

## Parliamentary News

By Robert W. Sellar

Parliament is again in session. On Thursday among the booming of guns, the smell of face powder and altogether much ceremony the Governor-General read the Speech from the Throne. The Senate chamber was again packed, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was at his wits' end to please everybody and at the same time get them all on the floor or in the galleries. To succeed it would have been necessary to train the crowd to act the part of a sardine, but they declined—even in these days when democracy cuttlingly refers to those who follow the precedents of the past as "poor fish!"

In the House of Commons Colonel Chambers, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod again followed the ceremonies of the past as he invited the Commons to the Senate Chambers. Colonel Chambers is a man well known to many by name throughout Canada, and also intimately known to many in the District of Beauharnois, for he taught school in Valleyfield when a young man. Like his brother he was adept in amusing audiences and few local concerts of those days, either in Valleyfield, Huntingdon or Ormstown were complete without Mr. Chambers. Later on, after he returned from the campaign in the West during the Riel Rebellion, he was attached as Adjutant to the Rifles which were reorganized by Colonel Maclaren and he went to camp with them for two years.

But getting back to the Commons. The members listened to the Speaker announce changes in the House staff and then sat back to wait. Finally there came three raps on the door and Colonel Chambers entered. He bowed from the waist, and the Speaker was informed that he was there. Then as in the pageants of the past Colonel Chambers slowly marched forward towards the Speaker, stopping three times and bowing deeply. After delivering his message he backed out, bowing at regular intervals. The Speaker then marched off to the Senate with the members after him.

It took the Governor-General ten minutes to read each version of the speech, French and English, and then the members trooped back. The Premier changed from his Windsor uniform to his black coat and the House was again in session. During the afternoon the most interesting sight was the introduction of new members. Five were introduced. Mr. Dillon of Ste. Antoine was the first and the bows of Mr. Dillon, Mr. King and Mr. Cardin to the Speaker were as though rehearsed before. General Fiset's was likewise, but the last of all lacked the solemnity that marked the others. When the Premier and the Minister of Labor caught Mr. Hanna, victor of West Hastings, by the arms and started up the floor desks were banged, hands were clapped and a grin from ear to ear spread over Mr. Murdoch's face, while Mr. Hanna was as happy as a youngster with his first pair of pants. There was no getting away from it, Mr. Hanna was pleased to be among those present.

Then the House proceeded to business. Following precedent and just to show that the Battle of Hastings, the Magna Charta, etc. had not been forgotten, and that while the King through his servant the Governor-General, might demand that the Commons go to the Senate, instead of his coming to the Commons, the House of Commons started its own work first and a bill was introduced. It is an old moth-eaten affair, which always gets its first reading and is then forgotten, but what matters that—the People have shown to the world that they stand by their rights. After that detail was attended to the Speech from the Throne is brought in, which was:

Since propagation, the economic situation throughout the world has notably improved. For Canada, the year 1924 was a period of substantial progress. In trade alone, the excess value of exports over imports was more than \$260,000,000. The present year opens with prospects of sound and steady development. The financial and trade situation justifies the expectations of an early return to the gold basis.

The problem of the cost of living is the most important that any ministers have in mind at the present time, and every effort is being made to improve conditions with respect thereto. It is apparent that even the most rigid economy in public expenditures will not suffice to solve this pressing problem and the problem of taxation incidental thereto. Their ultimate solution lies largely in increased production and the development of new and wider markets. It is to be borne continually in mind that the existing burden of taxation is due mainly to uncontrollable expenditure in the nature of payments and obligations arising out of the War, and to the encumbered position of the National Railways.

To aid in an increase of production, through the development of our vast natural resources, every effort is being made to attract the right class of immigrants to Canada, and to secure their settlement in the undeveloped areas served by our great transportation systems. In due course steps will be taken to further colonization and settlement in other fertile regions such as those of the Peace River.

The cost of production of raw materials and the necessities of life has been lessened by the reductions in the tariff and the sales tax effected at the last session. It is becoming increasingly evident, however, that quite as important a factor as the customs tariff in their effect upon production and living costs are transportation costs and rates by land and sea. It is the opinion of my advisers that the attention of Parliament at the present session should be directed more particularly to the desirability of effecting a freer movement of commodities through an equalization of railway freight rates as between provinces and localities, and through a lowering of carrying charges upon shipments by water of the products of the farm, the mine, the forest, the fisheries, and of our manufacturing industries.

Some measure of control of transportation by land and sea is obviously essential to the promotion of inter-imperial trade, the expansion of export trade generally, and the development

## 1924 WAS BANNER YEAR FOR THE AYRSHIRE MEN

Dr. Fry Gives Address on Grading of Milk at Ayrshire Banquet

\$8000 BAL. ON HAND

W. C. Wylie and D. T. Ness Were Elected Directors From This District.

The Ayrshire Breeders' Association held their annual meeting and banquet in the Queen's Hotel in Montreal on Thursday last. The meeting was exceptionally well attended by members from the Maritimes in the east to the province of British Columbia in the west. Much good business was transacted at the meeting and for the year 1925 the President, Frank Byrne, Charlesbourg, Que. whose address, a most interesting one, was full of suggestions and plans for the future. Among other things he emphasized the value of the radio in bringing market reports, etc. to the farming community.

The report of the secretary, W. F. Stepien, Huntingdon, showed the greatest year's progress in the history of the Association. 228 new members had been added; registrations had been increased by 1205, and transfers by 1391. The finances showed increased receipts and although the expenditures had increased as well, yet there was a balance of over \$8,000. on hand. Their breed magazine, the Ayrshire Review, had almost paid its way, was becoming more popular and had created a keener enthusiasm than a marked increase in entries in the Record of Performance Test and a larger number of cows had qualified. Higher production was noticeable in these classes records were broken. The Breeders' Clubs had done excellent work as had the 11 Boys' Heifer Clubs (2 of them organized last year) which had done much to establish community breeding. Ayrshire breeders had kept pace with other breeds in Accredited Herd Work. There are now 368 Ayrshire herds under Accreditation with an equally large number under test. States of Ayrshires had never been better and there had been an unusually big turn over. The extension work has made a very marked increase. In connection with his work Secretary Stephen travelled 15,240 miles by rail, 1225 miles by motor, visited 135 Ayrshire breeders, attended 14 exhibitions, visited 11 Clubs, delivered 16 addresses, conducted 7 judging demonstrations, took about 130 photos of Ayrshires and wrote 111 articles on the breed for the press. In connection with the office and extension work over 6500 letters were typed, 4600 copies of the Review were distributed as well as over 16,000 leaflets, over 30 enlarged pictures were sent out for educational purposes, over 600 score cards were sent to Agricultural colleges, schools and short courses, and about 450 of the four large posters were posted or sent out. This propaganda matter went all over Canada. In closing his report Secretary Stephen said, "The best feature of our work is the splendid spirit of harmony and co-operation with which we closed 1924—the banner year for Canadian Ayrshires. We look for this good feeling and progress to continue. Let us remember that the achievements of 1924 are the pledges for 1925."

The reports of the fieldmen, David Hunter, of Grimsby, Ont. and Alfred Savole of Quebec, showed that they had accomplished much during the year. Fieldman Hunter had covered a large area having travelled 16,145 miles by short and 8,491 by motor. He had visited 211 breeders and also as many prospects, attended 19 Shows, 15 meetings, 3 field days and attended 3 sales.

The constitution was amended to provide for voluntary tattoo system of marking Ayrshires, and also provision was made to secure a transfer if a breeder failed to give one with the sale of the animal.

A scheme for the Advanced Registration of Dairy Bulls was passed in its entirety. This scheme provided for the grading of Dairy Bulls by inspection and has as its object the improvement of dairy herds by the selection of better sires.

A scheme of extension work was outlined by fieldman Hunter where by the Secretaries of Breeders' Clubs will be used in their respective localities and will be paid for their services. This scheme was adopted and will be perfected by the executive into whose hands it was committed.

A resolution was passed asking that in Ontario the Standard Dairy Act, and in Quebec the Quebec Dairy Act be amended, so as to have all market milk paid for according to its butter fat content, the same as milk that goes to creameries, cheeseries, etc.

It was decided to print the reports of R.O.P. cows in book form. A resolution was passed requesting that all hospitals and like institutions in Quebec, that receive a Government grant, be required to use milk only from Accredited herds and having a butter fat content of not less than 3.5% fat. \$1000 was again voted to the Ayrshire classes at the Royal Winter Fair.

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## Bovine Tuberculosis Drive Recommended in Free Area

The Gleaner has just received word that a number of veterinaries will be immediately sent to this district and that the area will be cleaned up before another haul is necessary.

## BARNEY HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

Fort Covington Man Waives Examination and is Held For Grand Jury

Edward Barney of Fort Covington was held today for the action of the Franklin county grand jury on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the mysterious death of his 27-year-old wife, Hazel Hollenbeck Barney, and his infant daughter, Betty Jane, in a fire at the Barney home in Fort Covington last Wednesday. His arraignment came at the inquest held in coroner W. N. McCartney's office at Fort Covington at which the defendant was represented by Attorney E. W. Scripser of Fort Covington. Barney waived examination when informed of the charge. He has been committed to the Franklin county jail.

The death of Mrs. Barney and her 16-month-old daughter resulted under suspicious circumstances, Barney alleging that a lamp on a stand near her bedside exploded at 6:45 o'clock last Wednesday morning, setting fire to the bedding and fatally burning her and the child. Mrs. Barney lived until 5:30 o'clock that afternoon but the child passed away at noon. Coroner McCartney is said to have had some conversation with the mother before her death and at once started an investigation, aided by District Attorney Main and state police from Troop B. Barney was arrested Friday night at Bombay by Sergeant Carroll of Troop B on a direction of District Attorney Main. Sentiment became so set against Barney in Fort Covington that he left the village and went to Bombay, where he was apprehended at the home of a relative. He has been in the Marine jail in relation to the case since his arrest.

First suspicions that Mrs. Barney and her babe had suffered death from a mysterious source came after firemen told that the woman's husband had made no effort to save her or the child while their bed was in flames. Suspicions became more pronounced when an examination of the woman's body revealed contusions over her eye and forehead. Neighbors talked freely about Barney having had a quarrel with his wife the night before the tragedy and declared that the couple were often at odds.

Barney refused to talk with his townsmen about the fire and rather than face the hostile glances of his people went to Bombay where he was placed under arrest. He is fully as reticent as the missing the tragedy which is alleged to have clung to his original story about the explosion.

The inquest opened in Coroner McCartney's office Saturday, but was adjourned until Tuesday. When Barney was formally charged with the murder of his wife and infant daughter in the case of the missing the coroner, Stenographer Miss Sadie Conroy, Sheriff Donahue and other officials connected with the investigation were in the room.

