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The Warden thanked the Council for its kind resolution, and said that if his year as Warden had been satisfactory it was mostly due to the splendid and loyal support he had received from the members at all times. At the end of his term he was retiring from public life for the present; he expected Deputy-Reeve McMaster would succeed him as Reeve, and he was sure he would give satisfaction to both the County and the Township of Essa. He thanked the press, especially the Barrie Examiner, for their fairness and the trouble they took in reporting the proceedings of the Council. He wished the members individually every success.

Councillor McMaster and other members expressed their thanks for the consideration that had been accorded them personally by the Warden and the Council.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn sine die.

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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barker*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

M I N U T E S

of the 1945 January Session of the Municipal  
Council of the County of Simcoe

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 15th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to statute.

The following members of the 1945 Council, having filed their Certificates of Election and Declarations of Office with the County Clerk, took their seats at the Council board:

ADJALA Twp. - G. Edgar. Moon, Reeve, Caledon East.  
ALLISTON Town - Mackenzie Beattie, Reeve, Alliston.  
BARRIE Town - George W. Clark, Reeve, Barrie; Charles F. Christie, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.  
BEETON Village - George A. Ferguson, Reeve, Beeton.  
BRADFORD Village - Charles T. S. Evans, Reeve, Bradford.  
COLDWATER Village - Ernest Miller, Reeve, Coldwater.  
COLLINGWOOD Town - Victor A. Ellis, Reeve, Collingwood; Louis P. Dique, Deputy-Reeve, Collingwood.  
CREEMORE Village - George H. Shepherd, Reeve, Creemore.  
ESSA Twp. - Wm. J. McMaster, Reeve, R.R.#2 Cookstown; Howard Banting, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Alliston.  
FLOS Twp. - Walter Middleton, Reeve, R.R.#1 Elmvale; John Kidd, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Elmvale.  
INNISFIL Twp. - Thos. Cook, Reeve, Stroud; Dalton Banting, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Cookstown.  
MATCHEDASH Twp. - Leslie Borrow, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.  
MEDONTE Twp. - T. Albert Orton, Reeve, R.R.#2 Coldwater; Boyd Miller, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Hillsdale.  
MIDLAND Town - Chas. Vent, Reeve, Midland; Wm. Offord, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.  
NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - Donald Brown, Reeve, Glen Huron; Dick McQueen, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Stayner.  
ORILLIA Town - Wallace Card, Reeve, Orillia; W. Melville Seymour, Deputy-Reeve, Orillia.  
ORILLIA Twp. - Manford Horne, Reeve, R.R.#1 Orillia; Wm. C. Gowanlock, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Orillia.  
ORO Twp. - A. Mowat Tudhope, Reeve, R.R.#2 Hawkestone; John A. Woodrow, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Oro Station.  
PENETANG Town - W. R. Benson, Reeve, Penetang; Ovila Cascagnette, Deputy-Reeve, Penetang.  
PORT McNICOLL Village - George Patterson, Reeve, Port McNicoll.  
SUNNIDALE Twp. - Herbert M. Barker, Reeve, New Lowell; Jos. E. Pottage, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Stayner.  
STAYNER Town - James Grant, Reeve, Stayner.

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TAY Twp. - David W. Curry, Reeve, R.R.#1 Penetang; George Widdis, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Midland.

TECUMSETH Twp. - D. K. Harvey, Reeve, R.R.#4 Cookstown; Frederick Hunter, Deputy-Reeve, R. R. Tottenham.

TINY Twp. - Wm. J. Robb, Reeve, Penetang; Stephen Desroches, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Penetang.

TOSSORONTIO Twp. - Dalton McCracken, Reeve, R.R.#3 Everett.

TOTTENHAM Village - J. Harry Percy, Reeve, Tottenham.

VESPRA Twp. - Andrew Cumming, Reeve, R.R.#3 Barrie; Earl Richardson, Deputy-Reeve, Edenvale.

VICTORIA HARBOUR Village - Bruce Eplett, Reeve, Victoria Harbour.

W. GWILLIMBURY Twp. - Edgar J. Evans, Reeve, Bradford.

The Clerk called the Council to order and welcomed the members to the January Session.

He referred to the fact that since the November Session there had been fourteen changes in the membership of 47; however, this did not indicate that many members had been defeated at the polls, as a matter of fact very few of this number saw fit to offer themselves for re-election and among these was Ex-Warden Carlton, former Reeve of Beeton. He further stated that the Town of Stayner would not have a representative at this Session as R. Besse, who had been elected Reeve, had disposed of his business and was leaving town, and his resignation had been accepted by the Town Council. At a nomination held there to-day three candidates were nominated and qualified, and the electors will make their choice on Monday, Jan. 22nd.

The Clerk informed the Council that certificates from the Clerks of the Towns of Barrie and Orillia and the Township of Innisfil, regarding the number of municipal voters, showed that both the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of these municipalities was entitled to two votes for Warden and all votes on division in the Council, and that according to certificates received from the Clerks of the Towns of Collingwood and Midland and the Township of Nottawasaga the Reeve only of these municipalities was entitled to two votes. In case of a tie vote for Warden the reeve of the local municipality with the largest equalized assessment had the casting vote; Orillia Town has the largest assessment in the County.

The Clerk then stated that according to the Rules and Regulations of the Council ten minutes was to be allowed for the nomination of members for the position of Warden of the County for the year 1945. He appointed Ex-Warden Patterson and Councillor Borrow to act as scrutineers, and declared the nomination open.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Pottage,

That Councillor H. M. Barker, Reeve of Sunnidale, Twp., be Warden of the County

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of Simcoe for 1945.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Robb,

That Edgar Evans, Reeve of W. Gwillimbury Twp., be Warden of Simcoe County for the year 1945.

