was deputed to deal with the matter.

Auto Damage Claims.

Mr. A. E. Williams made a claim on the County Council for \$20 damage for the breaking of a spring of a car through a hole on the county road near Springbrook.

"If we have to pay for all springs broken on cars, we shall have to pay hundreds of dollars," declared Mr. McLaren.

"Springs are broken nearly every day," declared Road Supt. H. G. Bleeker. "This prevails everywhere."

John LaPalm had notice given council of a claim for damages against the Belleville Telephone Company and Hastings County because of an accident to a car.

Graham, Ltd., gave notice that any damage to trucks on the front road by reason of holes in the road would be charged against the county and a bill for \$8 was presented for the breaking of an auto spring.

Damages for a number of springs to Huffman's motor buses were claimed by O'Flynn, Diamond & O'Flynn. Clayton Osborne, of Tyndinaga, also claimed damages for a spring.

"Are we liable," asked Mr. McLaren. "Personally I would like to see no action taken."

"There is not a day when a spring is not broken in the county," said Mr. Vanderwater. "If we start paying for them, we had better start a factory."

"Every member almost of the council drives a car, but none broke springs," declared the warden. "It seems to me the council should pay none. If we have to fight, let us fight now."

"There is one way to learn whether we are liable—take no action with no cases and fight the cases," said Mr. Chas. Rollins.

Accordingly no action was taken.

Ex-Warden Ketcheson Welcomed

Ex-Warden Charles H. Ketcheson was given a warm welcome as he came into the council chamber. He recalled his pleasant associations of the old days and was glad to see so many old faces around the board.

Inspectors Ask Increase of Expense Allowance.

The inspectors of public schools in Hastings are asking for a revision of the expense allowance, owing to increase of postage, horse hire, and meals.

Inspector J. E. Minns, of Centre Hastings, said he had spent from Aug. 1st, 1915, to Aug. 1st, 1918, three years, the sum of \$1074, while his annual allowance was only three hundred dollars. For some time he had taken advantage of the hospitality of the farmers and saved expenses but his decision it was not fair to the farmers and himself and he had ceased to do this. He figures his expenses for four months \$290. He thought he should have \$100 more allowance making \$400 per year.

Mr. C. Rollins favored granting the extra one hundred dollars and the matter was referred to ways and means.

Centre Hastings Inspectorial is almost rural. A portion of the roads is impossible. He expected his expenses for 1918 would be between \$400 and \$450.

Council Pays Remaining \$5,000 of Y. M. C. A. Grant.

Mr. T. G. Sills moved, seconded by Mr. C. W. Thompson, that the County Council withhold for the present the \$5,000 unpaid of the \$10,000 grant to the Y. M. C. A., voted at June session. Mr. Sills figured out that the Y. M. C. A. had a profit of \$128,000. He complained that it was self-sustaining.

Dr. Embury, who saw service overseas, said there was only a leakage of three per cent. according to Mr. Sills figures, and the figures quoted were not complete.

Warden Montgomery, in the name of civilization, in the name of the British Empire, in the name of God, let us not weaken even a little bit in our efforts. If it were ten times as great. The best citizens that Canada has produced have returned to say the army could not have existed without the Y. M. C. A. Some believed that if it had not been for the Y. M. C. A. the French army would have been out of business one year ago.

"I would be ashamed of myself as a piece of the machinery of this council if this \$5,000 were held up. Mr. S. Rollins. This is no time to hold up grants. Thank God for what we have missed! The money has been

levied. I have such confidence in our public people that I have no doubt the money is needed.

Mr. C. W. Thompson said he favored just withholding the grant.

Mr. Vermilyea—"The County council ought to hold public money as a sacred thing. The money has just poured out of the treasurer's office. The Warden—"Prisoners are pouring over the lines and are practically living on the Y. M. C. A."

Mr. James Clare thought the Council should demand evidence that money was needed and that it if granted would be properly used.

Mr. McLaren—"The boys are not home yet. The Y. M. C. A. is still called on to do a good work in Europe. The majority of men that come home say they do not know what they would have done without the Y. M. C. A."

Mr. Sills—"If it is shown the money is needed next January or next June it can be granted."

Mr. J. Gunter strongly endorsed the attitude of Mr. McLaren.

Dr. Embury, who saw service at the front in 1915-16, told of conditions which satisfied him of the great work of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Vanderwater—"I'm in favor of paying the money. If ever the boys needed care, it is now."

The motion of Mr. Sills was almost unanimously defeated, only three voting for it.

Highway Through Tyndinaga.

The following resolution regarding the Provincial Highway through Tyndinaga was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Mr. Naylor, seconded by Mr. Fox, that whereas the Act raised by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario making provision for a Provincial Highway directs that the said highway shall pass through the southern part of the County of Hastings, and whereas the town of Deseronto is the only town in the County of Hastings which has been a large contribution to the revenue of the county, being an important commercial centre, therefore this council recommends to the Legislature of Ontario the taking over as a Provincial highway the county road through the Township of Tyndinaga and then southerly to the town of Deseronto and continue to the eastern boundary of the County of Hastings. This route to be the main line of the Provincial Highway, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Highway.

