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ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR

To The Honourable Minister of Education, and Members of the County Council of Haldimand County.

Sirs:— It gives me pleasure to present herewith my sixth Annual Report of the Public and Continuation schools of the County of Haldimand for the year 1924.

Our school attendance was unusually good until December when several rural schools were closed for diseases such as smallpox, diphtheria, and measles.

The Medical Health Officers of the municipalities make an annual inspection of the school premises in relation to sanitation. However, the standard required by these officers does not seem to be uniform. I believe that all local authorities are making honest efforts to improve sanitation. Our unit of schools carrying on medical inspection with a nurse in charge has now been working for a year and a half. Its value cannot be overestimated. Many defects of children have been brought to the attention of parents who are pleased to co-operate with the authorities to have the needed reforms effected. Many minor ailments are treated by the school nurse. Although the nurse suffered a severe illness herself, through the kindness of the Department of Education a relieving nurse took charge of the school unit. Two rural schools discontinued the services of the nurse in May, but another rural school and six rooms of Caledonia started the work making a unit of forty rooms now under the care of the school nurse.

It should be possible for every schoolroom to have sanitary drinking fountains and either water-flushed or chemical toilets situated indoors or at least adjacent to the building. School supply firms are ready to supply these and School Boards should see that the health and morals of their pupils are guarded to the best of their ability.

During the past year an additional room was opened at Springvale, and another at Caledonia. Caledonia Public School now will occupy the entire building formerly occupied by High and Public Schools. Three rural schools built new outdoor closets during the year, and other schools improved the existing ones. Some school grounds are being enlarged and improved. Two schools purchased more land and several made some improvements, as renovating interiors, tree-planting and making flower beds. Cayuga built an addition to its building and installed up-to-date sanitary water-flushed closets.

The Women's Institutes have been ever helpful in aiding the schools. Some of their efforts have been directed towards supplying material for serving hot lunches, furnishing seeds for flower beds on the school grounds and for home gardens, assisting in securing paper towels, soap and basins for children's use and providing Christmas treats for school children.

Teachers

Of the one hundred and thirteen divisions in Haldimand, eighty-two are rural and thirty-one are urban, seven more than reported in my first year.

The qualification of the teachers (Continued on Page 4)

REGAH THEATRE

SCENE IN PICTURE RECALLS SIMILAR INCIDENT TO STAR

William Farnum, Paramount star, tells of an incident which occurred in his home town of Bucksport, Maine. He and his younger brother Marshall had been playing in the vicinity of a log "jigger," a heavy, cumbersome platform slung low to the ground from four wheels and used for carrying logs.

Unnoticed by them a team was hitched to the "jigger" and it started forward just as Marshall tripped and fell between the wheels. Ordinarily a full grown man could probably not have raised one of the wheels off the ground. But William, terrified by his brother's danger, grabbed a wheel and by a super-human effort, raised it clear of his brother. Under ordinary circumstances it would have been an entirely impossible feat.

He was reminded of the incident by the action of the screen play, "The Man Who Fights Alone," a Wallace Worsley production due next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Regah Theatre, Hagersville. The story is an adaptation by Jack Cunningham of the original story, "The Miracle of Hate," Lois Wilson and Edward Hornton are featured in support of the star. Others in the strong cast include Lionel Belmore, Dawn O'Day, Barlowe Borland, George Irving, Rose Tapley and Frank Farrington.

"TRUE CANADIAN" HOLDS MEETING

The Nanticoke "True Canadian Y. P.O." held a meeting in the town hall on Monday evening, Jan. 26th.

The feature of the program was an address delivered by Mr. McLaren of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has been associated with community club organization work for some time.

The speaker spoke of the importance of leaders who could command the earnest co-operation of all members of the club so as to enable them to hold educational and entertaining programs and not let their meetings drift to the easy forms of entertainments, such as cards and dancing.

In a detailed description of public speaking, debating, mock parliament, productions of plays, etc., he illustrated them as a wholesome outlet for the play spirit that makes up a large part of the healthy boy and girl life. Mr. McLaren quoted a noted authority on criminal life who said that most cases of the beginning of crime could be traced to the outlet of this play spirit through the wrong channel. In conclusion, Mr. McLaren drew a picture of the wonderful work of his community clubs in Wellington County. There are 14 clubs in this county. Last year they arranged a complete program of competitive debates, plays, public speaking, musical and choral contests. The season was finished up with an immense banquet. These clubs which have done so much towards developing rural talent and cementing together the rural people have set a shining example which the people of Haldimand County well might emulate.

The rest of the program was made up of the following: Miss Jean Oakes read a paper, "The Life History of Longfellow." This was followed by a recitation, "If," by Miss Ethel Marshall; duet by Miss Jean Young and Miss Ethel Marshall.