Moved by Councillor McCracken,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey,

That Councillor Miller, Reeve of Coldwater, be Warden for 1945.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Orton,

That Leslie Borrow, Reeve of Matchedash Twp., be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1945.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie,

That Reeve Ellis of Collingwood be Warden for the year 1945.

After waiting ten minutes the Clerk declared the nominations closed, and all the nominees, with the consent of their movers and seconders, having withdrawn, with the exception of Councillors Evans and Barker, the Clerk proceeded to take the vote, with the following result:

For Councillor Evans - Councillors D. Banting (2), Borrow, Card (2), Cascagnette, Clark (2),

Cumming, Desroches, C. Evans, E. Evans, Ferguson, Gowanlock, Horne, Hunter, McCracken, Moon, Orton, Patterson, Percy, Robb, Vent (2), Widdis. -- 25.

For Councillor Barker - Councillors H. Banting, Barker, Beattie, Benson, Brown (2),

Christie (2), Cook (2), Curry, Dique, Ellis (2), Eplett, Harvey, Kidd, McMaster, McQueen, Middleton, B. Miller, E. Miller, Offord, Pottage, Richardson, Seymour (2), Shepherd, Tudhope, Woodrow -- 30.

Councillor Barker having received a majority of the votes of the members present the Clerk declared him duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1945.

Councillor Barker was escorted to the dais by his mover and seconder, where His Honour Judge Harvie held special court to administer the Declaration of Office to the Warden elect.

The Warden then donned his robes of office and took the chair. His Honour Judge Harvie addressed the Council and congratulated the Warden on his election. He said County Councils performed very necessary and important services and the Warden, as head of the Council, should have good, sound judgment, and from his experience with this and former County Councils he had always found that the Warden exercised good judgment, as did the Council in administering the affairs of the County.

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He suggested to the Council that they consider all expenditures very carefully and not incur any that are not necessary. He further stated that no other County in the Province, except those near the larger cities, handled as much revenue as did the County of Simcoe.

When he performed the ceremony of administering the Declaration of Office to the Warden last year he was of the opinion that the war would have ended before this date, but as it still continued this would be a very important year and many problems would have to be faced, such as the rehabilitation of returned soldiers and those engaged in the manufacture of munitions of war, and he suggested that the wounded and those who had served this country in the battle zones be given first consideration.

He pointed out two other problems which might well receive the attention of the Council -- one, a larger parking space in front of the Court House, and the other, the heating system at the Court House. In his opinion much more coal was used than was necessary. He mentioned the fact that a short time ago he had to adjourn a court on account of the excessive heat in the Court Room. He appreciated, however, that it was an engineering problem as the adjoining Registry Office had to be heated from the furnace and boiler in this building.

His Honour then asked permission to retire as he was holding court in the adjoining Court Room.

Warden Barker addressed the Council and sincerely thanked the members for electing him their Warden; he trusted he would be able to fill the position to their anticipations. He congratulated his opponent, Councillor E. J. Evans, and said he was a good sport.

He referred to the many changes in the Council this year, and to the retirement of Ex-Warden Carlton and his many years of faithful and efficient service to the County.

He also referred to the contribution the County was making to the war effort, and said he was proud of its enlistments and financial support.

The Warden then requested Councillor Clark to introduce the members of the Ministerial Association of the Town of Barrie who were in attendance to open the proceedings of the Council. Councillor Clark accordingly introduced Rev. T. J. Haire and Dr. N. R. D. Sinclair.

Rev. Haire read a portion of scripture and offered prayer.

Dr. Sinclair addressed the Council and said the New Testament, a portion of which had just been read, did not make much mention of governments because the government at that time was all powerful and a law unto itself. In this country it was different, the members of the Council were elected to give service to the County and were the servants of the people, and he suggested that their service to both the people and the

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Warden be the best possible so that their electors could have the fullest confidence in them.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be extended to His Honour Judge Harvie for administering the Declaration of Office to the Warden elect, and to the Ministerial Association of the Town of Barrie, represented by Rev. T. J. Haire and Dr. N. R. D. Sinclair, for their attendance here in opening the proceedings of this Session of the County Council.

The Warden then invited the following to seats on the dais: D. F. McCuaig, M.P., and Ex-Wardens Todd, Banting and Cunningham.

Each in turn congratulated the Warden on his election, and referred to the important position this County holds among the other counties in the Province; they mentioned the fact that county councils were a part of the great governing bodies of the Dominion. The problem of adjusting conditions from war to peace was very important and required the very best judgment of all governing bodies. They referred to to-day's contest for the wardenship and the good-natured way in which it was conducted, and each expressed his pleasure at returning to the Council and renewing old acquaintances.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans,

That a Standing Committee, to be known as the Public Health and Welfare Committee, ~~and composed of five members of the Council~~ be appointed by the Striking Committee re Standing Committees.

The Warden appointed Councillor E. J. Evans and the Reeves of all the other municipalities as a Striking Committee to name the Standing Committees for the current year.

The Council adjourned for half an hour to permit the Striking Committee to bring in its report.

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the STRIKING Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Tuesday.

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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barker*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 16th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor McCracken.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts and they were referred to their respective committees:

Receipt from the Navy League of Canada for County grant of \$1,500.00, and a number of other acknowledgments from organizations and associations of letters which were ordered to be forwarded by the County Council.

Communication from W. H. Hunter, Clerk of Dufferin County, with the resolution of his Council re the removal of the embargo on the shipment of cattle to the United States.

Replies from Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, D. F. McCuaig, M.P., and W. Earl Rowe, M.P., with reference to the shipping of Canadian cattle to the United States.

Report of the meeting of the Special Committee of the County Agricultural Committee with the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, regarding the new legislation for appointing County Agricultural Committees.

Communication from E. M. Garrity, Governor of the County Gaol.

Correspondence from the Orillia Packet & Times, the Tottenham Sentinel, the Midland Free Press and the Bradford Witness, regarding the advertisement for applications for County Assessor.

