

"Squibographs"

The Oxford debaters are now in New Orleans, where molasses is thicker than water.

The New Jersey boy who swallowed a small electric light bulb is not afraid to go to bed in the dark.

The execution date of a Chicago murderer has been set eight times. He complains that the suspense is ruining his health.

Speaking of the conservation of timber, what has become of the old-time lumber wagons? They are about as obsolete in cities as hacks.

A clash over provincial and civic rights is indicated. Drawing a hard and fast line is as exciting as adjusting the Irish boundary award.

Hamilton is regarded by astronomers as the point of vantage in Canada to view the solar eclipse on January 24. The lofty "mountain" provides a capacious grandstand for observers. Taxi drivers expect to do a roaring trade. "This way to the eclipse."

A witness in a bank investigation case in Toronto occupied the stand for eight days. He must have resembled an interrogation point when he was released.

Automatic devices are becoming so numerous and ingenious that it may yet be possible to drop a nickel in the slot and have a poached egg delivered for breakfast.

Governor Smith of New York established a record when he delivered his inaugural address in five minutes. His example might be followed with profit by many less distinguished statesmen.

Canadian potatoes are reported to be in keen demand on the British market since the recent embargo on the American product. When Western Ontario "spuds" become as well known as our famous apples Ireland may have a rival.

Hollywood is to have a new industry apart from picture stars, scandals and divorces. To meet the demand for new noses it is planned to erect a new hospital specializing in plastic surgery. Patrons can have their choice of Grecian, Roman, pug

or snub. Testimonials from Jack Dempsey on application.

An Iowa girl gave the guests at a party a crossword puzzle to solve, the solution of which announced her engagement of marriage.

The statement of an eminent British surgeon that men are growing handsomer may not be generally accepted by the superior sex but the men themselves modestly admit it. The old dictum that "handsome is as handsome does" still applies to both sexes.

On account of the prevalence of a plague among the poultry in certain of the Eastern States a ban has been placed on their importation into Canada. Chickens come home to roost. Uncle Sam is reminded that his "quota" law, like many other rules, works both ways.

The mayor of Mattawa, Ont., probably holds the record for longest municipal service in the Dominion. He is filling his nineteenth term as mayor and thirty-sixth in the council, exceeding the combined records of former Mayors Martin of Montreal and Church of Toronto.

ARKONA WOMENS INSTITUTE

The regular meeting of the Arkona Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Rutter, with the president in the chair and twenty four members present. Mrs. Moore gave a delightful account, from personal knowledge of the workings of the Armenian Boy's Home in Georgetown, giving many interesting anecdotes of the boys there. Mrs. Carson then favored us with a beautiful vocal solo. This was followed by a short address and a recitation by Mrs. Shrier after which the meeting closed with the singing of "O Canada." The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rooks.

Rural School Reports

Report of Kingscourt, S. S. No. 16, Warwick, for the month of November and December. Those marked with an asterisk missed part of the examinations:—
Class IV.—Lena Bryce 76.4; Eleretta Jones 73.3; Merton Bryce 66.6; Harold Rivers 60.3; Stanley Thompson 53.0; Willie Hume 47.9. Class III.—Velma Claypole 71.5; Ivy Jackson 70.9; Alvin Williamson 58.7; Cecil Jackson 58.0; Laura Williamson 51.7; Leslie Bryce 45.6; Frank Claypole 37.5; Marjorie Sutton 36.1. Class II.—Alvin Bryce 78.1; Regina Williamson 59.2; Dorothy Claypole 57.1.

A. McGillicuddy, Teacher.

BROOKE

Mrs. Ellen Healey and Mr. Stanley Healey, Brooke, spent the week end with friends at Corunna.

Mr. Harold Sutton has returned from spending a few days with friends and relatives in Marysville, Mich., and Sarnia.

See our 5—and 10—cent counter! Many useful household articles gathered together and marked down to clearing out prices.—See them the first time you're in.—P. Dodds & Son.

The regular meeting of Christ church Women's Guild and W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Brain, on Jan. 13th, with an attendance of sixteen members and four visitors. The meeting opened with the usual devotional exercises followed by roll call and reading of minutes. Arrangements were made for holding a Box Social in the school-house on Friday, Feb. 13th. During the afternoon a quilt was completed. The meeting closed with prayer. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Clearing prices on all lines of Rubbers. We must clear out our stock and you get the benefit. We have your size in any style.—P. Dodds & Son.