Perhaps the feature of the social part of the program was the rendering of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," by the club's new male quartette: Messrs. Harold Marshall, Russell Hare, Ted Marshall and Harvey Lindsay.

The "Eye Opener," delightfully new, was read by Kathleen Snowden.

Feature of the next meeting, on Friday evening, Feb. 6th, will be the putting on of a Mock Parliament by members to the club.

CHURCH NOTES

WESLEY METHODIST

The Sunday School children and young people had a very enjoyable sleighride on Saturday afternoon last. Thanks to Messrs. Stanley Doughty, W. Pearson and Harold Johnson, who brought their teams and sleighs. On their return the ladies had a bountiful supply of good things ready which all enjoyed to their full. It was a real treat.

Divine worship was attended both morning and evening on Sunday by large congregations. The sacrament was administered for the first time. In the evening a "Sacred Song Service" was enjoyed. Mr. Herbert Roberts, of Niagara Falls, was present and sang a number of solos which were enjoyed by all present.

Don't forget the Valentine Social given by the Young People's League here on Thursday night, Feb. 12th. Come and have a good time.

PERSONAL NOTES

Albert Booth spent Tuesday in Hamilton.

N. R. Pond spent a few days this week in Toronto.

W. A. Owens and R. A. Nelles are still on the sick list.

P. E. Armstrong spent Sunday with relatives in Fieserville.

Mrs. Bromley, of Niagara Falls, is a guest of Mrs. Herbert Peacock.

Mrs. E. T. Carter entertained a number at cards on Monday evening.

Herbert Roberts, of Niagara Falls, spent the week-end with friends in town.

Miss Jessie Duff, of Cayuga, is a guest at the home of C. G. Allen this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Taylor spent a few days last week with relatives in Hamilton.

Mrs. (Dr.) Park, of Hamilton, was a guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Jaques over the week-end.

W. J. Biggar, of Erie, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Roberts on Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Jackson visited with her daughter, Alzena, in Hamilton, over the week-end.

A load of young people from Jarvis attended the carnival in Hagersville on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Culver, of Waterford, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones.

"Kicked Out of College," a three-act play, will be put on by the Presbyterian Bible Class, Friday, March 13th. Remember the date.

Frank Ross and D. C. Allen were taken to the Hamilton hospital to receive professional services. The patients are reported as doing very nicely.

Raymond Jaques, who was taken seriously ill on Saturday at the home of Dr. Leatherdale, was removed to his home on Monday. His condition is reported as improving.

Why suffer from eye-strain or difficulty in reading when you can be relieved by a properly fitted pair of glasses? R. Robertson, Optometrist, of Hagersville, has made reading a pleasure for hundreds at small cost. He can relieve you also if you are suffering.

BANQUET TO AGENTS

The first annual convention and banquet to the McCormick-Deering agents of the Hamilton branch house under the auspices of the International Harvester Company of Canada, was held at the Hamilton Works and Royal Connaught hotel, Hamilton, on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 2nd and 3rd. R. A. McCarter, the local representative, was in attendance and reports a splendid time, stating that about 150 were present at the banquet.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Thursday evening, Jan. 29th, D.D.G.P. Harry Byers of Paris was present and installed the following officers of Ridgely Encampment, No. 52, I.O.O.F., for 1925:

A. Ineson	C.P.
R. Robinson	S.W.
W. Jacques	H.P.
E. Walker	R.S.
J. B. McKen	F.S.
A. Booth	T.
J. Hazlett	J.W.
W. J. Stallwood	I.G.
J. E. Jaques	O.G.
A. A. Miller	G.
J. Priest	1st W.
L. Marshall	2nd W.
N. E. Pond	3rd W.
E. N. Miller	4th W.
P. S. Banks	G. of T.
J. S. Burwash	2nd G. of T.

DUFF & SONS PLACE BOARS FOR BREEDING

ALSO NUMBER OF YOUNG SOWS OF GOOD TYPE AMONG THE FARMERS OF DISTRICT

The farmers in the neighborhood of Jarvis will be much interested to learn of the recent acquirement of the district which is the boar, Summerhill Lad, owned by John Duff & Sons, Limited, Pork Packers of Hamilton and placed in the keeping of Fred Pratton, near Nanticoke.

John Duff & Sons, Limited, have taken considerable interest in the class of market hogs produced in this neighborhood and realizing that good breeding stock is the foundation of all improvement, they have at their own expense secured one of the finest hogs in the country and placed it for breeding purposes here.

They have also placed a number of young sows of good type among some of the farmers, distributing them through Carl Smith of Jarvis, who is their shipper representative, loading every Tuesday at Jarvis. These sows were chosen from among the choicest select hogs coming to their plant and as Wentworth County has probably made greater strides in developing high production hogs of select type, than any other county, the farmers may rest assured that the young sows they have received, are the right kind for pro-

FAREWELL PARTY AND PRESENTATION

An event of special interest took place on Tuesday evening of this week in the home of Mrs. Elva Rodgers, Jarvis.