Applications for the position of County Assessor from J. Harold Bell, Utopia, H. Eric Simpson, Elmvale, and Alex Graham, R.R.#1 Shanty Bay.

Communication from the Secretary of the County Council Section of the Ontario Educational Association, advising that the annual convention would be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on April 3rd and 4th, and requesting the annual membership fee.

Communication from Dr. J. G. Althouse, Chief Director of Education for Ontario, advising that the Department approves of the County holding the Historical Examination on the Thursday preceding Good Friday.

Communication from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, requesting the annual grant.

Application for the annual grant from the Simcoe County Women's Institute and the East, West, Centre and South Simcoe branches.

Communication from J. W. Smith, President of the Midland branch of the Canadian

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Red Cross, requesting a grant.

Communication from Brigadier Robert Foster of the Salvation Army, requesting a grant to assist in maintaining their Rescue Homes, Hospital and Receiving Homes.

Letter from the Superintendent of the Victoria Hospital, London, recommending an increase in the per diem for municipal patients in Public Hospitals.

Resolution from the Council of the County of Grey, re an increased per diem allowance for Public Hospitals for the maintenance of municipal patients.

Account from the Town of Midland, re the maintenance of William John Johnston in a private nursing home.

Resolution from the Council of Elgin County, re financial assistance for the municipalities which suffered disastrous losses during 1944.

Communication from the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, requesting assistance with the raising of a fund to supply reading matter for the Armed Forces.

Account from the Good Shepherd Industrial Refuge ..... \$ 92.00

Account from the Ontario Training School for Boys ..... 131.00

Account from the Ontario Training School for Girls ..... 112.50

Account from St. Mary's Training School ..... 138.00

Account from St. John's Training School ..... 231.00

Account from Ingham & Bell, Toronto, for \$72.45, for hospital cot for the Simcoe County Home, and receipt for payment by George Patterson from surplus funds of County Cruise Committee.

Resolution from the Council of the County of Hastings, recommending that permanent government and municipal appointments be given to returned men.

Resolution from the Council of the Counties of Durham & Northumberland, re payment of subsidy for road maintenance to towns and villages.

Communication re County Road Insurance for 1945.

Notice of accident on County Road from Major A. A. Smith, Camp Borden.

Resolution from Hastings County Council, re the ownership of pine trees on privately owned property.

Communication from W. H. Porter, Secretary of the Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association, requesting the usual annual membership fee.

Approval by the Minister of Lands & Forests of the purchase, for reforestation purposes, of the following lands:

E $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 20 Con. 5, Essa Twp., 100 acres at \$5.00 per acre,  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 12 Con. 3, Flos Twp., 50 acres at \$6.00 per acre,  
W $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 89 Con. 8, Oro Twp., \$2,000.

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Communication from T. J. Mahoney, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ontario Good Roads Association, advising that the annual convention will be held on Feb. 28th and March 1st and requesting the annual membership fee.

Communication from the Chief Municipal Engineer with copies of a by-law providing for the total expenditure on the County Road System during 1945.

Letter from Moore Bros. Ltd., re the use of shavings mixed with lime for insulation purposes.

Communication from the Association of Rural Municipalities, giving notice of the annual convention to be held on Feb. 27th and 28th and requesting the annual membership fee.

Letter from the Simcoe County Agricultural War Production Committee, requesting permission to hold a meeting in the Council Chamber on Wednesday at 2 P.M.

Criminal Calendar of the County Gaol, showing that at the present time there are twenty-three persons confined therein for various offences.

Communication from the Canadian United Allied Relief Fund, requesting a grant to assist in their work.

Communication from the President of the Penetanguishene branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, requesting a grant.

The County Clerk's Report re LICENSES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Eplett enquired if there was anything to report on the lease of the Simcoe Lodge on Bayfield Street to the Auxiliary War Services of Camp Borden.

He was informed by Councillor Clark that the Committee had met Major Goodman and other officers of the Auxiliary War Services and arrangements were being completed for the preparation of the lease and the taking over of the Lodge by the National Council of Y.W.C.A.

Councillor Seymour made enquiries as to why this building was being disposed of as a children's shelter, and the Warden informed him that it was the policy of the Provincial Children's Aid Society to do away with these children's shelters and place the children in homes where they could be segregated according to their proper standards, and as the County has social workers in the larger towns they have homes in which to place the children as soon as they are taken in charge of the Society.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Patterson, and ordered,

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That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Canadian Red Cross branches throughout the County on the same basis as the grant given in 1942.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Seymour, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance be requested to consider the advisability of amending By-Law 2050 of this County, being entitled "A By-Law for the adoption of a code of rules to regulate the proceedings of the Council of the County", by inserting and sub-section (7) of Section 58 in sub-section (6) of Section 15A the words "Public Health and Welfare" in place of "Railways and Canals."

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Committee on Finance consider the advisability of giving the usual grant to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying the several members of this Council the sum of \$4.00 for stationery and postage for 1945.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,

Seconded by Councillor D. Banting, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of recommending to the Council that a grant of \$100 be given to the several Agricultural Societies in the County which hold a <sup>Fall</sup> Fair during 1945.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of making a grant to the Salvation Army.

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor Seymour, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of passing a By-Law authorizing the Warden and Treasurer to borrow from the Bank of Toronto such sums of money as may be required to meet the expenditures of the County from time to time until the levies for the current year are paid.

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of renewing the annual grant of \$200 to the Victorian Order of Nurses of the Town of Orillia.

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Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of making a grant to the Navy League of Canada.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on County Property be requested to report to the Council at this Session any further alterations and improvements to the County Building that are deemed necessary, to report on the necessary landscaping of the grounds and the improvement of the parking problem in front of the building.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Road & Bridge Committee consider the advisability of looking into the condition of the County bridge at Washago, between the Counties of Simcoe and Ontario, and having it repaired, if necessary.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making a grant to the Allied War Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of making the usual grant to each of the North and South Simcoe Crop Improvement Associations.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Percy, and ordered,

That the Public Health & Welfare Committee consider the advisability of preparing a by-law to cover the salaries of the County nurses.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Patterson, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of compensating the Public School Inspectors for their work in connection with the Historical Scholarship Examination.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making the usual grants to the four Plowing Matches in the County.