Funeral services for the fire victims were held from St. Mary's church at Fort Covington Friday, at which a large crowd of people attended. By order of Coroner McCartney the bodies were placed in the vault and the following day Dr. F. Dalphin and Dr. J. W. Blackett performed an autopsy. Barney, it is stated, has been suspected of various offenses and although nothing came of these matters his friends dwindled and today very few of his fellow townsmen extend their sympathy to the suspected man.

Wednesday morning, when Fort Covington firemen and neighbors of the Barney family arrived as the bed was in flames, it was stated that Edward Barney in the chamber apparently calm, although his wife and child were fatally burned and crying out with agony. The fire was soon extinguished and destroyed only a part of the bed and a trunk nearby. It was apparent that Barney could have saved his wife and infant daughter if he had gone to their rescue when the claimed explosion occurred.

Relatives of the suspected man declare that he was in the army and that if he is guilty of the crime he was mentally unbalanced when he committed it. People at Fort Covington who are acquainted with the condemned man say that he has always appeared to be a man of normalcy but claim he has always had marital troubles and is said to have abused his wife, who once had him arrested for abandonment.

## DISTRICT CURLING NEWS

On Friday last one sink of curlers from this district composed of W. Currie, Aubrey, T. B. Pringle, Huntingdon, T. T. Gebbie, Howick and W. G. McGerrige, Ormstown, went to Montreal and played against Utica No. 3, in the Heather Rink, in the Gordon Medal Competition. This competition is an international event between United States Rinks and Canadian Rinks, while this phase of the sport is new to our District Representatives, they quickly grasped the knack of play, and won out by a considerable margin, 21 to 13.

The winner of the Gordon Medal was J. Bruce Stewart's Rink, of Heather Curling Club, who defeated St. Andrew's Rink of New York by a score of 87 to 5.

## H'DON ACADEMY SEMI ANNUAL SCHOOL RESULTS

Percentage Standing of the Students To Date Have Been Given

The results of the students of the High School to date, are as follows:

Grade II—1 Margaret Douglas 91.67; 3 Elizabeth Douglas 90.5; 4 Ada Warden 89; 5 Allan Taylor 86.3; 6 Lillian Wells 84.5; 7 Mickie Levine 81.6; 8 Russell Helm 68.8; 9 Mary Boldovitch 68; 10 Lillian Wilson 55.3; 11 Allister Hunter 49.3.

Grade III—1 Helen Brown 97.4; 2 Forbes McGill 89.8; 3 Bernie Dawson 88.4; 4 Viola Clark 87.2; 5 Marshall Hooker 86.3; 6 Finlayson Ross 83.5; 7 Lorna McWhinnie 80.6; 8 Elsie McLean 79.1; 9 Roy Small 78.8; 10 Ralph Hayer 77.1; Hazel White 76.5; 12 Mary Davidson 74.2; 13 Lloyd Wilson 70.1; 14 John Wells 68.5; 15 David McCoyle 66.2; 16 Buford Webber 66.1; 17 Billie Boyd 65.7; 18 Irvin McWhinnie 64; 19 Gladys LeTroy 60.5; 20 Joe Boldovitch 57.4.

Grade IV—1 Jean Hunter 98.1; 2 Isabel McEwen 96.9; 3 Gladys Reid 94.2; 4 Isabel Shearer 92.6; 5 Jean White 91.6; 6 Nellie McFarlane 85.4; 7 Kenneth McNeil 84.9; 8 Annie Betnesky 83.3; 9 Reggie Daniel 80.8; 10 George Lumaden 79.8; 11 Edna Elliot 79.7; 12 Foster Gardner 74.1; 13 Frances Gardner 69.2; 14 Mabel McLean 55.7; 15 Arthur LePage 48.3; 16 Marjorie Helm 46.6.

Grade V—1 Elisabeth Bruce 96; 2 Janet Cunningham 93.5; 3 Douglas Hayer 90.8; 4 Moris Clarke 90.2; 5 Alice Levine 85.7; 6 Lawrence Riel 79.8; 7 Gertrude Maxwell 77; 8 James McCoyle 76.7; 9 Billy Stephen 73.9; 10 Lindsay Chambers 63.8; 11 Florence Helm 58.6.

Grade VI—1 Allison Cunningham 94.5; 2 Miriam Levine 92; 3 Bessie Hamilton 91.9; 4 Viola White 71; Tom Vane 69.7; 6 Jean Stephen 69.7; 7 Cecil Teststone 69.3; 8 Ruth Warden 68.1; 9 Bruce Cleland 66.5; 10 Robina Gardner 64.9; 11 Gladys McLean 64; 12 Douglas Fortune 61.4; Robert Walker 61.4; 14 Jack Elliot 61; 15 John Brown 58.1; 1 Nelson Antonio 53.5; 17 Clarence Wilson 34.

Grade VII—1 Ronald Bruce 97; 2 Stanton Small 96.1; 3 Ruth McEwen 96; 4 Allan Biggar 94; 5 Clarence McCoy 92.1; 6 Muriel Ruddock 88.8; 7 Pearl McClatchie 85.2; 8 Allan Hunter 84.6; 9 Sam Betnesky 81.5; 10 Eleanor Eastman 79.7; 11 Eddie Cappello 76.8; 12 Jean Ruddock 76.8; 13 Edna McDowell 69.1; 14 Rose Maxwell 66.6; 15 Sydney Barrington 66; 16 Edna Harrigan 64.2; 17 Purrell Fortune 63.2; 18 Dennis Kirby 63.1; 19 Kenneth Ferns 62.9; 20 James Barrington 60.2; 21 Stanley MacDonald 57.4; 22 Mae Tedstone 55.

Grade VIII—Jean Gordon 94.2; Margaret Hughes 90.7; Herbert Casa 90.2; Verna Fraser 89.5; Alice Brown 86.2; Ida Betnesky 84.7; Elsie Salter 84.3; Nina MacFarlane 83.3; Robina Seward 78.8; Harold Walsh 75.8; Mac Smellie 74.7; James Shearer 73.2; Catherine Elder 72.8; Mary Shearer 69; Bertha McLean 63.5; Alice Rennie 63.3; William Allen 61.3; Joan Maxwell 57.2; Charles Paul 54.5; Grace Warden 54.3; Lyle Elder 52.3; Mattland McCracken 46.7; Rachel Boldovitch 46.5; Keith Wells 34.5; Reginald Cooper 31.5; Dan Ruddock 28.5.

Grade IX—Jessie Goodfellow 89.6; Elizabeth Brown 85.4; Johnnie Van Vliet 85.2; Robert Dunlop 83.8; Grace Lumaden 80; Warren Dalgleish 77.6; George Maxwell 75.2; Greta Rankin 70.2; Margaret McGerrige 68.8; Doris Goundrey 64.6; Ivor Daniel 64.6; Stanley Ferry 64.2; Gladys McCracken 62.5; Irma Anderson 60.75; Donald Maxwell 57.6; Cecil McNeil 57.4; Wilbur Wilson 57.33; Maude Bicknell 52.4; Wynne Cameron 50.2; Rhoda MacDonald 49.5; Annie Boldovitch 49; Hunty Rolfe 39.25; Olive McDonald 39.

Grade X—Gerald Hunter 97; Florence Farquhar 96.2; Marjorie McEwen 95; Margaret Duncan 88.4; Eileen Walker 85.5; Louis Levine 84.2; Charlie Reid 78.4; Mederic Primeau 76.6; Norma Lunan 74.2; Helen Elder 74.2; Alberta Oney 69.2; Doris Allen 68; Robert Maxwell 65; Leo Cappiello 65; Earl Tedstone 64.8; Tommie Barrington 59.4; Morris Hunter 59.2; Hope Stewart 59; Dan Murphy 53.3; Dorothy Davis 50.

Grade XI (Passing mark 40%)—Helen Hall 87.7%; Ida Watson 80.7; Donald McCrimmon 79.7; Ruth Easton 77.7; Florence McAdam 77; Leslie Beatty 77; Cameron Stewart 74.5; Alexandria Elder 73.2; Muriel Ross 73; Florence McArthur 72.5; Vera MacFarlane 72.5; Mildred McArthur 68.2; Elizabeth Kerr 68.2; Lyla Williams 67.7; Beatrice Kerr 67.2; Albert Rennie 65.2; Gladys Ross 65.2; Jennie Stark 60; Chas. Shirriff 60; James Newman 55.5; Brethour Lunan 52.5; Leslie Cameron 48.7; Charles Helm 46.

## ROCKBURN

Mrs. A. Waller and Mrs. J. Oliver are in Montreal this week, delegates to the W.M.S. Presbyterian from Rockburn. Mr. Ernest Rennie is quite ill with grippe, also Mr. W. G. Henderson who is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Oliver. Mrs. Andrew Lindsay, we are pleased to say is recovered and able to be out again.

Wheeling along border on account of this week's thaw.

	Max.	Min.
Friday	35	20
Saturday	35	9
Sunday	40	19
Monday	35	27
Tuesday	46	30
Wednesday	44	33
Thursday	47	35

## 600 BUSHELS OF POTATOES BURNT IN CHATEAUGAY

Oliver & Spellman Storehouse Burnt Entailing a \$1500 Loss

Six hundred bushels of potatoes were consumed in a fire which destroyed the west section of the Oliver & Spellman storehouse in Chateaugay last week. The loss will approximate \$1500 and is covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered at 9.30 p.m. and although the Chateaugay fire department made a quick run to the scene the entire western part of the building was enveloped in flames. By good work the firemen checked the spread of the flames and greatly reduced the damage. Nearby buildings were threatened but as there was very little or no wind the danger was greatly lessened.

A stove which was kept burning in the potato storehouse to keep the tubers from freezing, is thought to have become over-heated and set fire to the room. The Oliver & Spellman storehouse is located about thirty rods west of the Rutland depot and is a frame building. The damaged section will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

## WILL INSIST ON CATTLE TEST

To Exclude From Entry at Next Fair Cattle Not Passed T. B. Test

It was decided to exclude from entry for premiums all cattle which have not been tuberculin tested. This matter was discussed at some length and the final decision to adopt the above stated regulation was deemed to be best for both the Malone fair and the exhibitors of pure bred cattle in all of the premium classes.

The agricultural society has watched the progress of the work of eradication of bovine tuberculosis in Franklin county with interest and is of the opinion that the plan as now being carried forward will eventually result in benefit to the dairy cattle interests of the county. The rule adopted to exclude from entry for premiums at the fair all cattle that have not passed the tuberculin test is adopted in conformity with this belief.