Mr. W. J. Jeffrey moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph Burns that the Township of Tyndinaga receive the same percentage from the sale of minerals under the road allowance between lots 13 and 14 on the 11th and 12th concessions as it is to receive under the road allowance at Moira Lake. Referred to Ways and Means Committee.

Rural Municipal Association Needed

A report of the committee that attended the Ontario Municipal Association was adopted. The warden explained the situation as he saw it. The whole tendency, said the Warden seemed to be that legislation favoring the rural municipalities was neglected by the Ontario Municipal Association.

He favored the formation of a rural municipal association. Undoubtedly all the counties would take the same turn. A Rural Association was the only way to go to the government. It is practically useless to send delegates from the rural municipalities to the association unless they were present in overwhelming numbers.

Reconstruction of North Hastings.

The rural districts never get their own. declared Mr. C. Rollins. The northern townships were once considered a burden. Some of the greatest water powers, summer resorts and mines in Ontario are in North Hastings.

Reconstruction of the north should be undertaken. Re-establishment of soldiers should not be in New Ontario or the west, but on farms in Hastings. "I appeal to the warden to have the county to get a publicity campaign started to bring Hastings to the public's attention. We have enough water power to furnish more than the needs of Hastings."

The warden said a deputation of the council had received a year ago a promise of the government to have a proper survey of the mining and water resources of the north part of the county as soon as conditions favored. Then a widely circulated report would be published.

The warden thought a county committee should report on Hastings plans for the reconstruction period.

Hastings Council should urge the government to investigate the possibilities of the north, declared Mr. C. Rollins.

The County Council of Hastings does not believe in worrying the government by forwarding a memorial

to Ottawa favoring the discontinuance of the practice of conferring titles in Canadians, so no action was taken regarding a petition to this effect.

A communication from Warden Clarence McIlroy, of Prince Edward, who is an officer of the Rural Municipal Association of Ontario was read. He stated the aims and objects of the organization.

Messrs. Vermilyea and McLaren spoke in favor of the county joining the Association.

Council decided to concur in the aims and objects of the Rural Association and expressed itself as favoring its aims and objects.

Soldiers Re-establishment.

Mr. C. Rollins moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. Sills, that representation be made to Soldiers Re-establishment Commission and to the Government that there should be made an investigation of the resources in mining and waterpower in North Hastings at the earliest possible date and the possibility of re-establishment of the soldiers on the land in North Hastings.—Carried.

Mr. Rollins moved, seconded by Mr. Naylor, that the clerk be authorized to forward all possible information on the Hastings resources in minerals and waterpower.—Carried.

Mr. Clare emphasized the need of the development of Hastings waterpower.

Road Problems Under Discussion.

Mr. James H. Clare, chairman of Roads and Bridges, reported on the work of the year. Wet weather and scarcity of help were adverse conditions. On the highway between Belleville and Maynooth there was spent \$13,476, and from Madoc to Tudor, \$3,141.

Dr. Embury, of Bancroft, said that the north was such that work had to be done on the roads before July for the roads to be permanent. It must be distinctly understood that the appropriation for roads for the north must be decided before the June session.

Superintendent H. G. Bleeker said that the provincial engineer thought to have machinery in the north if there is to be a good road built.

New quarries must be opened up in various parts to get good stone. Crushers must be purchased for the north, the only material being rock declared Mr. Clare. Rock foundations only can improve the situation in swampy parts.

"I would recommend that as soon as you build a road, you put on a coating of tarras," declared Mr. S. R. Rollins. Nothing will save a road but tarras.

Wide tires and enforcing law as to the driving of motors were the way to save the roads, declared Mr. Vermilyea.

"The trouble is that we have not had petrol gauge on the roads," stated Mr. McLaren. "A small hole should be filled up. Our great expense is not saving our roads when we have them. We don't pay enough wages in this county."

"We try to make one foreman cover twice too much road," said Mr. Clare, who endorsed the petrol system and the use of tarras. "We should try to put on a greater number of gangs."

Lack of drainage on the north roads was emphasized by Mr. Chas. S. Rollins.

"You want hot and dry weather to put on tarras," said Mr. Bleeker.

The automobile tax should be spent in the county where the licenses are owned, said Mr. Clare. The Warden and Mr. Vermilyea thought the present system better than that proposed by Mr. Clare.

Law Library Needs.

Mr. E. J. Butler headed a deputation of the Hastings Law Association which asked for at least four stocks for the law library. The other members of the deputation were County Judge Deroche, Col. Ponton, and F. E. O'Flynn. The matter was referred to Ways and Means.