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Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making the usual grants to the various branches of the Women's Institute in the County.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of making the usual grant to the several school fairs held in the County this year.

Moved by Councillor Kidd,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Road & Bridge Committee consider the advisability of inspecting the Kirkpatrick Bridge and making any necessary repairs.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of making a grant to the Creemore Christmas Fair.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of giving the usual grant to the Simcoe Federation of Agriculture.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That E. W. Jones, County Engineer, be authorized to make application to the Department of Highways for the subsidy on the expenditure on the Simcoe County Road System during the year 1944.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That Councillor McCracken be granted leave of absence from to-day's session to attend the funeral of his neighbour.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write to Ex-Councillor John Carlton, expressing the regrets of the Council that he has retired from active municipal life and conveying to him the assurance that his faithful and devoted service will long be remembered by the Council of Simcoe County.

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Moved by Councillor Harvey,

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson, and ordered,

That the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the membership fee of \$10.00 to the Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm, and that the Governor and Matron of the Simcoe County Home and the County Home Committee be appointed to attend the annual convention of the Association.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That each new member of the Council be furnished with a map of the County of Simcoe.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Road & Bridge Committee consider the advisability of appointing a member to the County Road Committee for a term of three years.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Simcoe County Library Association.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Seymour, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider appointing auditors to audit the Administration of Justice accounts for the year 1945.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Wednesday at 10 A.M.

*J. Simpson*  
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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barker*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 17th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts:

Account for \$2.50 from the Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin for advertising for the County Assessor.

Communication from J. N. Bourrie, President of the Collingwood Board of Trade, re a grant to the Blue Water Highway Association.

Communication from H. G. Taylor, President of the Ontario Agricultural Council, giving notice that the annual convention will be held on Feb. 7th and 8th and requesting the membership fee.

Communication from the Ontario Education Association, regarding post-war educational work.

Communication from Hon. W. G. Thompson, Minister of Lands & Forests for Ontario, re township reforestation projects.

Communication from G. O. Cameron, Registrar of the County, showing that for the year 1944 there would be \$7,716.70 paid to the County from the earnings of the Registry Office.

A deputation representing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto, and composed of D. B. Lawley, Arthur N. McGill, and Harold Webb, Barrie, appeared before the Council with reference to an increased grant from the County for 1945.

Mr. Lawley addressed the Council and reported on the work of the association in the County. He stated that their estimated expenditure for Simcoe County for the current year was \$4,900; of this amount it was expected that through tag days and subscriptions the Towns of Barrie and Orillia would contribute about \$1,000 each, and Collingwood and Midland a little less, and if the County would give a grant of \$1,000 it would complete their budget and enable them to do the work they had laid out. He stated that blind men are engaged in industry doing jobs which blind people can do; these people have received instructions from the Institute. There is very little absenteeism among blind workers.

Mr. McGill, in his address to the Council, pointed out that much could be done in the prevention of blindness and suggested that in any of the local municipalities where anyone needed treatment for defective eyesight notice should be sent at once to

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Mr. Webb, the representative for this County, and steps would be taken to give them all the assistance available.

The Warden assured the deputation that their request would receive the sympathetic consideration of the Council.

Warden Barker stated that a deputation, representing the various Red Cross branches in the County, wished to come before the Council, and he requested Councillor Christie, Deputy-Reeve of Barrie, to introduce J. G. Currie, who in turn would introduce the other members of the deputation.

Mr. Currie gave a report on the financial condition of the various branches in the County. He stated that 85% of all the funds collected locally by the branches had to be sent to headquarters in Toronto, and he requested a substantial grant from the County to assist in the purchase of material for the workers. Mr. Currie then introduced E. M. Smart of Collingwood.

Mr. Smart referred to the great amount of work being done by the local Red Cross branches. The women were working incessantly and were active in conducting blood donor clinics and many other activities, and funds were urgently needed to assist in the work.

The Warden informed the deputation that their request would be given the fullest consideration.

Warden Barker invited Mayor Robinson of Midland, who was in the Chamber, to a seat on the dais.

Mayor Robinson said he was pleased to return to Barrie and meet his associates of last year. He had enjoyed his work in the Council very much and would have continued if he had been given his choice, but he had been rather forced to run for the position of mayor of his town. He wished the Warden and Council a very successful year.

The Warden thanked Mr. Robinson for his kind remarks and said he would always be made welcome by the members of this Council.

Dr. N. M. Laurie appeared before the Council on behalf of the Navy League of Canada. He referred to the splendid work the League was doing in maintaining hostels, of which there were 23 at various ports in Canada. They assisted the Merchant Marine and did not receive any grants or assistance from the Dominion Government. They looked after ship-wrecked sailors, and one hostel which was recently completed on the eastern coast of Canada had given assistance to over fifty men whose vessel had been sunk. The League was sponsoring Sea Cadet Corps in over a hundred different localities in the Dominion; these have a membership of from 15,000 to 18,000 and are giving a training which has a tendency to make the boys good citizens.

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The Warden assured Dr. Laurie that his request would be carefully considered by the Council.

Warden Barker then asked Councillor Card, Reeve of the Town of Orillia, to introduce a deputation who wished to address the Council in the interest of the British War Orphans Fund. Councillor Card introduced Dr. P. B. Rynard of Orillia.