It was decided at the meeting of the officers and directors to make the parade of premium livestock on Friday, the last day of the fair, a feature of the next annual exhibition. The livestock parade in the forenoon on the closing day of the fair last year was witnessed by thousands of people and was an event of much interest and favorably commented upon by all who witnessed it.

## DIED

Parmerton—At Albany, on Feb. 5th, Mrs. John L. Parmerton, sister of Mrs. J. A. Hunter, Huntingdon.

## HOLSTEIN ASS'N. DECLARE OVER \$16,654 BALANCE

P. J. Salley Elected President and Neil Sangster Re-elected Director

The following is a portion of the report that the secretary, Mr. Clemmens, was able to submit at the annual meeting of the association which was held in Toronto.

It is a great pleasure to be able to present an annual report for 1924, showing a volume of business greater than that of any previous year in the history of the Association. Our receipts have been so much larger than in previous years that, in spite of greatly increased expenditure on extension work, we were able to close the year with a cash balance on hand of \$16,654.45, as compared with a deficit of \$123.43 at the corresponding date last year. Our surplus of assets over liabilities now amounts to over \$58,000. The total registrations for the year numbered 18440 as compared with 13632 in 1923, an increase of practically 40 per cent., surely a very satisfactory showing. The greatest number of registrations in any previous year was 16221 in 1921. Transfers for the year were 13389, while in 1923 we had 11704, indicating a considerably better trade in our cattle. In 1924 we admitted 347 new members, as compared with 253 in 1923, an increase of nearly 40 per cent. The Record of Merit work remained practically stationary, 469 certificates being issued in 1924 and 470 in 1923. The number of Record of Performance certificates issued increased from 663 to 657, a gain of 94.

## Dairy Test

The dairy tests of 1924 were in almost every case by Holstein-Friesian cows. At the Ottawa, Guelph and Amherst Winter Fairs all championships were carried off by the Black and Whites. At the Ottawa Winter Fair held in January, Mr. Wm. R. Cummings, Cummings' Bridge, Ont., for the second time captured the grand championship with his great cow, Angie Texal Canary. At the December Fair the highest honors went to Mr. W. J. Elgie, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., whose cow, Mand Fayne Lindley, produced over 30 lbs. butter in seven days, a record unequalled in a fair ground test. At Guelph, Messrs. T. H. Dent & Son, Woodstock, Ont., repeated their victory of the preceding year, winning grand championship with Springbank Adelaide Pontiac. At Amherst, Messrs. Dickie Bros., Truro, N. S., took the honors with Cobusid Morona Canary. Holstein-Friesian also won practically all tests at the fall fairs, including Calgary, (both summer and fall), Brandon, Lethbridge, Nanawac, Kingston, Woodstock, Amherst and Charlottetown.

Two well-known Holstein men who exhibit regularly at the Ormstown show in the names of Mr. P. J. Salley of Lachine Rapids, was elected President of the Association and Mr. Neil Sangster, president of the Ormstown Show, was re-elected director.

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## The Native Stock Decreasing.

As the years roll by a new Quebec is being moulded; a new people and a new mode of life are thrusting yesterday's plans and rules into the discard. All of Canada is passing through a stage of transition but in no province is the change more fraught with dangers, problems and perplexities than in Quebec. Fifty-eight years ago when Confederation was enacted Quebec was taken as the key unit—it was agricultural; its population conservative and it offered less likelihood of sudden or even gradual change. The years have passed and the fathers of Confederation are found to have been indifferent foreseers. Quebec has ceased to be predominately agricultural. The largest city in Canada has been built up. Industrial concerns are everywhere found, and instead of the habitant and his children remaining with the soil they have drifted to the cities. Quebec in 1921 contained 98,712 foreigners and the census states 47,977 are Jews.

With the change of life, home customs have likewise changed. The filial respect has weakened—children no longer feel bound to follow the old French law that the land must go and be held by the son or sons. Sunday is no longer observed as it was sixty years ago. The appeal of the clergy and of social clubs that no work be done on Sunday falls on deaf ears. Pulp mills operate, construction works keep going, stores on the barest of excuses remain open seven days a week and the Quebecer blames the foreigner or his neighbor who would take his job if he dared refuse to work on Sunday.

Now another problem has been named and it is an unexpected one. It is the falling birth rate. The French-Canadian family has always been noted by the number of its children. A few weeks ago the Vital Statistical report of the Province was published and it showed that in 1923 there were 77,530 Catholic children and 6,049 non-Catholic children born in Quebec. The ratio was 32.25—the lowest in the past two decades. The report then states:

It will be a cause of regret to everyone to learn that the birth rate is noticeably falling in this Province where, as is well-known, the increase in population has always been affected by natural increase quite as numerous as in the past. But there remains, the deplorable and not by foreign immigration.

It is true that, in our colonization districts, our births are still calamity that too many farmers leave their land to dwell in the large centres because of scarcity and cost of labor. The result is that our rural population, here as elsewhere, is diminished every year. Our rural population now about equals our urban population.

When we consider that 11,001 babies died when less than 12 months old and that 17,036 died under five years of age in the year 1923, a ready appreciation is gained of the present state of affairs.

It might be said that the figures are inaccurate because Protestants are notoriously lax in registering births but two tables are produced. One showing the totals for 43 counties where all the people are French Canadians, the other is for 27 counties of both races. The totals are:

	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Natural Increase per 1000 population
For 43 counties	37.8	14.3	23.4
For 27 counties	28.7	13.2	15.5

The second group includes the cities of the province and our local counties for which the figures are:

	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Natural Increase per 1000 population
Beauharnois	30.9	13.4	17.4
Chateaugay	28.3	12.3	16.0
Huntingdon	23.1	8.9	14.1

From these tables it is readily seen that the drift is towards a decrease of population, for the natural increase will not offset the leaks caused by shifting populations. Particularly does the situation appear serious when Montreal Island is considered. Montreal is the key to Quebec and there the families are growing smaller in size on that island.

## Church Union.

The question has ended or just begun: it all depends on the attitude of the individual. Most of the congregations of the Presbyterian church in the Dominion have balloted, and in June, those who have assented, will enter the United Church. With the merits of the case a local paper has no right to deal. We will not follow the example of a certain Nova Scotian paper which has during the balloting consistently referred to the bulletins of the United Church as "lies from Satan's Bureau at Toronto." It is a question to be decided in each family, and dragging it out into the open has done more harm than good to all concerned. But we may comment on the attitudes of the three denominations involved. In theory the Congregationalists seem to have gained the least, and the Presbyterians the most, yet the outbursts have all come from the Presbyterians. For generations the Methodists have been considered the evangelistic and argumentative group, while the members of the Old Kirk were considered the restrained believers. How often have we laughed at the story about the old Scot who had a Methodist wife who parted on the road which led to the Methodist church with his remark "Gang along to your meeting house while I go to the House of God." Yet the Methodists have been quiet and restrained—the same cannot be said for the Presbyterians, either pro or anti.

Out of this division has arisen friction, bad publicity and heart-burning, and too often, disgust. The last is the most serious result. Religious denominations have been passing through a serious time. Every sect has suffered losses in memberships which are generally referred to as "leaks." The losses are not the gains of other churches, but additions to the growing army of non-church goers. Central Europe is suffering the worst, but Italy, Germany, and France are all threatened.

In England the Church of England is exercised over the problem. In the Midlands the situation is serious and in some parts of Scotland it is already a disaster. Glasgow is perhaps the worst example, for it is useless to ignore the fact that certain parts of that city have lapsed into paganism. How is North America faring? The methods of the Roman Catholic Church are the most accurate for keeping track of its membership, yet the annual reports show tens of thousands of losses. The losses among Protestants are probably larger. Into such

a condition the controversy between the members of the Presbyterian church of Canada has had an aggravating effect. Empty pews do not make a congregation, and the prospects are that fewer will be regular attendants now.

It is a situation that calls for the ministers and leaders of the church to rise above the narrow spirit and set a new ideal. The obligation rests not only on the Unionists but the anti-unionists as well. The pity is that too many have lost sight of this primary fact and are still climbing the blind track which leads nowhere and which only ends in word-splitting and argument.

## The Speech From The Throne.

Most attempts to foretell what the annual speech from the Throne will contain are generally wrong, and this year's guesses have proven to be just as far astray as ever. It was freely stated that it would be an electioneering document, but the words of the speech were not phrased along the usual electioneering lines. Chief among the statements contained was that the railway freight rates would have to be adjusted and that a conference with the Provinces would be held respecting the senate. The Supreme Court of Canada has just finished hearing the appeal on the Crow's Nest Pass agreement and their judgment is awaited with interest. It is hardly likely that the findings will be satisfactory to all parties concerned. Likewise the senate conference will hardly be blessed with a harmonious ending. Those provinces which now support legislative councils will be more or less bound to stand by in support of the preservation of the senate, while the Western provinces will probably demand that the senate be abolished. There has never been a constitutional change made without opposition and the Premier will ultimately have to take the responsibility for the change. In this he has one great element in his favor—the people of Canada recognize that they are overgoverned and will support a change which will reduce the powers of legislative bodies.

## HOWICK

Miss Ethel Kerr of Montreal was the week end guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerr.

Miss Jessie Watson spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Watson.

Mr. Wm. Anderson and little son Wilburn spent Thursday and Friday in the city.

Messrs. Alex. and Campbell Steel left Monday for Maxville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown spent Saturday in Montreal.

Mr. R. Roy has been spending a few days recently in Bainsville.

Mr. Jas. McEwan has been home with his mother, Mrs. J. McEwan for the past week suffering from a severe attack of the grippe.

Mrs. A. McFarlane spent Monday in the city.

Mrs. David Ness and Mrs. A. W. Currie left Tuesday morning for Montreal as delegates to attend the annual meetings of the W.M.S.

Mr. J. W. Logan was in the city Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Dorothy McTeer spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. H. G. McTeer.

By unanimous decision of the Trustees of the Temperance Hall, no public pay card playing or dancing parties will be held in the Hall, Howick. A recent addition to the Trustees was made to replace the deceased members. The Hall was erected in 1889, the original trustees being G. Petrie, R. Ness, John Crutcheff, John Peddie and the surviving one Dr. Shanks. The names of the Trustees who agreed to the above resolution are Albert Brown, Roy Young, Alex. McGregor, John Brown and J. C. Shanks. There were two recent applications for a euchre and dance in the Hall, but parents were complaining of the temptations to drink and indulge in misdemeanors so frequently to the trustees that they did not hesitate finally to shun the very appearance of evil.

