

Council Chamber Barrie

November 20th 1916

The Council met in accordance with adjournment from the June Session
The Warden in the chair

The Clerk reported the decease of J.J. Goldie late Rec'd of the Town of Allerton and the appointment by the Council of the Town of Allerton of Mr. J. B. Elliott as Rec'd of the said Corporation for the balance of the year 1916 and that his certificate of appointment has been duly presented and filed,

All members present except Councillor Scanlon

The minutes of the last session were read and confirmed

The Warden in his address to the Council spoke very freely of the loss this Council had sustained by the decease of the late J.J. Goldie late Rec'd of Allerton whose wise Council cheerful and amiable character had endeared him to the rest of the Council, he also referred to the loss sustained by Councillor Dundas by the decease of his wife and he expressed to him the deep sympathy of the Council in his sad bereavement, In referring to the death of the late Honorable James S. Duff late Minister of Agriculture he stated this County had lost one of the noblest of her citizens and the Province one of her ablest men, a man who was indefatigable in his work in the interest of Agriculture and whose happy and cheerful disposition had endeared him even to his political opponents, He was sorry to state that this terrible war was still in progress with no appearance of its nearing its end and that the demand for recruits and money was greater than ever but he had perfect confidence that this County will do its duty both in men and money as in the past, He asked the members to be as economical as possible with efficiency so as not to cause an over draft,

The Warden presented the following documents which were read

Communications, A. S. Hunter, J. Laughland, J. Beecroft, J. D. McMillan
W. W. McCay, W. H. Moore, Boys & Girls Club, Financial Statement of North

Simeon Teachers Institute, Report of Arbitrators re School Section No 5, Town
Committee of Zella Porteauville and Florida Section to St. Mary's Industrial

School, Report of Prisoners in County Gaol, West Ward vs County of Simcoe
Accounts, J. J. Nellands, Barrie Electric Light Department, Township of Adjala

E. Shear, Edwards & Saunders, Corporation of Barrie, St. John Industrial School
Victoria Industrial School, St. Mary's Industrial School, Alexandra Industrial

School, Barber & Co, Township of Guelph, The Warden appointed the following members of the Council namely

W. Williams, J. Simpson, J. D. Banting and D. Horrell as a Special Committee to draft resolutions of sympathy to the relatives of the late Hon. Jas S. Duff
J. J. Goldie and Councillor Dundas

Moved by J. Simpson and seconded by J. D. Banting and ordered
That this Council deeply regret the untimely death of the late Honorable
James S. Duff late Minister of Agriculture whose decease will not only
be mourned by this his native County to which he has done so much credit
and honour but will be mourned by the whole Province at large, Be it

therefore resolved that this Council as a body attend his funeral and thereby
show our respect to his memory,
Moved by Mr. Corneau and seconded by Mr. Downer and ordered
That this Council do now adjourn until ten o'clock Wednesday morning

James G. Carton
Warden

Council Chamber Barrie

November 22nd 1916

The Council met in accordance with adjournment
The Warden in the chair

All members present except Councillor Scanlon

The minutes of the last session were read and confirmed

The Warden presented the following documents which were read

Accounts, Walter Scott, R. J. A. Harvie, D. Cunningham

Mr. Fennell of the British Sailors Relief Association of Canada addressed the Council on behalf of the Widows & Orphans and disabled Sailors of the British Navy and Merchant Marine, He spoke of the great work the British Navy had done since the beginning of the war, mentioning the several actions wherein they had upheld the supremacy of the sea claiming at the same time that was only a slight part of the work they had done, even on the watch both night and day keeping the enemy's navy locked up in their harbors, he referred to the dangerous work that was being done by the trawlers and mine sweepers who were risking their lives every moment both day and night, He showed where Canada was under great obligation to the British Navy in keeping the sea open permitting the transportation of 300,000 men to the seat of war without one being lost besides the advantage of being able to tranship the surplus of its produce and manufacture and he asked the Council for a grant towards this worthy object.

The Warden thanked Mr. Fennell for his address and assured him that the matter would receive the serious consideration of the Council

Moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Scott and ordered

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of recommending a suitable grant to the British Sailor's Relief Fund for the purpose of helping the disabled Sailors and their dependents of the British Navy and Merchant Marine as set forth by Mr. Fennell

Moved by Mr. Ball and seconded by Mr. Corneau and ordered

That the Council do now adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon Session

The Council met according to adjournment

The Warden in the chair

The Warden presented the following documents which were read.