It was in the form of a surprise party. Mrs. Rodgers, who expects to leave here in the near future, was invited to a neighbor's early on Tuesday evening. About 8 o'clock she returned to find her house occupied by about 75 of Jarvis' prominent citizens.

An interesting program was enjoyed, consisting of impromptu speeches by Messrs. C. E. Bourne, C. G. Allen, R. A. McCarter, G. Irwin, A. Miller, M. F. Roberts, Wm. Parkinson, R. A. Walter and Mrs. Wm. Henning.

The Jarvis Male Quartette rendered a number of interesting selections. Rev. W. T. Brown acted as chairman in his usual genial way.

Rev. H. Brand was called upon and read the following address, while Mrs. William Parkinson presented a very beautiful club bag:

Jarvis, Ont., Feb. 3, 1925.

Dear Friend:—

It is with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret that we gather in your home tonight. The pleasure is to be in the home of one we have learned to respect and love and who is worthy of such regard, but we regret to learn that the time is so rapidly approaching when you will be leaving this community.

Your many years of residence in Jarvis, with your honorable business career and your interest in the general welfare of our town, have brought to you a large circle of sincere friends throughout this entire vicinity.

Your kindly disposition towards all; always ready to help those who were in need; and your deep interest in the church of your choice; your faithful and increasing labors in every department of true religion; have endeared you to one and all that the vacant place which you will leave in our midst will indeed be hard to fill.

We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing in a tangible way our appreciation of you as a true friend and as a consistent Christian.

Please accept this token of our regard; not merely for its material value; but as an expression of our kindly regard for you, and our best wishes for your future happiness.

We sincerely trust that you will carry with you pleasant memories of your hosts of friends in Jarvis and that His blessing which maketh rich, will ever be your portion, and when your work on earth is done, we shall meet around our Father's Throne above.

(Sgd.) Friends of Jarvis.

Mrs. Rodgers made a very feeling reply.

After refreshments had been served the audience sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and "Auld Lang Syne." The Methodist pastor offered prayer and the meeting closed about 11 o'clock.

AUCTION SALE

H. J. Miell having sold his farm, has given instructions to hold an public auction, on his farm, on Lot 7, Concession 10, Walpole, on Tuesday, March 17th.

ducing the select hogs which pay the extra premium.

Next spring when the roads are clear another load of young sows will be brought out and Mr. Smith will again arrange for placing them in the neighborhood.

The young boar, Summerhill Lad, which will be ready for service after Easter at the farm of Fred Pratton, is sired by Dalmeny Prince Royal, an imported boar bred by the Earl of Rosberry of Scotland. Hogs of this strain have for many years headed the prize lists all over Britain and this boar was itself kept out for the show ring in 1924 but was purchased for shipment to Canada.

Duff's have placed this boar here in an effort to improve the foundation stock and so increase the production of the better bacon hog. The farmers are advised, however, to dispose of their scrub and cross-bred sows or sows of the fat land breeds and either buy a young York sow of good type from a neighbor farmer or take advantage of Duff's offer for next spring and arrange with Carl Smith to secure a good York sow from the next load. A good boar is half the battle, but the sow is a big factor.

Another older boar has been placed with Harvey Schweyer just west of Selkirk. This boar is sired by Orchard Grove Pat, Grand Champion for the past four years at Ottawa Toronto and the Royal Stock Show and out of the Grand Champion Sow at Toronto two years ago.

A third is placed near Port Dover which is sired by one of the best boars ever produced by the Ontario Agricultural College. These boars have all been selected from stock of particular strong constitution and are chosen from litters of good thrif-

dividual in itself, a magnificent animal. These are also unrelated and it is the intention to move them about from year to year and thus provide new blood and a steady improvement in the breeding stock of the district.

CORRESPONDENTS

HAGERSVILLE

Miss Ruby Dougherty, of Glanford, spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. William Risdill spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. H. Harrop.

S. Winger is confined to his bed through illness.

Mrs. Cowan spent Thursday in Hamilton.

Messrs. Wellington and Henry Duxbury are spending part of this week in Hamilton and Toronto.

Wm. Hewitt and family are moving to town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. R. Jackson are visiting around town and vicinity.

Mrs. J. H. Duxbury spent a couple of days last week in Jarvis.

Mrs. W. C. Vanloon returned home last week after a pleasant visit in Toronto.

Fire broke out in the skating rink one evening last week and did considerable damage.

A number of people attended the hockey game in Caledonia on Thursday night.

NANTICOKE

Quite a number attended the social evening in the town hall on Friday evening, given by the officials of the Old Boys Reunion. A good time is reported by all.

Don't forget the play in the town hall on Feb. 5th. "The Mechanic's Reprieve," in five acts.