Dr. Rynard said he was representing the seven Lions Clubs in the County of Simcoe; all the clubs across Canada had accepted the position of collecting agency for this Fund. The necessity of funds for this work was greatly increased by the robot bombs which have caused so much destruction in England. He further stated that the work of this Fund was different from the British War Victims' Fund in that it cared only for orphans who were made such as a result of the war. The Committee in this County was composed of the presidents of all the local Lions Clubs, and on their behalf he was asking for a grant of \$10,000 and assured the Council that it was very greatly needed.

The Warden expressed the thanks of the Council to Dr. Rynard for appearing before them and so ably presenting his case, and assured him it would have careful consideration.

Councillor Cumming, at the request of the Warden, introduced A. Bartholomew of Oro Twp., W. J. Wood of Alliston and Donald Bell of Vespra Twp., who appeared before the Council on behalf of the Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. Bartholomew, who is President of the County Federation this year, addressed the Council and stated that the key-word of the Federation was "co-operation". He said the organization was conducting an educational programme through study groups and other means; this required funds and he wished to thank the Council for their generous assistance up to the present. He asked for an increase in the grant for this year, which would result in extending the work of the Federation and give valuable information in educational matters to primary producers.

Mr. Wood then addressed the Council and outlined how the grant given the Federation last year was expended and produced splendid results. He stated that according to statistics the farmers were slipping in that a few years ago 85% of the value of the farms in Canada was owned by the farmers themselves and at the present time they only own 26%. In his opinion, through co-operation, a greater amount of the consumer's dollar should go to the primary producer, and a change in the above conditions was absolutely necessary. He supported Mr. Bartholomew in his request for an increased grant to the Federation.

The Warden thanked the deputation and informed them that their request would receive the sympathetic consideration of both the rural and urban members.



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Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor Robb, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 1:30 P.M.

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The Council resumed as per adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

Warden Barker stated that the agricultural representatives of the County were here, and he would ask them now to present the reports of their respective branches.

Donald Taylor, who is assistant to both branches in connection with their junior work, gave a report on the junior activities during the year...See report on Junior Club work.

F. A. Lashley, Alliston, gave a report on last year's work in South Simcoe; he mentioned such items as experiments in increased yields of fall wheat, continuance of the activities of the 500-Bushel Potato Club, pasture improvements, the growing of hybrid corn for grain purposes and the continued fight against bacteria ring rot in potatoes. He said they had a trade name which was put on new potato bags, and that already this year there had been seventeen car<sup>loads</sup> of potatoes shipped from Alliston, eight of which went to the United States....See Report.

S. L. Page gave a report of the work of his department in North Simcoe, which was curtailed owing to the shortage of necessary farm help. He said they were still conducting tests for increased crop production, which would make it possible to feed larger numbers of cattle and hogs, and tests for the improvement of pastures. Milk production was well maintained throughout the year, although the consumption of whole milk had increased. Sheep production had not been too successful as it was hard to maintain the flocks owing to the unsatisfactory marketing situation; a great number of sheep had been killed by dogs, and when sheep were frightened in this way they did not do well for a long time afterwards. He stated that the short courses which were formerly conducted had to be discontinued as it was impossible to secure instructors on account of the war. Military postponements and farm leaves also made a great demand on his time in the office....See Report.

Mr. Lashley and Page  
The Warden thanked Messrs. Taylor, Lashley for their very comprehensive reports, and assured them that their work throughout the County was greatly appreciated by the farmers.

W. L. Taylor, Ex-Warden of Grey County, being in the Chamber, the Warden invited him to have a seat on the dais. Mr. Taylor said he was pleased to come to this County, and congratulated the Warden on his election to that position in this

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important County. He said that on account of the Dominion by-election in North Grey his County was receiving a lot of publicity at the present time. He also congratulated the Council on the erection of the new entrance to the Court House, and said that in his opinion it was a decided improvement.

Warden Barker thanked Mr. Taylor for his kind remarks and assured him that he would always be a welcome visitor to this County.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4 P.M. to permit a joint meeting of the members of the Council with representatives of the various agricultural organizations for the purpose of organizing a County Agricultural Committee.

EVENING SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Report of the Inspector of the House of Refuge was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Desroches, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Cascagnette, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Percy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Curry,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Robb,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Dique, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor McQueen, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ellis,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

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Moved by Councillor McQueen,

Seconded by Councillor H. Banting, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor D. Banting,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Moon,

Seconded by Councillor Offord, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Vent,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 8 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor Card, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Cook, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

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REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,

Seconded by Councillor Orton, in amendment

That the Report be not adopted but that it be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The amendment was declared adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on PRINTING was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Annual Report re OLD AGE PENSIONS was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Annual Report re MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Patterson enquired why the name of the newly elected Warden of the County for the year 1945 was not published in the daily papers; in his opinion he thought this should be looked into.

Ex-Warden Percy A. Neff being in the Chamber the Warden invited him to a seat on the dais.

Mr. Neff congratulated the Warden on his election and also spoke very kindly of his opponent, Councillor E. J. Evans. He further stated that while he was in Council, although he did not at all times agree with Councillor Evans, he gave him credit for acting on his convictions. He congratulated last year's Council on the alterations in the Court House, and especially the erection of the new memorial entrance; in his opinion it was a very decided improvement. There were many changes in the personnel of the Council since 1940, which was the last year he was a member.

The Warden assured Mr. Neff that he would always be a welcome visitor to the County Council.

Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

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That the Road & Committee consider the renewing of Liability Insurance on the policy expiring Jan. 29th.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$50.00 to the Trustees and Ratepayers Association of the County to assist in carrying on their work.

Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor Card, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of making a grant to the Lions Club British War Orphans Fund.

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor Seymour, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education be requested to name a committee to have charge of making the necessary arrangements for holding the Centenary Historical Scholarship Examination during 1945.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability of ploughing east of the Court House for car parking.

Moved by Councillor Ellis,

Seconded by Councillor Dique, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the re-appointment of Mrs. J. M. Mitchell to the County Library Board.