Resolution passed at a meeting of the Canadian Patriotic Society of the County of Simcoe, Communications from Hon. Maples & Mr. Blair accounts of A. Gillespie, J. A. Orton, R. Coldewood, G. Harris, Joseph Ellis & Ouellet Hardware Co.

Report No 1 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Coleman and seconded by Mr. Corbeau and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 2 Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Dutton and seconded by Mr. W. Stewart and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 3 Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Bethune and seconded by Mr. Manning and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Moved by Mr. Wattie and seconded by Mr. Coughlin and ordered

That County Property Committee consider the advisability of recommending the purchase of half a dozen and 1/2 hand cuffs and badges for County Constables in this County

Moved by Mr. Fulford and seconded by Mr. Dundas and ordered

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of recommending that the sum of \$101.15 be refunded to the Township of Oroton on account of an over charge in County rate for 1916

Moved by Mr. Todd and seconded by Mr. Coughlin and ordered

That the Council do now adjourn until 11 O'Clock tomorrow morning

James Inglis
Warden

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Council Chamber Barrie

November 23rd 1916

The Council met according to adjournment -

The Warden in the chair

All members present except Commissioners Scardon, Bennett & Coughlin

The minutes of the last session were read and confirmed

The Warden presented the following documents which were read

Communication from Mr. John Mc Kay resigning his position as Inspector of the House of Refuge, Accounts, Northern Advance Angus Livingston & Township of Nottawasega

Report No 1 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Fleming and seconded by Mr. McKnight and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 2 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Stafford and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 3 Standing Committee on Finance with accompanying By-Law was presented and read,

Moved by Mr. Duckworth and seconded by Mr. Horrell 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 Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Corbeau and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Walsh and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

Moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Borrow 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 4 Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Corbeau and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 5 Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges was presented and read

Moved by Mr. W. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Downer and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 6 Standing Committee on Education was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Coughland and seconded by Mr. McKnight and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Moved by Mr. Sean and seconded by Mr. Welsh and ordered

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider the advisability of having necessary repairs done to the Kirkpatrick bridge over the Nottawasega River it being a County Bridge and to consider the advisability of appointing a committee to have said work done

Moved by Mr. Baird and seconded by Mr. Wilson and ordered
that the Finance Committee consider the advisability of
amending By-Law No 1166 re the House of Refuge
Moved by Mr. Dundas and seconded by Mr. Carter and ordered
that the Roads and Bridges consider the advisability of recommending
a special grant of \$500⁰⁰ to assist in keeping the 4th line of
Esra in repair the said 4th line being a leading County Road
from the south to Camp Borden,
Moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Joyce and ordered
that the Committee on Roads and Bridges consider the advisability
of releasing the Township of Orillia of an overdraft of three hundred
and twenty five dollars on account of so many large bridges
being built in the Municipality and the overdraft being an old
standing one for years,
Moved by Mr. J. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Overend and ordered
that the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of
allowing the Township of Melville an overdraft of \$200.⁰⁰ on their
Good Roads account
Moved by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Walsh and ordered
that the Committee appointed at the first meeting of this session
to draft certain resolutions of condolence also draft a resolution to
Commissar Scaulor who has been bereaved by the decease of his mother
since we have been in session,
Moved by Mr. Baird and seconded by Mr. Mc Habb and ordered
that the Finance Committee consider the advisability of guaranteeing
certain debts of the Town of Orillia to the extent of \$145,000⁰⁰
\$110,000⁰⁰ for Electric Power Development and \$35,000⁰⁰ for rebuilding
Municipal buildings,
Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Coleman and ordered
that the House of Refuge Committee consider the advisability of
introducing a By-Law for the purpose of appointing J.H.W. Wright
Esq as Inspector of the House of Refuge as successor to John Mackay
now resigned,
Moved by Mr. Bethune and seconded by Mr. W.J. Stewart and ordered
that the Council do now adjourn until 2 O'Clock this afternoon

Afternoon Session

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the chair

Mr W.J. Holden of Nottawanga and Mr. J. Laughland representative
of the Agricultural Department addressed the Council in favour
of reforestation more particularly so in connection with the
rural schools