3,000 Files Discharged

Process of Demobilization Proceeds at Rate of 500 Per Day.

Up till today, the number discharged from the Royal Air Force is 2,000 and demobilization continues at rate of 500 per day. As yet there has been no closing up of any of the various barracks or camps under the jurisdiction of the Aviation Department, and none is contemplated until the strength of the air force is reduced to an extent which would justify it. Many girl employees of the Department have already been discharged, and the number is being added to daily.—Toronto Telegram

Lieut. Col. H. E. Rogers, Shropshire, formerly of Kingston, three times mentioned in despatches, is gazetted provost marshal, with the rank of brigadier-major.

Net Fishing in Bay of Quinte

Captain Fleming in Letter to Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., Explains Situation.

Editor Ontario.—The enclosed letter from Captain John Fleming, in answer to my request for information, for publication, will be read, I feel sure, with satisfaction.

J. W. Johnson, M. P. P.
Dec. 6th, 1918.
121 Victoria Ave.,
Belleville, Dec. 2, 1918.

J. W. Johnson, M. P. P.,
Belleville, Ont.

Dear Sir.—In reply to inquiry as to gill net fishing in the Bay of Quinte, beg to say the Provincial Govt. set aside what is known as "Little Bay" or from Lehigh cement works to Belleville bridge, for pound net fishing for white fish spawn used in restocking the waters. There is no gill net fishing from Lehigh cement works to Murray Canal. It has been intimated that the commercial fishermen were catching bass. I have been in the service of the Game and Fishing Department for several years and taken thousands of yards of illegal mesh nets out of Bay of Quinte and have not found half a dozen bass in all. Owing to the fact that the pound nets were set along the Belleville and Prince Edward bridge many people thought they were nets of commercial fishermen, whereas they were owned and operated by the Dominion Government for hatchery purposes only. I also saw the pound nets raised and all game fish were returned to the water uninjured.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
(Sgd.) John Fleming.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT

Baby Loses Life in Machine

FARMER FOUND DEAD IN BED

Thieves at Work in Orono and Newcastle

Others Follow Suit

The success of the farmer candidates in Manitowish and North Huron has excited the farmers of the province generally, and it was already rumored on the streets that the farmers of Durham intend to bring out a candidate for both houses independent of all politics except that brand contained in the farmers' program adopted at Winnipeg recently.—Port Hope Guide.

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WET versus DRY

Important Notice to Automobile Owners

This Does Not Refer To Booze

But it does refer to the most important unit in your car, the HEART of your car, the Storage Battery. You will soon be thinking of laying up the car for the winter. Have you thought about the storage of your battery; or are you going to let it lay in the car all winter? Don't do it; it does not pay.

There Are Two Ways of Storing It, Wet or Dry

Wet Storage

consists of charging the battery regularly and adding distilled water as necessary. As the chemical action and wear of plates and separators is constantly going on, the insulation or separators in one or more cells of any battery is sure to break down sooner or later and may do so during the period of storage.

Dry Storage

consists of disassembling the battery, cleaning out the cells, curing the plates and storing in a dry place. In the Spring the battery is reassembled, with new separators, fresh electrolyte and the plates reformed. All chemical action and wear of the plates and separators is stopped by this method.

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done with the kaiser. They will soon have it on a par with the Thaw case.

Ferries Laid Up

Cobourg, Dec. 6.—The Ontario No. 1 is at present laid up at Genesee dock in order to have a new rudder installed. The other big ferry boat, Ontario No. 2, is laid up here undergoing repairs to her boiler. It is expected that they will be back on the route shortly.

Peterboro To Be in League

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The Ottawa baseball club has it all figured out that the Canadian League will resume activities again next season, and that Ottawa, Hamilton, Brantford and London will be in the circuit, along with two other cities. Montreal is mentioned as a possible entrant, while Peterboro is said to be ready to shoulder the burden of a professional team again. Without Montreal in, it is hardly likely that Ottawa would be given a berth, for the Western clubs found the jump to Ottawa too long and too expensive. If Hamilton does not figure in the International League next summer, a league composed of Hamilton, Brantford, London and three Michigan cities would be a mighty good proposition and one that was looked upon with favor by Michigan moguls before war. With Sunday baseball in Michigan, it would give the clubs some choice dates.—Peterboro Review.

Carried His Own Darning Needle

A darning needle three and a half inches long was last week extracted from the abdomen of George McKillop, aged sixteen, at Cargill. The needle had entered the lad's body when he was a creeping baby exploring the floor areas.—Lindsay Post.

Cobourg Silk Factory

Cobourg, Dec. 6.—A branch of the big silk factory, which will employ one hundred girls, has secured suitable premises and will locate here. Work is to start at once putting the premises in shape, ready to start about the beginning of the year.

The Long Looked for Decision

Our corner friend says he's growing tired of reading what should be

Found Dead in Bed

John Stratford, a farmer residing

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