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OPPOSING RIVER DRAINAGE

A very curious condition of things has arisen in connection with the proposed dredging of the Teeswater or Mud River. However, this as it now appears, colossal price of folly got under way is a puzzle as it would now appear that the vast majority of those interested and who will have to put the greater part of the ninety-three thousand dollars it will cost, are absolutely opposed to it. All sorts of ridiculous situations have developed. It looks as though the engineer in charge has done his apportioning of charges according to the law in the matter, but there are hundreds of farmers assessed from one hundred to five hundred dollars in connection with the undertaking, who will not be, and never could be benefited to the extreme of one dollar; and these farmers are scattered all over Greenock, Kinross, Culross, Turnberry and Howick townships and in the Village of Teeswater. In the area there are farmers whose assessment for this "improvement" will actually equal the value of their land, and many whose farms will be reduced in value by a half or three-quarters.

No wonder there is opposition. It is stated that the municipal councils of Howick, Turnberry, Greenock and Brant are taking active opposition, and farmers in these townships declare that they will not pay until forced by the courts to do so, and Culross and Kinross farmers are contemplating similar action.

The Drainage Law doesn't appear to work out properly when applied to so big a project. It seems that a few land owners in Greenock and Northern Culross suffer from the flooding of their land at the time of Spring and Fall freshets, due, perhaps to the clearing of the land, and these blame the owners of land further up stream for draining their land into the Mud River and thus increasing the volume of water. But some say that this damaged land could be bought out many times over by the sum it is going to take to dredge the river. However, the thing has got going now, a good deal of money has already been expended in surveying, etc., and it is no easy matter to stop.—Lucknow Sentinel.

NOW WHO DOES PAY FOR THE STEER

If you see a pitch and toss game on in Aramant during the next few days you will know that the parties

concerned are trying to decide who's going to pay for the steer.

The story as we have it is as follows: Ross Hicks sold his gravel pit to the township and had till August 1st to put a fence around the pit. Chas. Theaker had the field where the pit is situated rented for pasture. The township last week opened the field and entered to remove gravel. Theaker's cattle got out of the field and were found in the morning in Alf. Myers' lane. Myers' dog chased the cattle, one of which, a steer, dashed into a wire fence and broke its neck.

Now the question on everybody's tongue is, who'll pay for the steer? Theaker wants value for his loss. The township claims the field was left closed.

Myers disclaims responsibility. Who pays for the steer?—Shelburne Free Press.

NEW DOG AND SHEEP LAW

Ontario sheep-breeders have succeeded in bringing into force what Col. Robt. McEwan, president of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers believes to be the best dog tax and sheep protection in Canada. It has all the chief protective features of the old Act and contains two new clauses that sheep men have been strongly urging as necessary to the industry. Hereafter, Ontario municipalities will be required to pay the sheep owners the loss from dogs set by valuers or arbitrators, whether the owner of the dog is known or not, after the sheep owner has taken his affidavit that it is not his own dog. If the owner of the dog is known, then the municipality is entitled to collect from the owner the amount of damages. A further new provision states that if no sheep valuers have been appointed by a municipality, or one appointed does not act, the Minister of Agriculture for the province may appoint an arbitrator to award damages when any occur and require the municipality to pay him. Every municipality in the province is required to collect the dog tax and the amount must be at least \$2 for a male dog, is only one is kept, \$4 for each additional male dog, and \$6 for each additional bitch, unless splayed, when the tax will be the same as for a male dog. The owner of a kennel registered with the Canadian Kennel Club is required to pay an annual tax of \$10. Cities of 100,000 population or over may impose additional taxes and restrictions under their by-laws. Other clauses in the Act are much the same as in the old one.

INDIAN ACQUITTED

At Walkerton last week, Judge Sutherland acquitted Mike Moses, an Indian from the Saugeen reserve, who had been charged with the theft of some skunk skins from Joe Abel, of Southampton. Moses had been in jail at Walkerton for a month waiting for his trial. Some time ago Abel missed a number of skins from his collection at home, and, as Moses had offered to sell three skins to Abel's daughter, which looked to him like some of the skins he had in his place, he at once blamed Moses for the theft, and his arrest followed. He was later committed for trial, and, being unable to obtain bail, was sent to jail. At the trial, Abel was unable to positively identify any of the skins that Moses was accused of stealing, and the case was dismissed.