At the regular meeting of the Sydenham Farmers' Club, which was held in S.S. No. 6, on Friday evening Jan. 9th, the main feature of the evening was the reports of the delegates of the U. F. O. Convention in Toronto, Mrs. L. W. Oke and Mrs. J. Darville, the U. F. O. County Directors of East Lambton. The reports were very ably given and much appreciated by those present. After the reports, Mr. John McCallum, County Road Superintendent, gave a very interesting address. Music was then provided and on the whole a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The January meeting of the W. M. S. of Chalmers Church, was held at the home of Mrs. D. Campbell. The meeting opened by the singing of a hymn after which the scripture lesson taken from Romans, chap. 5, was read. The members then responded to roll-call by a verse from scripture. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The afternoon was spent in arranging the program for the year. The Feb. meeting will be held at the home of Miss Margaret MacIntyre. Miss Margaret Kerr will take the study topic and Miss Margaret Walker and Mrs. D. MacGugan the Missionary Topics. The meeting was brought to a close by repeating the Lord's Prayer, after which the hostess served a dainty lunch.

Mrs. W. J. Bourne Dies From Heart Trouble

The community was shocked on Monday morning to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Wm. Bourne, of the 7th concession of Brooke, who had passed away early that morning. Deceased had been in her usual health when retiring the night before, but about 3 a. m. she complained to Mr. Bourne that she was not feeling well. She arose and he went to summon the girls from another room, but she had died before they arrived at her bedside. She was in her 58th year and was well known and very highly respected in the community.

The funeral was held to the Alvinston cemetery on Wednesday. She is survived by six daughters and two sons, besides her husband, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

WARWICK

Sarnia Canadian Observer:—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ellerker left the city today for their home in Forest, (4th line of Warwick) after spending a honeymoon with the bride's aunt, Mrs. Lyle Short in Sarnia and cousin, Mrs. Howard Sorrow, Port Edward.

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The annual meeting of Maple Lodge Community Club, held their annual meeting on Friday evening last. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, H. A. McKenzie; vice-president, Gerald Robertson; Secretary, Jas. B. Parker. The regular committees were appointed to provide a good program for the remainder of the winter. First Social evening will be held on Friday evening next. Everybody Welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Kingscourt D. O. B. Girls Club was held at the home of Miss Dorothy Morris on Wednesday, Jan. 14th. There were ten members and four visitors present. The afternoon was spent in sewing pillow slips and quilt blocks, etc. Mrs. Russell Duncan, the vice-president, took charge of the meeting. The meeting opened by singing from Greenland's Icy Mountains. The secretary's report was given. Roll call was answered by verses from the Bible. Collection was then received. Miss Jean McCormick read a letter on mission work. Miss Mary Smith gave a few piano selections. The meeting closed with the National Anthem and prayer. After which the hostess served a lunch. The annual meeting will be held at the home of Miss Mary Smith on February 11th.

Warwick Women's Institute. The Warwick W. I. held their Jan. meeting in the town hall on the afternoon of Jan. 8th. Meeting opened by singing and prayer. Roll call was answered by "Useful Household Hints." After the business part of the meeting a very interesting program was given. Mrs. T. Cook read an excellent paper, entitled, "A Tribute to the W. I." Mrs. Lloyd Cook read a paper by Edgar Gloyd, entitled, Best Losers I have Known; also a poem entitled, The Other Fellow. Mrs. D. Fallon read a poem entitled, A Convalescent Woman. National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. Miss Annie Ross will have charge of the Feb. meeting to be held on the evening of Feb. 12th. Roll call to be answered by Valentine quotations.

Watford Out of O. H. A.

TO ENTER N. H. L. Watford Intermediates defaulted Tuesday's game to Windsor after striving in vain to persuade the Maroons to postpone the event and give them a chance to retrieve their players from sickness and injuries received in previous games. The default automatically causes Watford's withdrawal from the O. H. A. for the balance of the season, so local fans are now hoping that the injurious knees sustained by "Dunc" and "Doc" will be well repaired in time for the Northern League schedule which will not commence until the O. H. A. districts are cleared off. So far Glencoe and Watford are the only teams signifying any intentions in this group and perhaps the better disappointment being nursed by the fans by not seeing these old-time enemies in warfare will be fully compensated if they are placed together for the Northern group.