## Origin of Curling

St. Thomas Times Journal Of course, we are aware the ancient Chaldeans invented the bagpipe and the instrument was carried into Germany, used in Italy and inherited by the Greeks before it was adopted by Scotland. The continentals or Europe ceased to use the pipes when there came a growth of refinement in musical instruments, learned men asserted. Now it almost appears this game of curling might have been smuggled into Scotia with the bagpipes. Anandale's dictionary says *bondspeil* is a rustic game from Denmark and *spiel* is German for game, *bonda* being Anglo-Saxon for game, *bonda* being Anglo-Saxon for rustic. Then the Encyclopaedia Britannica has this to add to our complex view of these Scottish sports or industries:

"Curling, a game in which the players throw large rounded stones upon a rink or channel of ice, towards a mark called the tee." Where the game originated is not precisely known, but it has been popular in Scotland for three centuries at least. Some writers, looking to the name and technical terms of the game, trace its invention to the Netherlands; thus 'curl' may have been derived from the German *kurzweil*, a game; 'tee' from the Teutonic *tighen*, to point out; 'bondspeil,' a district curling competition, from the Belgic *bonne*, a district, spel, play; the further supposition that "rink" is merely a modification of the Saxon *brink*, a strong man, seems scarcely tenable. Curling is called "kating" in some parts of Lanarkshire and Ayrshire, and very much resembles quouting on the ice, so that the name may have some connection with the Dutch *coete*, a quoit; while Cornelius Kiliaan (1528-1607) in his Teutonic dictionary gives the term *khuerten* as meaning a pastime in which large globes of stone like the quoit or discs are thrown upon the ice. Possibly some of the Flemish merchants who settled in Scotland towards the close of the 16th century may have brought the game to the country.

## HEMMINGFORD

Mrs. D. A. Jones of Brenfait, Sask., Miss Ellen Lackey of Creelman, Sask. and Miss Emma Lackey of Ottawa are guests of the Rev. I. H. and Mrs. Lackey.

Mr. George H. Cairns of Ormstown is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cairns.

The Misses Hazel Keddy and Ella Barr spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Cunningham is visiting friends in Huntingdon and her son Alex. in Port Covington.

Miss Cora Sellar of Barrington spent the past week with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robinson (née Blanche Barr) have returned from a honeymoon trip to Florida where they spent the past two months. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barr over the week end.

Mr. John Gordon of Frontier has gone to the General Hospital, Montreal for medical treatment. He was accompanied by his nephew, Mr. W. A. Orr.

Mrs. Daniel McNaughton and son Melville of Ormstown spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Braithwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stewart and son Leslie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Madden Stewart.

Mrs. Emmett Clelland of Frontier is in Montreal, a delegate to the W.M.S. Convention. She will be the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Brown.

Mr. G. E. Robson returned last Thursday from Alburt, Vt. where she spent a month with friends.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Salisbury spent Tuesday in Montreal.

Miss Ella Beattie spent the week end at home.

Mr. W. A. Orr, Customs Officer is enjoying a holiday at present. He will be relieved by Mr. Rodrigue.

The Misses I. Rutherford, T. True, and I. Moore spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore.

The monthly meeting of the W.I. was held Friday afternoon. Thirty members being present. The roll call was responded to by the name of an inventor and the invention. This proved very interesting and instructive. Mrs. W. B. Stewart gave an interesting paper on Current Events. Mrs. Patterson Simpson also read several interesting articles on "Our Tasks." A very fine demonstration was given by Mrs. Pat Farmer, showing ways of binding with different materials, sewing laces and making buttonholes.

The death occurred very suddenly of Mr. James Clelland of Alburt, Vt. on Saturday morning. Mr. Clelland, with his son Walter had shovelled the snow from the roof, and was descending the ladder when he fell dead in the snow. The funeral service was held at Alburt, and the burial service at Hemmingford, where a large number of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects to one who had been born and brought up here. He leaves to mourn his loss, his widow, née Agnes Campbell, two daughters, Mrs. (Rev.) Young of St. Johnsbury Centre, Vt., Mrs. Bristol of Vergennes, Vt. and one son Walter of Alburt, also one sister Mrs. R. T. Brownlee of Hemmingford and one brother Charles of Franklin. Mr. Clelland was 59 years of age.

## Railway Time Tables

### Canadian National Lines

Montreal-Massena	
Lv. Montreal	7.30 a.m. 4.40 p.m.
Ar. Huntingdon	10.05 a.m. 7.08 p.m.
Lv. Huntingdon	7.01 a.m. 2.25 p.m.
Ar. Montreal	9.55 a.m. 4.55 p.m.

Montreal-Hemmingford	
Lv. Montreal	8.45 a.m. 5.30 p.m.
Ar. Hemmingford	11.50 a.m. 7.40 p.m.
Lv. Hemmingford	6.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m.
Ar. Montreal	8.30 a.m. 4.55 p.m.

Rouses Pt.-Ottawa	
Lv. Howick Jct.	7.18 a.m.
Ar. Coteau Jct.	8.02 a.m.
Lv. Coteau Jct.	7.25 p.m.
Ar. Howick Jct.	8.06 p.m.

Coteau-Valleyfield (daily)	
Lv. Coteau	9.40 11.40 5.05 7.25
Ar. Valleyfield	9.55 11.55 5.20 7.39
Lv. Valleyfield	8.47 10.25 4.15 5.30
Ar. Coteau	9.02 10.40 4.30 5.45

### New York Central

Lv. Montreal	7.50 a.m. *5.25 p.m.
Ar. Huntingdon	9.55 a.m. 7.26 p.m.
Lv. Huntingdon	8.52 a.m. 8.38 p.m.
Ar. Montreal	10.40 a.m. 10.30 p.m.

## JOSEPH KILGOUR LEFT \$1,500,000

### \$20,000 Bequests to Church At Beauharnois—Local Relatives Benefit

Toronto, February 9.—Jos. Kilgour of Toronto, who died at Hampton Springs, Florida, on Jan. 26th, left an estate valued at \$1,500,000, and application for probate of the will dated December 23, 1922, will soon be made. Miss Mary Kilgour, only surviving sister of the testator, is given the homestead at Beauharnois, Que. and \$100,000. Miss Maggie Holmes, residing with her, receives \$25,000.

The trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Beauharnois are left \$20,000, and are to pay one-half of the interest to the minister in addition to his salary and use the other half to keep the graves of the testator's family in order.

The chief items in the inventory include the homestead at Beauharnois.

Legacies are also given to the following nephews and nieces of the testator: J. B. Coulthard, \$10,000, and his wife, \$10,000; Dr. Walter Coulthard, \$5,000; R. Coulthard \$20,000; Dr. H. Coulthard, \$5,000; Mrs. Beatrice Berry of Montreal, \$20,000; Mrs. Annie Wilson, \$5,000; Miss B. Coulthard, \$20,000; Mrs. J. C. Smith, \$15,000; Miss Elizabeth Given of Scotland, \$20,000; Harold and Lachlan Livingston, each \$5,000; Lachlan M. Livingston, an annuity of \$2,400 a year; Ralph Wm. Kilgour and wife, Bessie Kilgour, Beauharnois, each \$20,000; Cecil Kilgour, \$20,000, and Ashley Kilgour, \$40,000; Mrs. Helen McGillivrey, wife of Dr. McGillivrey, \$15,000; Mrs. Archibald Campbell and Miss Annie Holmes of Howick, Scotland, each \$20,000.

Mrs. J. W. Kilgour of Beauharnois is to receive the interest on \$40,000 during her life, and upon her death this sum is to be divided among her children; H. S. Osler, a lifelong friend of the testator, is given his shares and interests in the Scoug Game Preserve Company and in the Cartwright Game Preserve Company.

## ROCKBURN

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Cordick on the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 5th, with the Pres. Mrs. McCord in the chair. Eighteen members and visitors were present. Sewing was the work for the day. At the business meeting it was decided to send the outfit that had been requested for a student at Moose Mt. School, Carlyle, Sask. Lunch was served by the hostess. Receipts of the meeting, \$21.73.

SKATES on ground at the Gleaner Office. 35c per pair.

## In The Early Days.

The first survey ever made in the District of Beauharnois was completed in 1800. When the surveyor started the work is not known. In laying out the seigniory he laid them out in divisions, each division being given the Christian names of the seignior's children. They were—Catherinestown, Hel-enstown, Marystown, Annstown, North and South Georgestown, Ormstown, Jamestown, Williams-town, Edwardstown and Russell-towns. The whole seigniory was named Annstown in honor of Mrs. Ellice. The chief lieu of the seigniory was selected at Beauharnois as it had the only bay between Chateaugay Basin and the rapids. There was not settlement there at that time and the village thus established was named Annstown. Ellice died four years later and his dream of having each of his children succeed to the estates thus named after them came to naught.

## DUNDEE

The Dundee Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. J. McMillan on the 4th inst. Despite the drifted roads there was a large turnout of members and visitors. The Vice President, Mrs. R. G. Steven presided over the meeting. Hearing that one of our members, Miss Dora McPhee was still on the sick list two of the members Mrs. J. Arnold and Mrs. George Wilson were appointed to visit her. A long discussion on good literature was entered into and being such a large subject to deal with it took up all the allotted time of the meeting. Community singing was the next on the program which was much enjoyed by all. The hostess then served refreshments after the singing of the closing ode.

In Papua, only 400 miles from Australia, and part of our Empire, cases of cannibalism still occur; the Papuans have a tradition that no youth may marry until he has shed human blood.

## BORN

Lorden—At Huntingdon, Que., on February 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lorden, a daughter.

## DIED

Carmichael—At Howick on Jan. 20th, 1925, Agnes Carmichael, beloved wife of James Hope in her 70th year.

Clelland—At Alburt, Vt. on Feb. 7th, 1925, James Clelland, eldest son of the late Archibald Clelland and brother of the late S. A. Clelland, Hemmingford, Que.

Derochie—At Rochester, N.Y. on Feb. 7th, Mrs. Horace Derochie, aged 52 years. Interment at Fort Covington, N.Y.

Reid—At Ormstown on Feb. 3rd, 1925, Jane Cameron, widow of the late Thomas Reid, in her 78th year.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. James T. Clelland and family wish to thank their many friends in Hemmingford for their kindness and expression of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement.

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## Rev. C. Chazeaud To Give Address in Athelstan

An address by the Rev. C. Chazeaud on Mission and Educational work in Africa will be given under the auspices of the Tuxis Square Church in the Presbyterian Church, Athelstan, on FRIDAY evening, February 20th, at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

An offering will be received to help defray expenses.

## Debate

The Trout River Debating Society will meet at the home of Mr. C. A. Gavin on Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th. Subject of debate—Resolved "That a Course in a Business College is of more value to a girl than a Course in Domestic Science." Affirmative: Jack Brown, Hattie Colby. Negative: Douglis Elder, Lillian Paul.