The Warden thanked the Gentlemen for the information given the Council in
their addresses and assured them the Council was strongly in favour of
Reforestation
Report No 4 Standing Committee on Finance with accompanying By-Law
was presented and read,
Moved by Mr. Stein and seconded by Mr. Bethune 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 Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Elliott and ordered
that the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time
By-Law read a second time
Moved by Mr. Overend and seconded by Mr. Coupland and ordered
that the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time
By-Law read a third time
Moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. W.J. Stewart 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 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read
Moved by Mr. Banting and seconded by Mr. Fleming and ordered
that the Report now read be adopted
Report No 6 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with accompanying By-Law
was presented and read
Moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Dundas 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 Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Rutherford and ordered
that the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time
By-Law read a second time
Moved by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Walsh and ordered
that the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time
By-Law read a third time
Moved by Mr. Wattie and seconded by Mr. Stein 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 Mr. Todd and seconded by Mr. Simpson and ordered
that the Committee on Education consider the advisability of
recommending a grant to schools which undertake reforestation
Moved by Mr. Borrow and seconded by Mr. Joyce and ordered
that the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability
of recommending a special grant of \$200⁰⁰ for to pay
part of the cost of a concrete culvert on the County Road
in Matchedash between lots 6 & 7 con 2

Moved by Mr. Bettune and seconded by Mr. Simpson and ordered
That the Council do now adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning

James Fletcher
Warden

Council Chamber Barrie
November 24th 1916

The Council met according to adjournment

The Warden in the chair

All members present

The minutes of the last session were read and confirmed

The Warden presented the following document which was read

Account Barrie Gazette

Report No 6 Standing Committee on Finance with accompanying By-Law
was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Jameson 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 Mr. Duckworth seconded by Mr. Dewart and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Coupland and seconded by Mr. Elliott and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

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Moved by Mr. Horrell and seconded by Mr. Duckworth 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 Standing Committee on Finance with accompanying By-Law
was presented and read

Moved by Mr. McKinley and seconded by Mr. Stafford 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 Mr. W. J. Stewart and seconded by Mr. McKinley and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. McDowell and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

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Moved by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Horrell 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 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with accompanying By-Law
was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Pulford and seconded by Mr. Elliott 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 Mr. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Dundas and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Joyce and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

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Moved by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Taylor 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 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Caughlin and seconded by Mr. Borrow and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 9 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Dutton and seconded by Mr. J. Stewart and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

Report No 1 Standing Committee of the House of Refuge with accompanying By-Law
was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Dundas and seconded by Mr. Parenting 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 Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Welsh and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. J. Fleming and seconded by Mr. W. J. Stewart and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

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Moved by Mr. Pulford and seconded by Mr. McKnight 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 10 Special Committee Re Children's Aid was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Simpson and ordered

That the Report now read be received and placed before the Finance
Committee for consideration

Moved by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Fleming and ordered

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of
authorizing the Treasurer to charge \$500⁰⁰ of the cost of bridges now
under construction at Lot 21 con 1 Leamouth to the Township of

See unto this Good Roads Account and the balance of the cost of said bridge to the County.

Moved by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Banting and ordered That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Bennett, Robertson, Doughlin and Manning for yesterday and Councillor Scanlon be granted leave of absence for the previous sessions his absence being caused by the death of his mother.

Moved by Mr. Baird and seconded by Mr. Williams and ordered That the House of Refuge Committee consider the advisability of making arrangements whereby it will not be necessary to separate the husband and wife of an aged couple who may be inmates of the House of Refuge.

Moved by Mr. Pulford and seconded by Mr. Bell and ordered

That owing to the fact that the Government of Ontario is in receipt of approximately \$750,000.00 per annum for automobile licences, the Roads and Bridges Committee be requested to consider the advisability of appointing a Committee to interview the Government and endeavour to induce them to formulate legislation to assist such townships that have special expenses in regard to Bridges. That is to say, A township having three or more rivers passing through it the Government grant be 50 per cent. of the actual cost of such bridges not on County Roads and where two rivers pass through a township 40 per cent. of the cost and where one river passes through a township 30 per cent. of the actual cost.

Moved by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Banting and ordered That the Council do now adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session

The Council met according to adjournment—
The Warden in the chair.