By that time the solar eclipse will be backed off the daily front page and forgotten, and with Friday the 13th appearing both in February and March surely the locals' streak of ill-luck will be shattered for the balance of the season.

To this end, the suggestion is offered to arrange their local games for these nights; Manager "Hec" Elliot will see to it then each player participating will be forced to break mirrors before facing the referee.

Financial Statement and Auditors' Report

LAMBTON FARMERS' MUTUAL
FIRE INSURANCE CO.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1924

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand and in Banks, 31 Dec. 1924	\$15413.65
From fixed payment due in 1924	33933.45
Fixed payments due in prior years	3415.83
From Bonds, Debentures and Deposits	3015.78
From matured Brooke Telephone Deb.	2080.82
From Reinsurance on Losses (Kent and Essex)	2200.00
From Gore District Ins. Co.	4.00
From Gas Engine Permits	91.30
From rent of rooms overhead	69.00
From Agents' Commission returned	6.00
	\$ 60229.83

EXPENDITURES	
By Agents' commissions	\$ 3390.00
Division Court costs	10.69
Law costs (retaining fee)	10.00
Fuel and light	53.90
Investigation and adjustment of claims	259.42
Filing fee	5.00
Statutory assessment and license fee	79.90
Fire Marshal tax	131.69
Travelling expenses	62.95
Taxes, Government and Municipal	150.76
Salaries, Directors and Auditors fees	2730.00
Printing, stationery and advertising	294.00
Postage, Excise, Telephone	221.05
Grant to Sarnia, Forest and Theford	
Firemen	150.00
Annual Booklets and express	104.94
Work and material, stairway at office	135.90
Office Insurance	17.50
Dues Mutual Underwriters Association	10.00
Miscellaneous as per memo.	22.25
Losses during 1924	48104.51
Reinsurance Premiums	449.66
Rebates	915.75
Total Expenditure	\$ 57359.87
Balance cash on hand	2869.96
	\$ 60229.83

DETAILED STATEMENT OF LOSSES

PAID IN 1924	
Stock Killed by Lightning	
Charles Lester, 1 steer	\$ 20.00
Henry Stoakley, horse	66.66
J. H. Fawcett, cow	60.00
Frank Clark, steer	16.66
James A. Gordon, 1 cow	60.00
Maurice Smith, 1 horse	66.66
Bert S. Cundick, 1 cow	43.33
Eli Allison, 1 heifer	43.33
Napoleon Gallaneau, 2 cows	93.33
David Armstrong, 1 cow	43.33
W. J. Loosmore, 1 heifer	40.00
Kenneth G. Elliott, 1 heifer	43.33
W. A. Craig, 2 horses	233.33
W. H. Bradshaw, 1 mare	50.00
Coleman and Baynton, 7 steers	400.00
George E. Kelly, 1 horse	60.00
Wm. J. Totten, 1 pig	5.33
W. F. Scramble, 1 cow	60.00
George Nicol, 1 steer	40.00
John Brown, 1 steer	25.00
Gordon Bryce, 1 heifer	23.33
James Steoch, 1 calf	30.66
Harvey, McLaughlin, 1 cow	43.33
T. H. Childs, 1 cow	50.00
Herbert Harris, 1 mare	125.00
Walter M. Ross, 1 cow	40.00
John Farr, 1 horse	86.60
Wm. Duffy, 1 colt	50.00
D. and R. Wilson, 1 heifer	30.00
W. and T. Neal, 1 cow	50.00
John Nutley, 1 calf	8.00
W. T. Strangway, 1 pig	12.00
Mrs. Mamie Donald, 2 cows	120.00
J. H. Robinson, 1 cow	53.33
Robert Laws, 1 heifer	36.66
Wm. D. Thrower, 1 cow	40.00
James H. Melton, 1 sheep	15.00
A. W. Griffith, 1 sheep	15.00
Thos. Naylor, 1 steer	56.66
John R. Ford, 1 steer	40.00
Jas. Prince, 1 steer	50.00
Hugh M. Hunter, 1 Dorset ewe	20.00
Jas. A. Barrett, 1 colt	50.00
Affred Weatherstone, 1 ewe	13.33
Jas. Short, 1 sheep	13.33
45 Claims	\$ 2539.19