## BAZAAR

The Barbara McNaughton Mission Band of the Methodist Church will hold a sale of Fancy Work, Homecooking and Candy in the Lecture Room on Friday, February the thirteenth at 3 o'clock. Afternoon tea will be served.

## HOCKEY MATCH

Westmount High School VS Huntingdon Academy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 1925.

These two teams played a one to one draw last Saturday in Montreal, so the Match here on Friday night should be at 8.15 p.m. Admission: 35c and 25c

## DANCE

Community Hall, Dundee

Friday, February 13th

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# SCHOOL BOARDS SPENT \$280,476 FOR EDUCATION

Report Tabled at Quebec Shows Cost for School Corporations in District

## \$116,702 TO TEACHERS

Average Salary for Fifty Corporations for a Sec.-Treas. Is \$143. The Total Cost Being \$7144.

According to the report on Quebec School corporations laid on the table at Quebec when the present session opened the school municipalities in the District of Beauharnois received \$280,476.17 for educational purposes. Divided by counties it was:

Beauharnois	\$107,769.62
Chateauguay	104,294.70
Huntingdon	68,411.85

There are 50 school boards—12 in Beauharnois, 19 in Huntingdon and 19 in Chateauguay. The receipts of each and the salaries paid teachers being:

	Receipts	Salaries
Beauharnois	8,346.58	4,950.00
Beauharnois	493.84	300.00
Maple Grove	10,510.02	3,600.00
St. Cécile	3,609.15	2,225.00
" diss.	1,066.13	700.00
St. Etienne	4,140.58	1,500.00
St. Louis	9,876.96	5,331.15
" diss.	1,633.65	550.00
St. Stanislas	3,179.95	2,350.00
St. Timothée	9,663.66	4,205.00
Valleyfield	43,397.25	16,224.50
" diss.	11,954.85	6,288.00
Chateauguay	9,430.47	3,757.00
Chateauguay	25,873.24	1,630.00
Howick	5,490.71	3,890.25
" diss.	3,531.42	1,550.00
Norton Creek	394.96	275.00
Ornstown	6,183.96	3,850.00
" diss.	4,355.53	2,830.00
" village	8,707.38	5,130.00
St. Antoine	3,477.43	2,325.00
St. Clothilde	2,970.57	1,200.00
" village	4,592.89	300.00
St. Chrysostome	474.13	316.88
St. Chrysostome	5,798.75	3,650.00
" No 2 diss	1,654.51	1,023.76
St. Martine	12,900.54	4,350.00
St. Philomene	3,517.41	1,625.00
St. Urbain	2,910.00	1,924.30
" diss	2,030.70	700.00
Ville de Léry	826.36	571.75
Cazaville	640.82	390.00
Cote St Charles	3,971.52	2,750.00
Dundee	3,944.2	2,750.00
Elgin	1,183.71	958.39
Franklin	4,922.01	3,900.00
Godmanches-ter	2,792.02	1,350.00
Godmanches-ter, diss	1,927.88	1,200.00
Havelock	916.20	580.00
" diss.	9,416.83	3,788.25
Hemingford	6,315.35	5,200.00
Hinchinbrook	12,776.52	6,686.00
Huntingdon	1,910.66	550.00
" diss.	453.50	137.50
Port Lewis	1,010.58	850.00
St. Anicet No 1	1,338.49	1,000.00
" No 1 diss	2,425.15	1,730.00
St. Anicet No 2	4,099.08	1,375.00
St. Barbe	7,540.89	2,410.18
St. Romain de Hem-ningford		

A summary of the operations of the boards by counties shows how the money was raised and spent (cents omitted.)

	Beau.	Chat.	Hunt.
Cash on hand	8,687	3,808	4,514
Arrears	8,675	7,112	3,373

Taxes	Specials	Fees	Gov.	Grants	Loans	Miscellaneous
66,151	48,340	41,313	4,531	1,530	1,691	2,739
5,502	6,575	7,213	7,088	32,762	2,801	4,392
4,392	795	2,966				

Expenditures

Beau.	Chat.	Hunt.
\$48,218	40,327	38,177
9,900	6,738	5,170
4,882	3,590	4,082
2,050	24,450	3,049
2,290	2,397	2,457
5,524	191	1,778
8,495	10,189	2,319
2,647	1,730	235
11,653	7,410	7,216
12,109	6,427	3,927

From these tables it is seen that the amounts actually paid for educating the children is less than the \$280,476 total would infer. On the other hand none of the convents are taken into consideration. Like-wise the Valleyfield College. So we will next consider the assessments and the rate per \$100 of taxation. Doing this it will be found that De Léry has the lowest rate, 13c, with Hemmingford the highest, \$1.50. However if the special assessments be added Godmanchester dissents in Huntingdon county had the highest rate for the year at \$1.75. The rates by municipalities follow:

	Prop.	Ass.	Rt. Tax
Beauharnois	1,714,618.	40.	.07
Beauharnois	58,406.	30.	
St. Cécile	892,275.	1.00	
St. Clément	1,253,933.	30.	
St. Clément diss.	290,000.	25.	
St. Etienne	505,650.	30.	.16
St. Louis	1,292,810.	30.	
St. Louis, diss.	240,075.	60.	
St. Stanislas	485,275.	58.	
St. Timothée	1,033,050.	50.	
Valleyfield	6,193,650.	60.	
Valleyfield, diss.	505,000.	40.	
Chateauguay	1,145,340.	70.	
Chateauguay	538,630.	45.	.30
Chateauguay diss	844,567.	50.	
Howick	328,200.	65.	
Howick, diss.	88,955.	40.	
Norton-Creek	1,146,281.	50.	
Ornstown	470,643.	70.	
Ornstown diss.	544,915.	90.	
Ornstown vil.	458,658.	65.	.08
St. Antoine	297,910.	65.	
St. Clothilde, p.	95,125.	60.	.50
St. Clothilde, vil.			
St. Jean Chrysostome No. 1	107,145.	33.	
St. Jean Chrysostome No. 2	884,183.	50.	
St. Jean Chrysostome No. 2 diss.	246,878.	60.	
St. Martine	1,135,402.	75.	
St. Philomene	737,050.	30.	
St. Urbain	663,675.	35.	
St. Urbain diss.	No Schools		
Ville de Léry	963,006.	13.	
Huntingdon	106,800.	40.	
Cazaville	96,830.	40.	
Côte St. Charles	413,105.	75.	.04
Dundee	515,640.	60.	
Elgin	251,307.	40.	
Franklin	799,075.	55.	
Godmanchester	547,975.	25.	1.50
Godmanchester diss	197,900.	80.	
Havelock	79,475.	80.	
Havelock diss.	499,998.	140.	
Hemingford	1,248,380.	45.	
Hinchinbrook	764,545.	80.	
Huntingdon	213,500.	30.	
Huntingdon diss.	78,960.	45.	
Port Lewis	190,866.	40.	
St. Anicet No. 1	197,880.	32.	
St. Anicet 1 diss.	326,454.	55.	
St. Anicet No. 2	248,100.	70.	.16
St. Barbe	322,143.	1.00	
Rt. Romain de Hemmingford			

The asset sheets show that two municipalities had no arrears at the year's end—Huntingdon School Commissioners and St. Clément trustees.

In real estate the school corporations of Beauharnois had \$245,012 invested; those in Chateauguay had \$129,472 and in Huntingdon \$93,670.

In equipment, etc. Beauharnois corporations had assets valued at \$16,988, Chateauguay \$16,652 and Huntingdon \$11,285.

The liability sheet shows Huntingdon County to be in the easiest condition. The total liabilities being:

Beauharnois	\$94,670.61
Chateauguay	42,555.33
Huntingdon	6,180.23

Considering this report shows the financial position of the various school corporations of the Province, which then numbered 1764 of which 1410 are for Catholic and 354 for Protestant schools—an in-

crease of 16 Catholic and 2 Protestant.

A summary shows that the total value of property taxable for school purposes in 1922-23 was \$1,625,903,094.

The assets of the corporations were \$73,511,952.02 and the liabilities \$33,337,966.29 leaving a surplus to the credit of the corporations of \$20,173,985.73 There was then an accumulated sinking fund of \$2,296,475.91.

The receipts during the school year were \$28,902,664.96 including a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$1,197,015.03. Among the receipts, the school corporations received from the provincial government an aggregate amount of \$781,970.91.

Of the expenditure of \$28,902,664.96 including the excess of \$2,714,907.27 at the end of the school year, the salaries of male and female teachers absorbed \$7,798,347.90.

G. E. Marquis closes his report by stating:

"Some secretaries seem to be ignorant yet of the work to be done in compiling those 1734 reports although their number decreases from one year to another, but there are always a few subsisting. As soon as the school is closed, every school board should have a competent auditor to make out, within

the delay allowed by law, a verified statement of its account books and, at the same time, furnish the secretary with the financial report required by the Education Act. At present the law authorizes any school inspector to go to the secretary-treasurer's office, when the latter has not sent his annual report during the month of July, the cost of this is repayable by the school corporation in default. This amendment has already had a salutary effect.

Before making out his annual report, the secretary-treasurer should look over the financial statement for the previous year so as to avoid manifest contradictions and differences. This report would be forwarded on time to allow such comparison to be made should its compiling not be retarded by a few negligents, each year."

CHATEAUGUAY BASIN

The sad news of the death of Mr. J. Mackay, which took place at his residence in Montreal on Sunday morning, was received here that day and his many friends and acquaintances extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mackay in her sad bereavement.

The result of the vote on Church Union was announced here on Thursday evening, February 8th, at a congregational meeting which was held for that purpose. The vote was as follows: 36 for Union, and 21 against.

## ST. CHRYSOSTOME

The box social given by the Junior Y's of Trinity Church, Havelock was held Friday night, Feb. 6th. The night was perfect and a goodly number turned out and a jolly evening was spent. The proceeds of the evening amounted to over \$41.

Mr. Henry Sayer had a bee drawing down his wood from Mr. Watt's place on Saturday. There were fourteen teams with the result he has a fine large wood pile.

Rev. and Mrs. St. Aubin are spending the week in Montreal. Mrs. St. Aubin will attend the annual meeting of the Montreal Presbyterian as delegate for the Woman's Missionary Society of the Russelltown Church.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Wm. Currie died at the home of her brother, Mr. T. C. Baskin, Cowans. Mrs. Currie's home was in St. Chrysostome, but after her husband's death, on account of her age and ill health she went to live with her brother where she was for five years. Although in poor health Mrs. Currie was no more than usual. On Tuesday morning she got up and dressed as usual, but later in the day she took a hemorrhage and died in the afternoon. Her funeral took place Thursday afternoon the 5th to the Russelltown Church. A

large number of relatives and friends followed the remains. The service was conducted by her clergyman, the Rev. Mr. King of Hem-



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8. Keep clean surroundings, at home, work, or play
9. Brush teeth twice a day, but particularly at night before retiring
10. Not spit on the floor
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13. Avoid doubtful food
14. Avoid unsafe drinking water (especially in country)

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In the panel above are simple Commandments of Health. Cut them out. Keep them before you, where you can see them every day. Obey them.