The reason people play golf is because they believe it's better to swat pills than to swallow them.

"STILL" LIKELY TO USE OF BUSH FIRE

About 5.15 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last some bathers at Southampton noticed smoke arising from the bush back of Carlton Crescent situated half way between Southampton and Port Elgin, and sensing a fire was in progress and fearing it might spread to the cottages and do considerable damage along the beach, they immediately gave an alarm. Mr. and Miss Robinson jumped into their car and informed Chief of Police Fitter of the fire and motored him back to the scene where a few of the summer visitors were already busily engaged trying to fight it down. The Chief returned to Southampton and after turning in a fire alarm and calling out the Southampton brigade, he phoned to Port Elgin for assistance, as he felt it concerned Port Elgin as well as Southampton, but by the time a few carloads of locals appeared on the scene the fire had been gotten under control and a short time later what might have proved a serious conflagration was entirely squelched. Some of the fire fighters, of whom Constable Travis of town was one, were rewarded by the finding of an old "still," and as three gents had been earlier seen coming out of the bush with smutty faces it is felt that they had the still in operation and were the cause of the fire. It is believed that when they failed to check the fire from spreading that they dismantled the "still" and endeavored to hide it, as the drum was found in one place and the worm in another. The whiskey-making apparatus is in possession of the police at Southampton and will remain there until turned over to the Inland Revenue Dept. at Owen Sound. In the meantime the police are endeavoring to trace the young men seen coming out of the bush, who are believed to be the owners and operators of the still. They have a good clue as to their identity and may be able to effect their arrest in the course of a few days.—Port Elgin Times.

ROSE JAR

Perfume: Gather the rose leaves during June and July, curing them with salt. Transfer them then to a glass fruit jar, on the bottom of which you have placed bruised allspice and stick cinnamon broken in large pieces—two ounces of allspice and an equal volume of cinnamon to a quart of rose leaves. The water, if any, should be drained away. Leave it closely covered for a month stirring thoroughly every day from top to bottom. It is now ready for permanent preservation. The blue and white Japanese jar is the best to hold it, as it preserves the fragrance. Now, take an ounce each of mace, cloves and allspice, closely ground, the same quantity of sliced ginger root and nutmeg, half as much anise seed and four ounces of musk, with six ounces of dried lavender flowers. Again strew the rose leaves in the permanent jar, alternating with leaves, mixed spices, moistening with pure alcohol, using about one gill in all, and the jar is complete. If desired other flowers may be added, such as heliotrope, mignonette, rose, geranium, tuberose.

In answer to an inquiry as to the voters' lists which would be used for the general election, the chief electoral officer said: "The procedure for the preparation of lists will be exactly the same as that followed at the general election last year. The Dominion Elections Act does not provide for use of the former Dominion lists except at byelections when these are held within two years after a prior Dominion election in the same electoral district. Indeed, no other rule could be adopted, since to prepare the necessary copies of all the lists which would be required at a general election would take nearly three months." It is understood that the procedure in all the provinces except Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be that the provincial lists will be used as a basis for the preparation of those to be used at the Dominion election.

CULROSS COUNCIL

Teeswater, July 20, 1926
The Culross Council met in the town hall on above date; all members present; the Reeve D. McDonald in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read, and on motion of Colvin-Falconer were adopted.

Ireland-Colvin—That this Council appoint Falconer and Moffat to have the Orange bridge repaired and

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strengthened.—Carried.

The following finance report was then read:—

Milas Moir, contract cutting hill and widening road, Con. 2 78 70
Geo. Kennedy, gravelling ... 188 03
Jos. Cronin, inspecting Kennedy contract ... 18 94
J. D. Grimoldby, one sheep killed and one injured by dogs ... 20 00

Wm. Caslick, work, help and mater. McKenzie Colv. drain 121 20
Wm. Murray, tile ... 258 45
Sume spent under various patrol men ... 2056 21

Moffat-Falconer—That the finance report, as read, be adopted and orders issued in payment of same.—Carried.