Report No. 8 Standing Committee on Finance with accompanying By-Law was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Banting and seconded by Mr. McKnight 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 Mr. Stafford and seconded by Mr. McHale and ordered That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Coupland and seconded by Mr. Duckworth and ordered That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Mr. Todd and seconded by Mr. W. J. Stewart 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 10 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges was presented & read
Moved by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. McKnight and ordered
That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No 1 Standing Committee on County Property was presented & read
Moved by Mr. Ball and seconded by Mr. Coupland and ordered
That the Report now read be adopted.

Ex Wardens Mr. Wood and C. E. Wright being present in the Council Chamber they were requested to take their seats on the dais.

Report No 2 Standing Committee on Education was presented and read
Moved by Mr. McKnight and seconded by Mr. Coupland and ordered
That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No 1 Standing Committee on Printing was presented and read
Moved by Mr. Wattie and seconded by Mr. McHale and ordered
That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Jameson and ordered
That the Reeve of Bradford and the County Engineer be a Committee to act with representatives of York County in having the approaches and approach railing to the Holland River Bridge repaired if found necessary.

Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Coleman and ordered
That in bringing to close the work of this the last session of the year we the members of the Council and officials feel that we cannot separate without expressing our appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which you have conducted the business of the various sessions of this Council during the period of your incumbency of the exalted position of Warden. Once and again we have been reminded that Sir Frank is the greatest of the Councils of Ontario and we make bold to say that we have found in you a Warden fully qualified to bear the destinies of this great County. All the duties of your high office have been filled with dignity, fairness, courtesy and marked ability. Though the work of the Council has in this year been arduous and difficult we have ever been able to rely with confidence on your leadership. In financial matters especially we have been called upon to deal with questions that baffle very large in our eyes but such as could not be neglected if we are to do our part in the salvation of the Empire. You have joined heartily with us in the solution of these grave issues and we trust that the result may be satisfactory to our constituents and advantageous to our country. Not only have we admired your leadership in our internal affairs but wherever the business of the Council has touched the outer world we have been charmed with the western grace and courtesy with which you have received and handled the various delegations and responded to their varied requests. You have in all cases managed this with respect and consideration.

We wish you continued success and prosperity in all your affairs and hope that a kind Providence may still protect yourself and your family throughout the journey of life. The Warden thanked the Council for their kind resolution and assured them he will ever remember the pleasant occasions of the past year.

Ex-Wardens Wright and Wood addressed the Council in short fitting speeches each of them congratulating the Council on the manner in which they dealt with patriotic objects.

Moved by Mr. Manning and seconded by Mr. Jameson and ordered
That the Council do now adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

*James Hartman
Warden*

Council Chamber Room
November 23rd 1916

The Council met according to adjournment -
The Warden in the chair.

All members present

The Minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.

Report No. 9 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read.
Moved by Mr. Orr and seconded by Mr. Coughlin and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No. 10 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read.
Moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. McRabb and ordered
That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No. 11 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read.
Moved by Mr. McKinley and seconded by Mr. Williams and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No. 12 Standing Committee on Finance was presented and read.
Moved by Mr. Jameson and seconded by Mr. Stafford and ordered
That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Bell and ordered
That this Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability

of rebuilding the barns on the House of Refuge farm which were recently destroyed by fire with the Warden in the chair.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of rebuilding the House of Refuge barns with the Warden in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported progress.

Report No. 13 Committee of the Whole re rebuilding the barns at the House of Refuge was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Train and seconded by Mr. Coughlin and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No. 11 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges was presented and read.
Moved by Mr. Coughlin and seconded by Mr. Train and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted.

Report No. 12 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with accompanying By-Law was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Coleman 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 Mr. Train and seconded by Mr. Baird and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Wattie and seconded by Mr. Wilson and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

Moved by Mr. McKinley and seconded by Mr. Ball 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 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with accompanying By-Law was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mr. Joyce 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 Mr. Train and seconded by Mr. Coughlin and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Coleman and seconded by Mr. Wattie and ordered

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

By-Law read a third time

Moved by Mr. Wattie and seconded by Mr. Wattie 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. 14 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with accompanying By-Law was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Ball and seconded by Mr. Train 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 Mr. Baird and seconded by Mr. McRabb and ordered

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

By-Law read a second time

Moved by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Elliott and ordered

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

Moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Downer and ordered

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

Report No 18 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges was presented and read