Moved by Councillor Dique,

Seconded by Councillor Ellis, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$200 to the Blue Water Highway Association.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making the following grants:

Simcoe County Women's Institute .....	\$100.00
Centre Simcoe Women's Institute .....	} 25.00 each
East Simcoe Women's Institute .....	
South Simcoe Women's Institute .....	
West Simcoe Women's Institute .....	

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Equalization consider the matter of the appointment of a County Assessor.

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Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Reforestation be requested to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a cheque to Harry McCarnen, Phelpsston, for \$300.00, in payment of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Lot 12 Con. 3, Flos Twp., The purchase of this lot has been approved by the Minister of Lands & Forests. (and to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute a lease agreement on the reserved two acres on behalf of the County.)

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education consider the appointment of members to the various Boards of Education.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,

Seconded by Councillor McCracken, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges be instructed to consider and report to the Council the amount of money required to be spent on the County Road System during 1945.

The Warden expressed his appreciation to the members for their patience in remaining to this late hour. This had been a strenuous day.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Thursday at 10 A.M.

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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barker*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 18th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from Robt. Craig, Caretaker of the Court House, requesting an increase in salary.

Communication from the Orillia Orange Lodge, giving notice that the Lodge is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary and requesting the County to insert an advertisement in its historical booklet.

Letter from the Orillia Packet & Times, advising that they would try to secure County maps.

Ex-Warden C. D. Stewart being in the Chamber the Warden invited him to a seat on the dais and requested him to address the Council.

Mr. Stewart extended his congratulations to the Warden and Council on their elections for 1945, and congratulated the Council on the improvement to the different offices and the entrance to the Court House. He said he had listened to Dr. Rynard of Orillia yesterday, presenting his case for the British War Orphans Fund, and although he was not a member of the Lions Club he supported the request for a substantial grant from the County for this very worthy cause. He further stated that he was pleased to see students from Ovenden College and Cookstown Continuation School present at this session; in his opinion these young people should be given every opportunity to see how municipal government is conducted as, from his experience, their knowledge in this regard was sadly lacking.

Warden Barker then requested Councillor Clark, Reeve of Barrie, to introduce Mayor Sinclair of the town. Councillor Clark said it was a pleasure to introduce the mayor to the members of the Council, and although he may not be well known to many of the members his father, the late John Sinclair, and his uncles, who successfully conducted the Barrie Tanning Company for many years, were well known throughout the County.

Mayor Sinclair said he was pleased to meet the members of the County Council and extended to them all the privileges of the town. The town was glad to have the Council hold its sessions here, and he was sure the two representatives from Barrie would give the Council their very best support.

The Warden assured Mr. Sinclair that the Council always enjoyed coming to Barrie, and thanked him for his kind remarks.

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The Warden stated that the Council was delighted to have students from Ovenden College and Cookstown Continuation School present at this morning's session, and asked Councillor McMaster to introduce the students from Cookstown and Councillor E. Evans to give a welcome to Miss Raikes and the Ovenden College girls.

Councillor D. Banting introduced Russell Church, a former student of the Cookstown Continuation School, who thanked the Warden and Council on behalf of his school for the privilege of attending this meeting and seeing the Council in session.

Miss Raikes, who was in charge of the Ovenden girls, expressed the thanks of her school for the opportunity of attending this session and seeing how the County Council operated.

W. R. McVittie, Public School Inspector for Centre Simcoe, was then requested to explain to the Council some of the features of the increased departmental grants to the Public and Secondary Schools. Mr. McVittie said he had made an estimate of the percentage of grants that would be received by the schools in his inspectorate, which would be published in the Barrie Examiner and Elmville Lance; in most of the sections the grant would be 50% of the operating costs, but in one school section in Tiny Twp., which was a two-roomed school, and where the assessment of the section was less than \$30,000, the grant would be 90% of the school's costs. He stated that the policy of the Department was to extend, as far as possible, the privileges enjoyed by residents of the town to the rural areas, and this was one reason why township school areas were advocated. In a township school area there is an auxiliary grant given besides the usual percentage grant.

The Warden expressed the appreciation of the Council to Mr. McVittie for giving this information, about which many were not too well informed.

Warden Barker then requested Councillor E. Evans to introduce J. A. Gibson, Public School Inspector for East Simcoe.

In addressing the Council Mr. Gibson stated that Mr. McVittie had very ably dealt with the Public and High School grants, but that he wished to discuss for a short time the matter of adult education. In this connection he stated the County Library Association, with which he had been connected since its establishment in 1940, had extended its advantages very satisfactorily to the rural areas, and he wished to thank the County Council for the support they had given the Association. In 1944 the County grant had been increased to \$1,000; this was the largest grant given to any county association in the Province, and as the Department gives an equivalent to the County grant the grant from the County was of great assistance. Mr. Gibson asked that a similar grant be given for the year 1945.

Miss Alberta Letts, County Librarian, gave a very satisfactory and interesting

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report on her work and the extension of the library's facilities during the year. She stated that at the present time there were nineteen member libraries in the County which paid an annual membership of \$25.00 each; four new ones had been added in 1944. Besides this there were seven deposit stations which contributed an annual fee of \$10.00 each, and these units were supplied with fifty books which were exchanged three times annually. There were also thirty-five public schools enrolled in the Association, which contributed an annual fee of \$10.00 each.

The County Clerk then introduced Laverne Barker, the young son of the Warden, who was escorted to the dais by his Dad and given a very warm welcome by the members of the Council.

At the request of the Warden Miss Margaret MacLachlan, Senior Public Health Nurse, presented a report on the Public Health Service since its organization in September, 1944. She outlined many of the activities of the nurses and what had been accomplished in the short time the Service had been in operation.

The Warden thanked Miss MacLachlan for her very fine report.