Ireland-Falconer—That this Council do now adjourn, to meet again on August 24th, or at the call of the Reeve.—Carried.

BIG STILL FOUND IN CULROSS TOWNSHIP

On Tuesday last License Inspector Fellow and Provincial Officer Whiteside unearthed one of the largest whiskey stills yet found in this part of the Province. The find was made on the premises of Sigmond Freiburger, Culross township, after a very diligent search by the officers. These premises had on previous occasions been searched, but the officers were unable then to locate the "hide" which they were told existed on Freiburger's property and had a secret combination entrance. The officers were rewarded in their search on Tuesday when they found an excavation 25 feet long, 8 feet wide and 7 feet high in a bank under the verandah of the house. It was all reinforced in concrete, with no ventilation except a small pipe through the wall. The entrance to the excavation was by way of a secret combination lock in the basement, which was opened with a crank, raising a huge cement slab in the wall. The find consisted of a huge still capable of turning out 25 gallons of liquor per day, with 13 barrels of mash, a

quantity of home-made whiskey and tins of alcohol. Inland Revenue Officer Porter was called and ordered the seizure of the outfit. Freiburger is now in jail serving a sentence for the sale of liquor and further charges will be laid against him under the O.T.A. and Inland Revenue Act on account of this find.—Goderich Signal.

WALKERTON.

Last Saturday evening the Provincial Police arrested Louis Porter of Southampton for being in possession of a bottle of liquor, it is alleged. He was released on \$2,000 bail, and will appear in police court in Tara on Monday. It is understood the house of Malcolm McKillop of Elderslie was searched and a small quantity of "booze" discovered. An information will be laid, it is learned. We are informed that Thomas Anderson of Amabel is in trouble for "illegally consuming"

Last Saturday the following and number of family friends from Chestow attended the funeral, at Preston, of the late Mrs. Val. Schurter: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Scheffer and Mrs. Ignatz Scheffer, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Weiler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Batte, Miss Cecelia Batte, Mrs. Jos. Dentinger, Mrs. Val. Kaufman, Miss Marie Miller and Mrs. W. Yaeck. The deceased lady, Carrie Mosack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mosack, formerly of Walkerton, but now of Preston, passed away last Thursday, when it was thought she was recovering satisfactorily after having given birth to a baby boy two weeks before. The late Mrs. Schurter, who was 34 years of age, was raised in the County Town, where she made many friends. About four years ago she moved to Preston, at the time of her marriage.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Matilda Wiles, wife of Mr. Russell I. Wiles, Keeper of the House of Refuge, here, which occurred on Thursday morning last, Bruce County loses one of

its best capable officials. Walkerton mourns the passing of one of its popular young citizens and Mr. Wiles is bereft of an affectionate helpmate and partner in life. Although the deceased had been ailing for several weeks, none anticipated that her illness would have fatal termination, and hence the announcement of her death on Thursday came as a surprise and shock to the community. Born on June 3rd, 1896, at Teeswater, the late Mrs. Wiles was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Grant, Victoria Street, of town, and the late Alexander Grant. Married about four years ago, the sorrowing husband and his late wife, were jointly responsible for the administration of the Bruce County House of Refuge.

George Bester, residing about a half mile north of Cargill, appeared before Magistrate Macartney in the police court at Walkerton on Tuesday afternoon on the charge of selling swamp whiskey to two special officers on the night of Friday, June 18th. The officers claimed to have visited the Bester home and had been served with nine glasses of moonshine for which they paid him \$2.00. Bester denied giving them the illicit brand of booze of which he had been accused, but stated on the other hand that he had served them as a joke with a mixture that he had prepared as a goitre cure. He brought a sample of this fluid with him to court, which is said to have tasted like a concoction of ginger and water. The officers absolutely denied that this was the stuff that had been served at Bester's home, but as they hadn't taken the precaution to save a sample of the dope they had been imbibing, it was their word against the testimony of Bester, his wife, his brother, Lafrance, and a chap named Alex. Hamilton of Greenock. After a spirited trial that lasted from about 2 p.m. until 8 o'clock, the evening with intermission for supper, the court held that there wasn't sufficient evidence to convict and the case was consequently dismissed and the accused acquitted.