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And the same preventive rules that will check Tuberculosis will also cut down Infant Mortality.

Join in the fight. Enlist the support of all within your sphere of influence.

The Provincial Bureau of Health has prepared a variety of printed matter dealing with health measures to detect and prevent tuberculosis, to reduce infantile mortality. These will be mailed on request. If you wish to distribute these in quantity, write the Director, Provincial Bureau of Health, Parliament Buildings, Quebec City, P.Q.

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# THE ASTONISHING ADVENTURE OF JANE SMITH

BY PATRICIA WENTWORTH

AUTHOR OF "A MARRIAGE UNDER THE TERROR," ETC.

"Yes," said Henry. "Would it be possible—no I'll put it another way. Officially Luttrell Marches is impregnable, but practically belongs to you—is there any way in which there might be coming and going that would defy detection? You see, your hypothesis demands either wholesale corruption of Government workmen, or the introduction of other experiments."

There was a pause. Then Henry said:

"In confidence, sir, there is a way, but, to the best of my knowledge, it is known only to myself and one other person."

"It might be discovered."

"I don't think so. It never has been."

"Well, I would suggest your ascertaining, in conjunction with the other person, whether there is any evidence to show that the secret has been discovered and the way made use of."

The telephone bell rang. Sir Julian lifted the receiver and listened.

"Yes," he said—"yes." Then he began to take notes. "Spell the name, please—yes. Nineteen hundred and five? Is that all? Thank you."

He hung up the receiver, and turned to Henry.

"Ember's dossier," he said. "Not much in it at first sight. Born 1880. Son of Charles Ember, partner in Jarvis & Ember—manufacturing chemists, firm liquidated in 1898. Education till then at Harrow, and subsequently at Heidelberg, where he took degrees in medicine and science. From 1905 to 1912 at Chicago, U.S.A., as personal assistant to Eugene K. Blumfield of Nitrates Ltd. Engaged as secretary by Sir William Carr-Magnus during his American tour in 1912. Total exemption during War on Sir William's representations. 'M'—blameless as a blancmange—at first sight. Why wouldn't have him here at all if we hadn't been told to get the record of every one employed at Luttrell Marches. Well, March."

Henry looked up with his candid, diffident air.

"Heidelberg—Chicago nitrates," he said, with a little pause after each word. Then—"I wonder if it was in Chicago that he met Molloy. Molloy was a leading light of the I.W.W. there in 1911."

Piggy looked up for a moment.

"M. yes," he said. "Did you get on to the subject of Molloy at all?"

"I had to be very careful," said Henry, with a worried air. "I was introduced to Miss Molloy, so I felt that it would look odd if I asked no questions. On the other hand, I was afraid of asking too many. You see, sir, if there's really some infernal, underground plot going on, with the general smash-up of civilisation as its object, that girl is in a most awfully dangerous position. I wish to Heaven she was out of it, but I'm not at all sure that she isn't right when she says that the most dangerous thing of all would be for her to give the show away by bolting."

"M. yes," said Piggy. "Your concern for the young lady's safety does you credit—attractive damsel in distress, eh? Nice, pretty young thing, and all that?"

Henry blushed furiously, and said with some stiffness, "As I told you, sir, we are old friends, and I think, it's natural."

"Entirely, entirely," Piggy waved a large, fat hand with a pencil in it. "But to get back to Ember—what did you ask him?"

"Well, I said I had known one or two Molloys, and asked whether Miss Molloy was the cricketer's daughter. Ember was quite forthcoming, rather too forthcoming, I thought. Said he'd met Molloy in the States, and that he was a queer card, but good company. Explained how surprised he was when he ran into him at Victoria Station after not seeing him for years. Then, quite casually and naturally, gave me to understand that Molloy had put him up for a couple of nights. He really did it very well. Said the daughter was a nice little thing just from school, that he thought she would suit Lady Heritage, and how grateful Molloy was, as he was just off to the States, and did not know what to do with the girl. The impression I got was that he was taking no chances—not leaving anything for me to find out afterwards." Henry hesitated for a moment, and then said, "The thing that struck me most was this. I didn't ask to interview Miss Molloy because I didn't want to make her position more dangerous than it already is. That is to say, I assumed that there was danger, which really means assuming a criminal conspiracy. Now, if there were no danger and no criminal conspiracy, why on earth did everyone make it so easy for me not to interview Miss Molloy? It seems a little thing, but it struck me—it struck me awfully, sir. You see, I took a roll-call of the employees first, and checked them by the official list. Then I went down to the stables with Sir William, and we went through all the outdoor servants. And I finished up in Sir William's study, where I saw the domestic staff—and Mr. Ember. From first to last, no one suggested that I should see Miss Molloy. In the end I thought it would be too marked not to bring her in at all, so I said to Lady Heritage, 'What about your secretary?' and she said, 'Why, she's only just come. . . . You don't need to see her.' I got nervous and left it at that. I think now that I ought to have seen her, with Lady Heritage and Ember in the room; then they couldn't have suspected her of telling me anything."

Piggy looked up from his case, and looked down again. Very carefully he gave each out a fourth whisker on the left-hand side. Then he fixed his small, light eyes on Henry and said:



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With a great start Jane attempted to rise, only to discover that a wheelbarrow may make a very comfortable chair, but that it is uncommonly difficult to get out of in a hurry. To her horror the man, George Patterson, took her firmly by the wrist and pulled her to her feet. She shrank intensely from his touch, received an impression of unusual strength, and then, to her overwhelming surprise, she heard him say in a low, well-bred voice, "I have a letter for you, Miss Smith."

"Oh, hush!" said Jane—"Oh, please, hush!"

"All right, I won't do it again. Look here, I want to say a few words to you, but we had better not be seen together. Here's your letter. Stay where you are for five minutes, and then come down to the potting-shed. Don't come in; stay by the door and tie your shoe-lace."

He went off with his dragging step, and left Jane dumb. There was a folded note in her hand, and in her mind so intense a shock of surprise as to rob her thoughts of expression.

After what seemed like a long paralysed month, she opened the note which bore no address, and read, pencilled in Henry's clear and very ornamental hand, "The bearer is trustworthy.—H.L.M."

When she had looked so long at Henry's initials that they had blurred and cleared again, not once but many times, she walked mechanically down the path until she came to the shed. Beside it was a barrel full of rain-water. Into this she dipped Henry's note, made sure that the words were totally illegible, poked a hole in the border, and covered the sodden paper with earth. Then at the potting-shed door she knelt and became occupied with her shoe-lace.

"Henry saw me after he saw you," said George Patterson's voice. "He thought it might be a comfort to you to know there is a friend on the spot; but I'm afraid I gave you a fright yesterday."

"You did," said Jane, "but I don't know why. I was a perfect fool, and I ran right into Mr. Ember's arms."

"Did you tell him what frightened you?" said Patterson quickly.

"No, I wasn't quite such a fool as that. Please, who are you?"

"My name here is George Patterson. I'm a friend of Henry's. If you want me, I'm here."

"If I want you," said Jane, "how am I to get at you?"

Mr. Patterson considered.

"There, a wide sill inside your window. (And how on earth do you know that? thought Jane.) If you put a big jar of, say, those yellow tulips there, I'll know you want to speak to me, and I'll come here to the potting-shed as soon as I can. You know they keep us pretty busy with roll-calls and things of that sort. I only got back yesterday by the skin of my teeth—I had to bolt."

"Did you—you didn't pass me."

At 9.30 that evening Sir Julian marked a place in his book with a massive thumb, glanced across the domestic hearth at his wife, and observed:

"M' dear."

Lady Le Mesurier raised her charming blue eyes from the child's frock which she was embroidering.

"I have news to break to you—news concerning the lad Henry. Prepare for a shock. He is another's. You have lost him, my poor Isobel."

"I never had him," said Isobel placidly.

"His mamma thought you had. She did her very best to warn me. I rather think she considered that your young affections were also entangled. I said to her solemnly, 'My dear Mrs. March—I beg your pardon—my dear Mrs. de Luttrell—March—of course he is in love with Isobel. I expect young men to be in love with her. I am in love with her myself.'"

"Piggy, you didn't!"

"No, m' dear, but I should have liked to. She is so very large and pink that the temptation to say it, and to watch the pink turn puce, was almost more than I could resist. But you have interrupted me. I was about to break to you a portentous fact. Our Henry is in love."

"Oh, Piggy!" said Isobel.

"Yes," continued Henry's chief adviser, "Henry is undoubtedly for it. Another lost soul. It's always these promising lads that are snatched by the predatory sex."

"Piggy—we're not—"

"M' dear, you are. It's axiomatic, beyond cavil or argument. Like the python in the natural history books, you fascinate us first, and then engulf us."

Isobel allowed a fleeting smile to lift the corners of her very pretty mouth.

"Oh, Piggy, what a mouthful you would be!" she murmured.

"Henry," pursued Sir Julian—"Henry is in the fascinating stage. He blushed one of the most modestly revealing blushes I have ever beheld. The whole story is of the most thrillingly romantic and intriguing nature, and I regret to say, m' dear, that I cannot tell you a single word of it."

Lady Le Mesurier took up a blue silk thread.

"Oh, Piggy!" she said reproachfully.

Sir Julian beamed upon her.

"My official duty forbids," he said, with great enjoyment, "Dismiss the indecent curiosity which I see stamped upon your every feature. Upon Henry's affair my lips are sealed. I am a tomb. I merely wish to have a small bet with you as to whether Henry's mamma will queer his pitch or not."

"But, Piggy darling, how can I lay odds if I don't know anything? Tell me, is she pretty?"

"Isobel, is that the spirit in which to approach this solemn subject? As an old married woman, you should ask, Is she virtuous? Is she thrifty? Is she worthy of Henry? And to all these same questions I should make the same reply—I do not know."

Isobel leaned forward, and still with that faint, delightful smile she pricked the back of Sir Julian's hand sharply with the point of her embroidery needle.

"The serpent's tooth!" he said, and opened his book. "Isobel, you interrupt my studies. I merely wish to commend three aspects of the case to your feminine intuition. First—Henry is in love; second—he has yet to reckon with his mamma; third—I may at any time ring you up and instruct you to prepare the guest chamber for Henry's girl."

Lady Le Mesurier began to work a blue ribbon bow round the stalks of some pink and white daisies.

"You're rather a lamb, Piggy," she said.

uttered more reproof than words could have done.