Buildings Burnt or Damaged by Defective Chimneys or Stove Pipes

Joseph Hayward, house damaged	\$ 19.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Barr, house damaged	25.00
Ernest Parker, house damaged	6.00
Alfred H. Park, house damaged	33.33
Robt. Burnison, house & contents burnt	1400.00
F. Wayne Elliott, house damaged	30.00
W. D. Bridges, house damaged	10.00
Mrs. E. Stover, house damaged	8.00
Del Shain, house damaged	55.00
Maurice Smith, house damaged	50.00
R. P. Bass, house damaged	5.00
Alex. D. McAlpine, house damaged	400.00
Mrs. Maria DeRyan, house damaged	8.00
N. Herbert, house damaged	15.00
Clifford Short, kitchen damaged	5.00
Thos. Whiting, house damaged	8.00
C. J. Wall, house damaged	25.00
17 Claims	\$ 2102.38

Unknown

T. A. G. Gordon, barn and silo	\$ 600.00
Mrs. Vitaline Bedard, sofa damaged	10.00
W. E. Phillips, 2 small stables and contents	538.00
Dan Gillies, barn, henhouse and contents	1500.00
Jas. Jackson, outbuildings and contents	6800.00
Perry Gosnell, barn and contents	2500.00
R. Geo. Annett, barn and contents	2200.00
Chas. Baynton, barn, lean-to, contents	2811.00
Wm. Butler, house damaged	13.60
9 Claims	\$ 16772.60

Buildings Burnt or Damaged by Lightning

Chris. Armstrong, Plympton, barn damaged	\$ 20.00
Elijah Walker, Euphemia, barn & contents	796.00
John R. Joynt, Warwick, barn & contents	894.00
J. N. Douglas, Plympton, barn damaged	51.24
Jas. Morcom, Brooke, stable & contents	219.00
Jas. T. Hillis, Enniskillen, stable, granary and contents, (supposed)	1040.00
Chas. Robertson, Plympton, barn and contents	1000.00
7 Claims	\$ 4020.24

Various Causes

Henry Berry, Plympton, barn damaged, spark from threshing engine	\$ 3.00
Herman Atkin, Sarnia, household effects, mice and matches	10.00
Gerald Downs, Sombra, house damaged, oil stove exploded	50.00
Irving Watson, Brooke, house contents, oil stove exploded	10.00
Eli Taylor, Brooke, house contents, sofa too close to stove	15.00
Thos. J. Callaghan, Brooke, shed burnt, fire from brush heaps	250.00
Geo. H. Oke, Brooke, house and contents, caught from smokehouse	1400.00
John Farr, Moore, barn, stable and sheds spontaneous combustion	1922.00
Mrs. Jessie Chester, Bosanquet, barns burnt, spontaneous combustion	1000.00
Geo. Jamieson, Bosanquet, barn & stable burnt, spontaneous combustion	1400.00
F. W. Wood, Sarnia, straw stack, sparks from chimney	60.00
John Dunn, Sarnia, outbuildings and contents, sparks from tractor	3700.00
J. J. Taylor, Moore, outbuildings and contents, spontaneous combustion	2575.00
Robt. Lithgow, Bosanquet, barn damaged, spark from engine	104.00
Blake Rawlings, Bosanquet, barn, outbuildings and contents, spark from tractor	1700.00
H. A. Gilroy, Brooke, outbuildings and contents, supposed from auto	5056.00
Jas. G. Purvis Est., Sarnia, house and contents, coal oil or gasoline explosion	1500.00
H. Leckie, Moore, barn burnt, stub of match dropped	400.00
Peter A. Campbell, Brooke, contents of house, stub of match dropped	65.10
Samuel McTaggart, Dawn, school house and contents, coal from stove	1450.00
20 Claims	\$ 22670.10

ASSETS

Victory Bonds (face value)	\$ 35000.00
Cash on hand and in Banks	2869.96
Brooke Telephone Debenture	3034.10
Loan Company Debentures	5000.00
Short Date Notes due and falling due	2390.10
Office and furniture, Main St., Watford	1350.00
Residue of Premium Notes unassessed	193486.30
Total	\$243130.46

LIABILITIES

One claim of 1924 not adjusted	\$ 136.00
Audited at Watford this 15th day of January, 1925 and found correct.	

P. J. McEWEN, ALEX. JAMIESON, Auditors.

W. G. WILLOUGHBY, Secretary-Treasurer.