Moved by Mr. J. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Overend and ordered

That Report now read be adopted

Report No 1 Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions of Condolence to the widow of the late Honourable Jas S Duff the widow of the late Councillor

J. J. Goldie, to Councillors James Dundas and A. E. Scanlon was presented and read

Moved by Mr. Banting and seconded by Mr. Simpson and ordered

That the Report now read be adopted

The following are the resolutions referred to in the foregoing Report -

Mrs James S Duff and family

Crookstone Park

Dear Madam:-

In the depth of your grief the Warden and Members of the Council of the County of Simcoe cleave with the sincerest sympathy to express to you, imperfectly though it may be, their warmest and tenderest feelings of condolence in the loss of affection, a double affliction, which has befallen you in the loss of your loving Husband and your dear son Clark, dying gloriously for the cause of liberty on the blood-stained battle-field of France. Your son has won for himself immortal renown and has done his part to bring freedom to the nations, while his death rends the silver strings that bind his memory fast to a mother's heart; yet there is the unfailing consolation that he laid down his life in the path of duty and richly merited a patriotic name.

In the loss of your loving and devoted husband we can all most truly join with you in the deepest and truest sorrow, and not only we but tens of thousands of hearts throughout the land feel the pang of friendship broken and usefulness ended; for, in the passing of the Hon James S Duff, the whole County suffers loss. His was no ordinary life. Dear as he may have been to his own fireside and the loved ones gathered there, he was likewise deeply rooted in the affections of his fellow Countrymen and bound to them by the ties of useful and valuable service as well as by the more tender bonds of friendship and affection.

It were vain to attempt to enumerate his services to his fellow citizens as Township Councillor, as County Councillor, as Member of the Legislature, and as Cabinet Minister, not to mention his work in his own home circle as promoter and keeper in every good work of a social, religious or civic character. These all are before the eye of the world. His life of devotion to the public good was clothed in a generosity, a hopefulness and good cheer that made him the favorite and friend of the men of every class and creeds.

and endeared him to the entire community. His love for his country was intense and he was ever energetic in his efforts to promote the best interest of his fellow-citizens. In all the walks of life, his character was marked by integrity and uprightness and all those sterling features of genuineness, sincerity and frankness that made him beloved by all those who knew him. In short, "in him the elements were so mixed that nature might stand up and say, "this was a man."

While we thus comfort ourselves publicly by commemorating and extolling his manifold virtues and noble acts, we realize that it is at his own fireside and in the bosom of his own family he will be most sadly missed. There the cry of anguish will go out "Oh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still," and no mourner will come, where the vacant chair never can be filled and the aching heart refuses to be comforted, for the loss is irreparable. In this your hour of sadness and desolation we tender you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the bitter grief that has befallen you and earnestly hope that these mysterious dealings of Providence which for the moment assume this dark disguise, may become beacons in the skies to guide your pathway to blessed re-union in that celestial home where husbands and wives and parents and children shall no longer fear these heart-rending separations.

Mrs Goldie
Alliston

Dear Madame,-

The Warden and members of the Council of the County of Simcoe, wish to convey to you the deep sympathy they all feel with you the sudden and unexpected bereavement which you have been called upon to suffer in the death of your loving husband. At our last meeting in June at which he was present, he was to all appearances as well and as likely to enjoy long life as any of his fellow Councillors.

To-day he is called home for ever. We assure you that we retain a deep sense of his valuable and earnest services, of kindly and obliging manner as well as of his many excellencies of mind and heart.

We realize that we can but poorly convey to you our high appreciation of his worth and worthiness, much less can we do ought worthwhile to lighten the gloom or assuage the sorrow that has fallen upon you. Yet with all tenderness we offer you our heartfelt sympathy and hope that these sad, funeral bapers may be Heaven's distant lamps, guiding to that land where we shall no longer mourn separation for those we love.

To Mr. James Dundas
Reeve of the Township of East
Dear Sir

The Warden and members of the Council of the County of Simcoe desire to express to you the sincere sympathy they all feel towards

You in the loss of your dear wife, the companion of your life and for so many years the sharer of your joys and sorrows. No affliction comes to the lot of a husband that touches him quite as keenly as the loss of his wife. Compared with this all the other griefs fade into comparative insignificance, especially, where, as in your case, affection has been cemented by so long years of association. In such, the parting is all the sadder and more painful and the remaining sense of loneliness and bereavement all the harder to bear. We trust that the Great Healer of all sorrow may impart such solace and comfort as will enable you to endure your grief and brighten your days with the cheering hope of a joyous re-union beyond.