E. A. Jarrett, of the firm of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts, chartered accountants, who audit the County accounts, congratulated the Warden on his election and the whole Council on the splendid financial standing of the County. He stated that when his firm was appointed in 1937 to audit the County accounts the County had a large bank overdraft, but of late years that overdraft was paid off and the County now held \$125,000 in Victory Bonds, and for the last few years had a substantial balance at the end of the year.

The Warden thanked Mr. Jarrett for his very favourable report on the County finances.

The Report of the House of Refuge Committee was then presented and read.  
Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the application of Robert Craig, caretaker, for an increase in salary.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 1:30 P.M.

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The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

Warden Barker, in calling the Council to order, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear J. P. Coombe of the Department of Municipal Affairs address them on the appointment and duties of a County Assessor. He then asked Councillor C. Evans to introduce Mr. Coombe.

Councillor Evans referred to the equalization made by the County Council last year, and stated that the Equalization Committee, in the course of its investigations, decided that owing to the great diversity of ideas among the various local assessors the County would be well advised to appoint a County Assessor. At the November Session the County approved of appointing such an assessor and instructions were given to advertise for applications for that position. He said he did not know how many applications there were as he had not seen them, but that in order to obtain all the information possible with reference to a County Assessor Mr. Coombe had been asked to come this afternoon and address the Council.

Mr. Coombe expressed his thanks for the privilege of talking to the County Council on county assessments, and congratulated the County on its good financial standing as was shown by the auditor's report. He referred to the old Section 89 of The Assessment Act, which provided for the appointment of county valuers, and stated that after much study the Department had decided that this Section had outlived its usefulness and had put in Section 89 (a) which, it was hoped, would have the effect that all taxpayers would be paying on a more equitable basis. The first duty of a County Assessor would be to call all the local assessors to a conference and discuss with them the different systems followed. There were thirty municipalities in the County of Simcoe and there was almost sure to be thirty different systems of making assessments. Some assessors had a hit-and-miss method of assessing, while others simply copied the roll of the previous year, and he was satisfied that in every municipality in the County there were a number of properties that weren't on the assessment roll at all. There should be some yard-stick used by the assessors in each municipality for the basis of making their assessments. He further stated that a County Assessor could not be expected to show much results the first year, although in six months something could be done by having the local assessors use the same method of valuating. Mr. Coombe then invited the members of the Council to ask questions, and for a considerable time there were many questions asked and much valuable information given.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

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That the sincere thanks of this Council be tendered to Mr. J. P. Coombe for his excellent address on assessment and leadership in the discussion.

Ex-Warden George Barr being the Chamber the Warden requested him to take a seat on the dais.

Mr. Barr addressed the Council and said he was pleased to come back to the Council and meet his former associates, although he noticed many changes in the personnel since the short time that had elapsed since he was a member.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the name of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts be substituted for that of Glendinning, Gray & Roberts as auditors for Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Card, and ordered,

Whereas according to the Financial Report for the year 1944, as presented by the County Auditor, certain items in the appropriation were overpaid by the Treasurer,

And whereas this is contrary to the regulations, although these overpayments were unavoidable,

And whereas, in order to make these payments, funds were taken from other items where there was a surplus,

This Council approves of the said payments from the under-expenditures in the other departments.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Patterson, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Friday.

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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barker*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 19th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The Warden informed the Council that there were no communications for this morning's session.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Orton,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Vent, in amendment,

That the Report be not adopted and that the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the matter of appointing a County Assessor.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor C. Evans in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that applications for the position of County Assessor be advertised for and presented at the June Session, and further that the Council do consider the appointment of a County Assessor at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

The motion was declared carried on the following division: YEAS - Councillors D. Banting (2), Borrow, Card (2), Christie (2), Cumming, Ellis (2), Eplett, C. Evans, E. Evans, Ferguson, Gowanlock, Harvey, Hunter, Kidd, McCracken, McMaster, Middleton, Moon, Offord, Patterson, Richardson, Seymour (2), Shepherd, Tudhope, Vent (2), Widdis and Woodrow -- 33. NAYS - Councillors H. Banting, Beattie, Benson, Brown (2), Cascagnette, Clark (2), Cook (2), Curry, Desroches, Dique, Horne, McQueen, B. Miller, E. Miller, Orton, Percy, Pottage and Robb -- 21.

Moved by Councillor Curry,

Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

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That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Simcoe County Agricultural Committee.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Card, and ordered,

That this Council consider the advisability of taking some action with regard to putting into effect some form of superannuation for County employees, and that the Warden appoint a Committee to report at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making the usual appropriation for reforestation in connection with planting trees along the County Road System.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Special Committee on Post War Soil Conservation and Land Utilization to carry on this work.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the thanks of the Council be extended to the Warden for the very splendid banquet that he provided last evening.

Warden Barker thanked the members for their kind resolution and trusted it afforded them the same enjoyment it did him.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ellis,

Seconded by Councillor Dique, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Brown,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment from the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Cascagnette,

Seconded by Councillor Desroches, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 10 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 11 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Vent,

Seconded by Councillor Offord, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,

Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Robb, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 12 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Dique,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor McQueen, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor D. Banting,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

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By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 13 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor McQueen, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Orton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McQueen,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Moon,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Offord,

Seconded by Councillor Orton, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Robb, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.



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Moved by Councillor D. Banting,

Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor Cook, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Dique,

Seconded by Councillor Christie, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor H. Banting, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Moon,

Seconded by Councillor Christie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Christie,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

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Moved by Councillor E. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor McQueen, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor McQueen,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 1 of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE, which was referred back to the Committee for further consideration, was amended and again presented and read.

Moved by Councillor D. Banting,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That the Report as amended be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on LEGISLATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McQueen,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Simcoe County AGRICULTURAL WAR PRODUCTION Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to appoint a member to the County Road Committee for a term of three years.