Jane picked up everything as silently as possible. As she put the papers on the table, she laid the times out flat, and bending over it, read the message:

"You will receive a letter from me. Trust the bearer, Thursday."

She put all the papers neatly in their places, and went to her writing-table with an intense longing to be alone, to be able to think what this might mean, and to wonder who—would be the bearer of Henry's letter. She hoped ardently that Lady Heritage would have business in the laboratories, and whilst these thoughts, and hopes, and wonderings filled her mind, she had to write neat and legible replies to the apparently inexhaustible number of persons who desired Lady Heritage to open bazaars, speak at public meetings, subscribe to an indefinite number of charities, or contribute to the writer's support.

When, at last, she was alone in her own room, she was tingling with excitement. At any moment some one, some unknown friend (and ally, might present himself. It was exciting, but she thought, rather risky.

For instance, supposing Henry's letter came, by any mischance, into the wrong hands—and letters were mislaid and stolen sometimes—what a perfectly dreadful chapter of misfortunes might ensue. She frowned, and decided that Henry had been rash.

It was with a pleasant feeling of superiority that she put on her hat and went out into the garden to pick tulips.

The weather had changed in the night, and it was hot and sunny, with the sudden dazzling heat of mid-April. In the walled garden, the south border was full of violet-scented yellow tulips, each looking at this new hot sun with a jet-black eye. A sheet of forget-me-nots repeated the sheer blue of the sky.

Jane picked an armful of tulips and a sheaf of leopard's bane. Strictly speaking, she should then have gone in to put the flowers in water for the adornment of the Yellow Drawing Room. Instead, she had made her way to the farthest corner of the garden and basked.

At first she looked at the flowers, but after a while her eyelids fell.

Jane has never admitted that she went to sleep, but if she was thinking with her eyes shut, her thoughts must have been of an extremely engrossing nature, for it is certain that she heard neither the opening nor the shutting of a door in the wall beside her. She did feel a shadow pass between herself and the sun, and opening her eyes quickly she saw standing beside her the very man from whom she had fled in terror yesterday.

The sunlight fell from upon him, showing the shabby clothes, the tall, stooping figure, the grizzled beard, and that disfiguring scar.

gregation to meet again the following Wednesday evening. The advisability of increasing the number of Elders in the congregation was also discussed. The ladies had prepared refreshments for the occasion and the meeting continued to a late hour.

Miss Adriance Kilgour has gone to visit in Toronto.

Miss Annie Wilson and Miss Kathleen Anderson have returned from their visit to New York.

The Trail Rangers all went to Montreal on Friday afternoon to attend the Boys Conference at which Mr. Taylor Statten was present. The Trustees considerably allowed the school to close for that afternoon that the boys might be free to attend. Mr. Kenneth Good, one of the Tuxis Boys, has been made mentor of the Trail Rangers.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, two of the girls of the Sunday School received the diploma issued by the General Assembly for repeating the Shorter Catechism. Their S. School teacher, Miss Bessie Kilgour, also presented each of them with a Scofield Reference Bible. These girls had previously received the diploma given for the repetition of passages selected from the scripture.

We are always glad when we hear of a Beauharnois lad making good. This time it is Mr. Phillip A. Holmes, son of Mr. Wm. Holmes, who has been made manager of The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. in Ottawa.

The governor of French Indo-China has given Premier Herriot of France a costly pet. It is an elephant eleven years old and weighing 2,644 pounds. On the trip from Indo-China to France it ate 400 bunches of bananas for which the premier had to pay. In desperation he has sent it to the Lyons zoo.

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The annual meeting of St. Edward's Presbyterian Church was held in the Mansie, Wednesday evening of last week. All reports were of a most encouraging nature. The total receipts for congregational expenses amounted to \$2482, and there was a balance on hand of \$109. The total receipts for missionary and benevolent objects from all organizations amounted to \$1723. Total offerings, including the Sunday School, were \$4343. In addition to this the receipts for the Cemetery Fund were \$217. Most of the officers were re-elected but Mr. F. S. Reay who had been secretary for a number of years, desiring to be released was replaced by Mr. Kenneth Good, and Mr. Wm. Holmes, retiring manager was replaced by Mr. John Sullivan. Mr. Reay and Holmes were elected auditors.

A deputation from the St. Lawrence Men's Social Club, including Messrs. Crabtree, Thorn, Schofield and Good, waited upon the meeting to see if the congregation would be willing to lease the club building to the club for a number of years. After discussion it was found that a majority were in favor of selling the property rather than leasing it.

The matter of the future of the congregation in relation to the re-organized Presbyterian Church was discussed and it was finally agreed to leave this matter over for a week that fuller information might be received, the con-

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CHAPTER XII

It was next morning, whilst Jane was sorting and arranging the papers for the library table, that she caught sight of Henry's first message. She very nearly missed it, for the fold of the paper cut right across the agony column, and what caught her eye was the one word that passed as a signature, "Thursday." It startled her so much that she dropped the paper, and, in snatching it, knocked over a pile of magazines.

Lady Heritage looked over her shoulder with a frown, tapped with her foot, and then went on with her writing in a silence that

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HUNTINGDON

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On Thursday last Messrs. J. W. Stark, D. J. O'Connor, W. J. Goundrey and Bruce Kelly curled a friendly game in Lachine...

Mr. W. R. Cooper left on Monday for Schenectady, N.Y.

Mrs. Lachance is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Dempsey, Fort Covington.

On Tuesday evening a number of friends were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward McGill. Cards were played at 6 tables...

Mr. J. A. Hunter was called to Albany, N.Y. on Saturday last. Mrs. Hunter had been called to Albany a week previous as her older sister, Mrs. Parmerton had suffered from a stroke and passed away during the latter part of the week.

Miss Muriel Hunter and Miss Aileen Small of Montreal were at home for the week end.

The academy hockey team were in Montreal on Saturday and played a tie game 1-1 with the Westmount High School Intermediates.

Rev. Dr. E. I. Hart of Westmount gave a most interesting and inspiring temperance address in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening.

The second period opened up with the usual speed that was anticipated and in three minutes Chambers again made the feat, coming down the ice in the same manner but this time does the scoring himself.

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1924 Was Banner Year For Ayrshire Men

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A committee was appointed to draft a uniform prize list for Class A Fairs in Quebec.

It was decided to ask the Chief Inspector R.O.P. to inscribe on all reports of cows qualified the number of times the cow had been milked daily.

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The resignation of Mr. Savoie as the eastern fieldman was accepted whilst the salary of Mr. Hunter as the Association fieldman was substantially increased.

The Banquet At seven o'clock the tables were all set and the dining room was filled with the members and friends of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

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Mrs. Scott declared we should all be contented with Quebec, for Quebec has many of the attractions that other countries praise to the sky.

Switzerland boasts for winter sports, whilst we in Quebec can offer Mount Royal, Quebec or the Laurentians, Ireland and Scotland think mighty of their lakes but here we can show them Lake Memphremagog.

Whist a great many of the countries of Europe could be thrown into one of our great lakes and all they would do is to make a splash (laughter).

As to a metropolis, we have Montreal, the leading and largest city of Canada. Mrs. Scott told a great many humorous stories which created much laughter and applause.

The presentation of silver cups was then made to the following: C. Wylie of Howick, Que., (two cups); S. C. Crockett, Middle Musquodoboit, N.S., (two cups); E. C. Budge, Montreal, (two cups) the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S.; Chas. R. Rodger, LaChute, Que.; and George Pearson & Sons of Waterdown, Ont.

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41 Names For Beer and Wine License and 140 Names on W.C.T.U. Petition Against Granting Such License

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Voters' names on W.C.T.U. petition—D. N. Coburn, John Hastie, J. L. G. McGerrigle, Wm. Lang, W. G. McGerrigle, J. A. McBain, L. R. Ross, John Dickson, R. R. Petties, Jos. McWhinnie, H. W. Elliot, Mary Bryson, Mary Lindsay, J. W. Mills, R. E. Forester, D. Gruer, D. Marshall, S. J. Geddes, Mrs. John Peddie, John Duncan, H. McAdam, Paul Masson, Gertrude Gentle, C. J. McGerrigle, H. E. Gale, Alex. Rember, Mrs. C. F. McCartney, Mr. John Heuston, Eleanor Reeves, Edwin C. McWhinnie, Agnes Maxwell, Jacob Dagenais, Jessie Drysdale, John Beattie, Mary Murray, R. J. McNeil, Mrs. E. J. Bazin, A. Gervais, Andrew Geddes, A. L. Laporte, T. Duval, Mrs. Jos. Sadler, D. Lang, E. McCartney, L. Petelle, A. L. Lang, Matthey Kee, Jas. Sangster, H. B. Patton, Mrs. J. Laberge, R. G. Fennell, Mrs. John Merin, Ernest Fennell, Albert Moore, Lester Hamilton, John A. Logan, D. F. McIntyre, Jas. Barrington, J. S. Rutherford, Thos. Ligget, W. T. Payne, Wm. Barrington, J. E. Barrington, Frank Oliver, Jas. Barrington, Etta Leitch, D. A. Barrington, Mrs. Janet Darby, John Walker, Mary Graham, A. G. Middleton, Mrs. W. W. Bryson, Mrs. Ann Cooper, J. M. Tinning, Mrs. Robt. Rember, Mrs. John Law, Thos. Forrester, Thos. Hamilton, W. H. Young, W. M. Roberts, Mrs. F. C. Hunton.

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Montreal Milk Producers' Association Howick Branch

Howick Branch will hold their annual meeting in Howick Hall, on TUESDAY, Feb. 17th at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The bringing to Chateauguay of a substantial industry, a preliminary announcement of which was made last Saturday, has now taken more definite form and the removal of a unit of the plant of the Columbia Arms Corporation located at New Haven, Conn., to Chateauguay, is now, it is announced, a matter of certainty, and it is now expected that the transfer of machinery and equipment of the plant unit from New Haven will be completed within two months.

The Columbia Arms Corporation manufactures rifles and small arms, and makes specialty of the pneumatic hammer. The company was organized in New York and is capitalized at \$500,000. C. W. Sprague, formerly of Chateauguay, and who is the owner of the property there, is the president of the company. It has always been his wish to bring some substantial industrial enterprise to the village. It is stated that the financial statement issued by the Columbia Arms Corporation shows its financial success and prosperity. The plant at New Haven is fully equipped to carry the manufacturing end of the business.

The unit of the New Haven plant which will now be transferred to Chateauguay will be installed in the brick building, erected by Mr. Sprague a few years ago for garage purposes. This building is 140 feet in length, two stories in height, with a side addition containing sufficient space for the proper installation and operation of the machinery and equipment. Mr. Sprague's home has been in New York for a considerable time past and he has been engaged in other manufacturing enterprises besides with the Columbia Arms Corporation of which he is now president.