To Mr. A. E. Scanlon
Reeve of Bradford
Dear Sir

The Warden and Members of the County Council of Simcoe desire to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a kind and loving mother. More especially when her death follows so closely on the loss of a valued and indulgent father. May the consolation of the Divine Healer comfort and sustain you in your loss.

The greatest loss that can come to any person is the passing of those who cared for them when they were still unable to care for themselves. The word mother contains all the human sympathy, joy and affection that the heart can devise and the head conceives and it is with the deepest feelings that we again tender our sincere sympathy in the loss of one who in the fullest sense of the word a mother to you.

Moved by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Bennett and ordered

That the Council do now adjourn and stand adjourned sine die

R. J. Fletcher
County Clerk

Dugby Horrell
Warden

Council Chamber Barrie 660
January 23rd 1917

The Council met in accordance with the statutes
The following members presented their certificates and took their seats at the Council Board with the exception of Councillor Ball Reeve of Oro who was detained through illness, namely Adela Mrs. Walsh Reeve Loretto, Alliston James Moore Reeve, Bradford A. E. Scanlon Reeve, Barrie, J. H. Bennett Reeve W. P. Soules 1st Deputy Reeve W. A. Lowe 2nd Deputy Reeve, Beeton W. J. Stewart Reeve Collingwood D. A. Bell Reeve W. Williams Deputy Reeve, Gremont J. R. Lawrence Reeve Goldwater A. W. Robinson Reeve, Essa James Dundas Reeve Alliston, J. J. D. Banting Deputy Reeve Cookstown, G. S. Arnott Reeve Thepton R. M. D. T. A. Coughlin Deputy Reeve Thelston, Innisfil Eben Todd Reeve Churchfield R. M. D. T. Coleman Deputy Reeve Cookstown, Medonte Daniel McLean Reeve Jarrett, John Bell Deputy Reeve Hibart, Midland Dugby Horrell Reeve J. S. McDonald Deputy Reeve Matchedash W. Botross Reeve Loring, Portawagee J. E. Jamieson Reeve Singhampton James Gardine Deputy Reeve Ottawa, O. O. J. H. Ball Reeve Shanty Bay, D. McKinley Deputy Reeve Oriskshaw D. McPhat Reeve Philip McLeod 1st Deputy Reeve James Doyle 2nd Deputy Reeve, Orillia Township H. Elliott Reeve Whifford, J. Joyce Deputy Reeve Hazelton Penetanguishene Frank Gates Reeve, Stagnier John Conn Reeve Sunnidale, Joseph Spicher Reeve Stayner, Seamanette H. W. Carter Reeve ^{2nd} Deputy Reeve, Th. Fleming Deputy Reeve Tottenham, Siny J. T. Simpson Reeve Elmvale R. M. D. #3 N. Belcourt Deputy Reeve Perkinsfield, Jay, E. Dutson Reeve R. R. #1 Midland, J. S. Taylor 1st Deputy Reeve, K. R. #1 Victoria Harbor, Leslie Archer Lawson, Toronto Thos. Mulford Reeve Everett, Tottenham J. M. Knight Reeve Vespea C. J. Wallace Reeve Antro Mills R. M. D. A. H. Wilson Deputy Reeve Antro Mills R. M. D. Victoria Harbor J. Duckworth Reeve, West Guelphbury P. R. West, Guelph

The Clerk called the Council together and requested them to elect a Warden for the year 1917.

The Clerk requested Councillors Simpson and Scanlon to act as scrutineers
The Clerk then declared the nomination for Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1917 now open,

Moved by Mr. Coleman and seconded by Mr. D. A. Bell

That Eben Todd Reeve of Innisfil be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1917

Moved by Mr. Dundas and seconded by Mr. Pugford

That J. J. D. Banting Deputy Reeve of Innisfil be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1917

Moved by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Dutson

That J. Duckworth Reeve of Victoria Harbor be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1917

Moved by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Jamieson

That Dugby Horrell Reeve of Midland be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1917

Moved by Mr. Coughlin and seconded by Mr. McKnight