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The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor E. Miller in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor D. K. Harvey, Reeve of Tecumseth Township, be appointed a member of the County Road Committee for a three-year term.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Moved by Councillor D. Banting,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint a Board of Management for Simcoe County Home for 1945, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Card,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the following persons be appointed to the Simcoe County Library Board:

J. A. Gibson, Orillia, Mrs. J. Montagu-Leeds, Barrie, and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell; Collingwood, for a term of three years; Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, Creemore, S. L. Page, Barrie, and Rev. A. E. W. Ingram, Midland, for a term of two years; David Smith, Barrie, Mrs. G. C. Allan, Churchill, and Harry Hawkins, Stayner, for one year; and the Warden of the County for the time being.

Moved by Councillor Vent,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the Committee on Public Health & Welfare be empowered to make the necessary

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adjustments in the salaries of the Public Health Nurses, such adjustments to be effective only until approved by the Council at the following Session and to be subject to the salary limitations as set out in Report No. 1 of the Special Public Health Service Committee adopted at the November Session, 1944.

G. R. Foster, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, then addressed the Council and gave a report on the work of the Society.

He stated that when it was necessary to take a child in care it was only taken temporarily and efforts were made to have the home improved so that the child could be left with its parents; children were not made permanent wards until all other efforts failed. Child delinquency was a serious problem and required a lot of time and attention. At the end of 1943 the Society had 18 British children in charge, but four of these were sent back to Britain during 1944. During 1944 there was a reduction in the number of cases under The Unmarried Parents Act, and they had had good results in placing illegitimate children. These children were placed in many places outside the County. He further stated that the Society was appointed to investigate cases where assistance was asked for under the Dependents' Allowances Act, and they had investigated 114 cases in 1944.

Mr. Foster stated that in 1943 he had asked for an appropriation of \$40,000 and had spent about \$38,000; in 1944 he had requested \$48,000 and had expended \$44,000. He thanked the Council for their generous support to the Children's Aid Society, and said it was a pleasure as well as a duty to report from time to time on his work.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans,

That the thanks of the Council be extended to Mr. Foster for his very instructive report; it was information to the members to know the splendid work the Society was doing and the results obtained.

Warden Barker announced that according to the request of the Council he was appointing the following committees:

To enquire into and report at the June Session on some form of superannuation for County employees -- Councillors Ellis, Shepherd, Richardson, Orton and the Warden.

Special Committee on Post War Soil Conservation & Land Utilization -- H. E. Simpson, E. W. Jones, J. F. Simmons, F. A. Lashley, S. L. Page, Councillors Cumming, Borrow, C. T. S. Evans, McMaster and the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 7 P.M.

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EVENING SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment from the afternoon session.

The Warden in the chair.

A communication from Dr. W. C. Little was read, stating that Robt. A. Craig, caretaker of the Court House, had had his left shoulder injured some time ago and that it had not completely recovered and was not fit at the present time to do any heavy work, and that it had become much worse of late on account of shovelling coal.

The question was asked if men from the Gaol were not available to shovel the coal into the hopper of the stoker; the Council did not feel like hiring anyone to do this work when there were prisoners in the Gaol. The Special County Property Committee was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

REPORT NO. 14 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Vent,

Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Moon,

Seconded by Councillor Dique, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Robb,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law appointing Councillor D. K. Harvey, Reeve, of Tecumseth Township, a member of the County Road Committee for a term of three years, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

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Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Christie, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Special Committee on County Property make arrangements for assistance for Mr. Craig while he is recovering from his injury.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That the following be appointed a Special Committee of the Standing Committee on Reforestation for the year 1945:- Chairman, W. J. McMaster, and Councillors D. Banting, Curry, Beattie and Tudhope.

Moved by Councillor Ellis,

Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the name of John Taylor be substituted for the name of Douglas MacArthur as County representative on the Collingwood Board of Education, and that the Report be amended accordingly.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor McMaster,

That at the conclusion of this Session we, the members of the Council, wish to express to our Warden our appreciation of the courteous and capable manner in which he has presided over all the sessions, and assure him that our best wishes go to him and his family.

Warden Barker assured the Council that at the beginning of the Session he had doubts as to whether or not he could satisfy the members, but through their kind co-

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operation and consideration in looking lightly on his shortcomings he had enjoyed the Session and would be looking forward to meeting them all again at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Seymour,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Monday, June 11th, at 2 P.M.

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Clerk, Simcoe County

*H. M. Barber*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

M I N U T E S

of the 1945 June Session of the Council

of the County of Simcoe

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FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
June 11th, 1945.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the January Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Offord, who is ill, and Councillor Horne, who is visiting in Western Canada.

Since the January Session James Grant was elected Reeve of Stayner; he filed the certificate of his election with the County Clerk and took his seat in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Offord of Midland would not be able to attend this Session as he had recently undergone a serious operation, but according to the reports he was progressing favourably.

He then called on Rev. G. A. Cruse of New Lowell, a veteran of the last war, to open the proceedings of the Session with religious exercises.

Rev. Cruse led in prayer and then addressed the Council and said he had worked in the ministry in Simcoe County for twenty years but that he was soon to be transferred to the neighbouring County of Grey. He referred to the victories of the armies of the United Nations in Europe, and trusted that as great a victory would be achieved in securing a permanent peace. He thought it fitting for the Council to pause and give thanks to God for his mercy in giving his allies victory, and trusted that the real harvest of victory would be reached in the happiness of the homes in the towns and countryside of our country. There will be those who will not return, and he suggested that a moment's silence be observed in their memory and as an expression of our gratitude towards them.

The Warden thanked Mr. Cruse for attending and opening the business of the Session, and regretted that he would shortly be leaving the County, but he could be assured that the good wishes of his congregations and the whole County would follow him in his new work.

The Warden then referred to the sacrifices made by all the soldiers of the United Nations, and asked the members to keep them in mind when they were awarding any job or contract. He extended the sympathy of the Council to all those who had been bereaved on account of the war.

The death of President Roosevelt was greatly regretted as he had been a very capable and splendid ally, as well as a good neighbour, and the United States and the