It is expected that the establishment of the pneumatic hammer unit of the New Haven plant in Chateauguay will carry the equipment of nearly one hundred and fifty skilled mechanics, which will be a substantial benefit to Chateauguay and an important element in its future industrial development.

While the machinery of the Chateauguay plant will be operated by electric power, it is stated that the establishment of the plant unit of the Columbia Arms Corporation in Chateauguay has no connection with the projected amalgamation of the plant's following the recent acquisition of a controlling interest in the stock of the Chasm Power Company by the J. G. White Engineering Co., of New York. The management of the company will be under the control of a board of directors, numbering Mr. Sprague, A. W. Duckin, Ernest A. McCoy, and four other directors, two of whom are Mr. Sprague and two by the Securities Company of America.

It is estimated that earnings from the Columbia Pneumatic Hammer and Columbia Rifle will approximate more than \$1,000,000 annually, with a net earnings sufficient to net a high return.

WEDNESDAY—Wednesday morning the C.N.R. express had to detour at Howick Jet, to Coteau then to Montreal. At Howick Jet, a box car loaded with shingles was derailed whereby the track was blocked for 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Holstein News—Mr. Willard Boyce of the Upper Saranac Co., Saranac Inn, N. Y., was in this district last week and in company with H. T. Cunningham bought 5 registered Holstein cows from the herd of J. R. Leggett, also 1 grade Holstein cow from Sam Herdman and his good helper which recently won the local Holstein Club's prize for the best 2 year old record finishing in the year 1924, having given 12600 lbs. milk and 177.54 lbs. fat in 305 days. Her average test being 3.79%. Mr. Cunningham loaded and shipped the seven head from Athelstan on Tuesday.

FRANKLIN CENTRE—There was no service in the M.E. Church on Sunday evening on account of the illness of Rev. Mr. Bunt.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cowan of Ormstown were the guests of his cousin, Mrs. M. E. Young over the week end.

Mrs. Pringle who has been ill is improving.

Mr. Wm. Whitehead is laid up with an attack of neuralgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickenson went to Montreal on Saturday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Gordon Pitt and other relatives.

Mrs. Margaret McLaren spent last week in Ormstown visiting relatives.

Mr. Herbert Rowe's house caught fire last week caused by the chimney burning out. Fortunately the fire was discovered by David Maxwell and it was soon extinguished. A large hole was burned in the roof.

Miss Elsie Johnston came home on Saturday for a few days.

Mrs. Wm. McGill is not as well as his many friends would wish for.

Mrs. Costello was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dan Leahy last week.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Parks and daughter Esther were guests on Friday and Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rowe. Rev. and Mrs. Parks also went to Ormstown on Saturday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bustard.

Mrs. Wm. Eric who has been very ill is improving.

Mr. Norman Towns had the misfortune to lose one of his best new milch cows last week. The cow was apparently all right at night but on going in the stable in the morning he found her dead.

The prayer meeting at Mr. Chaney's Friday was well attended. The next one will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Towns.

A barber reported to work two hours late. "What's the big idea?" demanded the boss. "I am sorry," replied the barber, "but while I was shaving I talked myself into a shampoo, hair-cut and massage."

DEWITTVILLE

Mr. Herbert Ferns returned home on Thursday after having spent the winter in New York. Mrs. Ferns and daughter Vera will also return in a few weeks.

Miss Isabel Ferns spent the week end in St. Louis visiting her sister, Mrs. Blair.

Mr. Donald McEwen does not improve in health as quickly as his many friends would wish. He is still confined to bed, suffering from rheumatism.

Miss Gladys Cameron was in Montreal for two days last week.

Mr. Hugh Ross Cameron of Edmont, who is revisiting his many relatives and friends in the east, after an absence of thirty years, returned to the week end with his cousins Messrs. Robert and Arch. Cameron.

The sky being clear and cloudless the partial eclipse of the moon on Sunday evening was quite distinctly seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kelly and four sons spent Sunday with Mrs. Kelly's mother, Mrs. L. McArthur.

There was a dance on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. Fred Heintz, Boyd Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. James Castell, Jr. are rejoicing over the advent of a new daughter, born on Tuesday morning.

Miss Elizabeth Van Vliet returned home on Saturday after a month's stay with brothers and sisters in Lacolle. She is leaving again on Wednesday to spend a month or more in Montreal with her sister, Mrs. Betts.

Mr. Jos. Tessier had a bee for drawing wood on Wednesday.

Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Radiboux were agreeably surprised when about fifty of their relatives and neighbors gathered in to celebrate the 36th anniversary of their marriage and presented them with a generous purse of silver.

The presentation was made by Messrs. J. Hughes and Oliver Radiboux. After the presentation a bountiful lunch was served by the hostess. Music for the dancing was furnished by Mr. E. Oumet and Mrs. G. Radiboux.

RIVERFIELD—Mrs. Ballantyne is attending the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. in Montreal this week also Mrs. J. McLeod as a delegate and Miss Margaret Templeton representing the Sunshine Mission Band.

At the congregational meeting held in Riverfield on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Mr. John Robertson and Mr. W. W. Orr were elected as elders. At the meeting in Howick Church on Monday afternoon, Mr. Math. Orr and Mr. A. Craig were elected elders.

Five representatives from Riverfield were appointed at the congregational meeting to the Presbyterian Council for the Presbytery of Montreal. Rev. G. L. Ballantyne, minister, W. W. Orr, elder, Chester W. Orr, layman, Mrs. Wm. Stewart and Mrs. S. Reddick, lady representatives. Mr. David Vass, Mr. Jas. Cullen and Mrs. Arch. Craig were appointed from Howick.

The Aubrey-Riverfield Branch of the Women's Institute held their meeting on Thursday evening at Aubrey, when Miss Morris and Mrs. McLeod gave interesting papers. Refreshments were served to all present.

The English River Curling Club Centenary Committee have received word that 22 rinks at least will come from Montreal to curl during the celebration. 7 rinks or more are expected from Ormstown. Just how many will attend from Huntingdon is not known to date but the committee expect to have at least 200 men present.

DUNDEE—Miss Fraser, Miss Margaret Chaffee and Mr. Wm. Chaffee of Sumnerston recently spent a few days visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of Edmont, Alta. spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Abt. Armstrong.

Miss Vaughn and Mr. Warren Vaughn of Westville recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Millar.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdoch of Saranac recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Millar.

Mr. Noel A. Millar is visiting at his parents' home.

Mrs. John Fraser is spending a few days visiting friends in Ormstown and Montreal.

ATHELSTAN—Mr. Harland Rowat of Montreal is home for a few days.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston spent a few days last week with her daughter in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McCaffrey spent the week end with their parents in Dundee.

Mrs. White returned to the city this week after visiting friends in Rockburn and Athelstan.

Mrs. A. Rowat and children of St. Martine spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bickford spent the week end in Montreal.

Mrs. E. A. McHardy entertained W.C.T.U. Thursday afternoon. After the devotional and business part of the meeting, Mrs. H. Wilson gave a splendid report of the Dominion Convention which she recently attended at Toronto. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

ROCKBURN—The regular annual meeting of the Rockburn Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening in the Church Hall. The event took the form of a social gathering. Tables were spread and supper was served by the ladies of the congregation to those present, numbering about 50. The Secretary's report showed \$1,340.89 had been raised by the congregation during the year, and \$1,000.00 had been expended. The W.M.S. and Sabbath School would amount to about \$500.00. The Secretary, Mr. F. A. Erskine, and the trustees, Messrs. C. Waller, D. Lindsay and H. Steele were all reappointed.

WOOD FOR SALE—Sugar wood, dry, three foot length. \$2.50 cord, dry. Alderice Souzy Phone 618-5 Athelstan

NOTICE—The Management of the Huntingdon Rink will hold a fancy dress and special skating event during the last week of the month.

AND. PHILPS M.L.A. DEFENDS PROV. GOVERNMENT

Arthur Plante, M.L.A. For Beauharnois Attacks Roads Policy

On Thursday last when the budget debate was resumed all eyes turned once more to W. S. Bullock, who had adjourned the discussion Wednesday, but instead of the member for Shefford it was Andrew Philps, veteran member for Huntingdon, who rose to take up the Government side of the argument.

Mr. Philps charged the Opposition with perpetually objecting to everything without offering anything constructive.

He referred in glowing terms to the rights of the minority in the province of Quebec and lauded the Provincial Premier for his broadness and the Provincial Treasurer for his healthy surplus in the Province's finances.

The high cost of living, blamed on the Government by the Member for Montreal-St. Georges, was not the government's fault. The people themselves were to blame, and the war again came for a lion's share of the blame.

Touching on the school question the Member for Huntingdon declared that more money should be spent on rural schools. He felt that this matter would shortly receive the Government's attention.

He urged the solidarity of all the races and languages of Canada, and urged his hearers to "Canadians first of all."

Mr. Philps lauded the good roads policy, and the administration under the present Government generally. He took issue with Mr. Gault on his having found fault with the Provincial Treasurer's accounting system, and wanted a better system if the Member for St. Georges could suggest it. In the meantime the present system was proving its own efficiency.

He closed by a general song of praise of the Liberal Administration since the days of Sir Lomer Gouin and particularly of recent years, and was given quite an ovation on resuming his seat.

Arthur Plante, Member for Beauharnois, rising for the Opposition after a graceful tribute to Mr. Philps, turned at once to the roads question and pointed out that the municipality of Dundee in Huntingdon County, was being sued for \$83,000 by the Government under the Good Roads Act.

Mr. Philps here interposed to know why the municipality had not made an offer of settlement. Did they expect to get the road for nothing? Mr. Philps insisted with some vigor that he had recommended the mayor who had called on him to make an offer. This gentleman had not even offered 25 per cent.

Mr. Plante, continuing, pointed out that he was not attacking the municipality itself, but the roads policy in general which brought about taxation which was insufferable.

There was no doubt, the Member for Beauharnois urged, that the people in the Province of Quebec were taxed and surtaxed beyond all reason both by Federal, Provincial and Municipal authorities. He read press clippings in support.

Touching on the projected increase in gasoline tax, Mr. Plante stated that he believed in making the drivers of the most of luxury pay for the roads which they burned up. He was in favor of doing everything to help the farmer, whose lot was hard under the present Government.

Raps Public Debt—The public debt came in for some severe talk from the Member for Beauharnois. It was all very well for the Government to talk about surplus, but they carefully failed to make any great mention of the public debt which continued to assume alarming proportions.

Mr. Plante made a strong plea for retrenchment, and shared the views of the Member for Huntingdon on the application of moneys to small schools rather than to higher education.