Roy Henning, who underwent an operation in the Hamilton hospital, is reported as doing nicely.

Miss Young spent the week-end in Toronto.

Miss Cora Henning and Miss Carrie Jackson are spending a few days with friends in Hamilton.

RENTON

Walter Demming is going to Hamilton for an operation.

Earl Duncan and Miss Gladys Kitchen were married last week. The young people of the neighborhood met and gave them a right royal house warming. They will reside on the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Challaup upset on "Beatie's" Hill on Sunday. No damage done.

The side roads are badly drifted, making it slow work for the mail man to get around.

Mr. Smith, of the Renton store, is recovering slowly after his serious burning.

SANDYK

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mattice and son spent Saturday evening at the home of J. W. Bush.

Mrs. J. R. Pond spent the past week with relatives in Port Dover.

Harold Hoebel is installing a new radio. He has been able to tune in on several long distance stations, but the "gentle strains" of the Chicago Union Stock Yards still offer the major entertainments.

Miss Mildred Walker is improving after having been confined to the house with mumps.

Clifton Brown spent the week-end in Hamilton calling on his brother, Charles, who was in the hospital.

ROCKFORD

(Too late for last week's issue)

Wm. Howard returned home last Wednesday and was in his place in the Sunday School on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Wm. Somers, of Simcoe, is visiting her son, Dalton, and attending Sunday School last Sunday.

Songs of the Glee Club were at the Waterford rink last Wednesday evening keeping time to the music of the band.

Rev. W. D. Clark took tea at the home of Geo. Smith on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and son, from Wilmerville, have moved onto E. Swift's farm, west of the village. We welcome them to our community and extend to them a hearty invitation to attend our Sunday school and church.

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MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FIRST AND SECOND DAY SESSIONS OF THE FIRST SESSION

Cayuga, Tues., Jan. 27, 1925
The Council met pursuant to statute at 2 p.m.

The Clerk presiding.

All the members present and filed their certificates of election as follows:

Charles S. Brown, Reeve of Hagersville.

R. S. Colter, Reeve of Cayuga.

Bruce E. French, Reeve of Caledonia.

Daniel Glenn, Reeve of Canboro.

Ezra Krier, Reeve of Cayuga, South.

James H. Lockie, Reeve of Cayuga N.

Thomas Camelford, Reeve of Dunnville.

David A. Lyons, Reeve of Dunn.

William Henry Wingfield, Deputy Reeve of Dunnville.

George L. Miller, Reeve of Jarvis.

William Muir McQuillan, Reeve of Moulton.

Harcourt R. Kern, Reeve of Oneida.

Richard Sher, Reeve of Rainham.

Samuel J. Scott, Reeve of Seneca.

Archie McDonald, Reeve of Sherbrooke.

William James Saunders, Deputy Reeve of Walpole.

William George Clark, Reeve of Walpole.

McDonald-Wingfield — That David Lyons and R. S. Colter be allowed to take their seats at this Council, they having left their certificates of election at home. Carried.

Clark-McDonald — That Richard S. Colter, Reeve of Cayuga, be Wardens for the year 1925. Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read.

Scott-French — That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read. Carried.

Camelford-Brown — That Messrs. Saunders, Wingfield and Lockie be a special committee on communications. Carried.

The following communications were then read:

1. Salvation Army, application for grant.

2. Hospital for Sick Children, application for grant.

3. Children's Aid Society, application for grant.

4. National Institute for Blind, application for grant.

5. County of Welland, enclosing resolution memorializing Provincial Government urging adequate protection to sheep owners from ravages of dogs.

6. County of Ontario, requesting repeal of recent amendment to High School Act.

7. Hamilton Board of Education, notifying County that pupils attending Collegiate should have letter signed by County official and that they must pay \$175 per year.

8. Department of Health, urging better care of cemeteries.

9. Ontario Municipal Association, asking County to join.

10. Bank of Commerce, requesting resolution authorizing Geo. P. Brown and C. R. McDonald to sign checks in House of Refuge.

11. Department of Highways, requesting representative to Good Roads Association meeting.

12. Lee & Nash, asking to be considered if any change in arrangements with regard to engineering work.

13. D. W. McBurney, re estimate for Good Roads for 1925.

14. Haldimand Law Association, applying for grant.

15. Department of Public Highways, asking for payment of \$65,278.06 portion of County on amount spent on Provincial Highways for 1923.

Camelford-Glenn — That the standing committee be a committee of seven members and a by-law be prepared making this one of the Standard by-laws of this Council. Carried.

Miller-McDonald — In amendment that the following be a striking committee: W. G. Clark, Samuel J. Scott, Bruce E. French, Thomas Camelford and Daniel Glenn and the mover and seconder. Carried.

McQuillan-Clark — That the following be the standing committee to strike the committees for the year 1925 as follows: Messrs. Mc