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Moved by Councillor Stephens,
Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

That Councillor Beattie be granted leave of absence on account of illness.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That this Council authorize the County Assessor, on the recommendation of the Equalization Committee, to defend any assessment appeal that shows merit of defence, and that the necessary legal and appraisal assistance be employed when required to defend such appeals.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,
Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Monday, June 12th, 1950, at 2 P.M.

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Clerk, County of Simcoe

A. R. Benning
Warden, County of Simcoe

M I N U T E S
OF THE JUNE SESSION, 1950, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 12th, 1950.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the January Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Beck and E. Wood.

The minutes of the January Session, having been printed and distributed, were taken as read.

The Warden welcomed the members to the June Session, and said they all looked well and happy. He was glad to see that Councillors MacIntosh and Lovering were able to attend this Session; he hoped that Councillor MacIntosh would not be as unfortunate at this Session, and that Councillor Lovering's health would continue to improve. He also welcomed Councillor Dunlop, the new representative from the Village of Coldwater.

He referred to the untimely death of Rev. George Morrison, and stated that he was a man of wide experience and ability; he would be particularly missed in agricultural, recreation and groups interested in Children's Aid work throughout the County.

He had toured the County and was glad to report that in all sections the crop prospects were exceedingly good. While there had not been a heavy fall of snow during the past winter, the roads in the County had suffered considerable damage in the spring break-up, and the County Road Committee were finding that their budget was not adequate to do as much work as they would like to see done. A new bridge had to be built at Alliston, which had not been anticipated and which also added to the difficulty in working within their budget.

The County had made a very good showing at the Ontario Plowmen's Association meeting in Toronto, and he was sure that under the capable chairmanship of Councillor Reed the Committee would be in a position to report a very successful Match at the November Session.

He congratulated the County Assessor on the defence put forth in Collingwood's appeal against its equalized assessment. The expenses in connection with these appeals were quite heavy, and he hoped that with the co-operation of the representatives of the different municipalities there would not be any more appeals. The County Assessor had also found it necessary to add another stenographer to his staff.

He referred to a proposal to establish a municipal forest corporation in the north part of the County, and suggested that if this proposal went through it might be necessary to confine the County's reforestation projects to that part of the County outside this area.

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He referred to the new Homes for the Aged Act, and stated that the County might have to increase the accommodation at the County Home. He was firmly of the opinion that there should only be one Home and that there should not be any further homes established in the County. A new sprinkler system was being installed in the County Home, and while this cost considerable he thought that the decrease in the insurance premiums, due to its installation, would eventually liquidate the cost.

He also announced that the Soils Committee would have two speakers from Guelph address the Council on Friday morning on Soil Management and Conservation; this was a very live and important subject, and he hoped the members would receive considerable benefit from their addresses.

He informed the Council that Ontario County had invited the members to a good will tour of their County on Tuesday ~~morning~~ June 13th, and that a bus would leave the County Buildings at 8:45 for their accommodation.

The Warden invited all the members and their wives to Little Lake Park, Midland, on Thursday afternoon, where they would be received and entertained by himself and Mrs. Benson. Dinner would be served by the Wyebridge Women's Institute, who were highly recommended for their efficiency in catering to groups of this kind, and he hoped everyone would be present.

Communications
REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of making the usual grant to each School Fair held in the County in 1950.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor King, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of introducing a by-law to confirm By-Law No. 875 of the Township of Tecumseth, closing part of The Given Road in the 7th Concession, between Lots 18 and 19, Tecumseth Township.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,
Seconded by Councillor Lovering, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of taking the necessary procedure to expropriate land required for the road diversion at the Sand Hook Bridge in Tecumseth Township, on County Road No. 10.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of increasing the salary of the County Assessor by \$500.00 per year.

COMMUNICATIONS

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June 12th, 1950.

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

Invitation to visit Ontario County on Tuesday, June 13th.

Letter of thanks from Alex. MacIntosh of Midland for the flowers sent him at the time of his accident in January.

Letter from the Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, thanking the Council for their grant of \$86,000.

Notice that the United Emergency Fund for Britain has been discontinued.

Letter from the Executive-Secretary of the Ontario Agricultural Council with reference to the setting up of county committees on Soft Wheat.

Resolution from Perth County Council, protesting against the collapse in prices of farm products and recommending that the Government be petitioned to take prompt action to remedy same.

Copy of County Auditors' Report to the Department of Public Welfare on the Simcoe County Home at Beeton for 1949.

Annual Report of the Supervisor of the Department of Public Welfare with respect to the Home at Beeton.

Communication from the Deputy Minister of Public Welfare in connection with the payment of subsidy on homes for the aged.

Correspondence from the Chief Supervisor with regard to the Regulations pursuant to the 1949 Homes for the Aged Act.

Resolution from Hastings County Council, recommending that the Federal Minister of Finance be petitioned to remove the sales tax on goods purchased for county homes for the aged.

Report of the Grand Jury at the Supreme Court sitting in January on their inspection of the County Buildings.

Notice that the municipal officials of The Ontario Municipal Board will all be on vacation during the month of August, and that all applications for approval of the Board should be filed with the Secretary not later than July 8th.

Resolution from Carleton County Council with regard to repealing a certain section of The Municipal Act which deals with the right to appeal to the Legislature from a decision of the Ontario Municipal Board in annexation matters.

Resolutions from Brant County Council in connection with certain amendments to The Assessment Act.

Municipal Board's Decision on the Collingwood assessment appeal, the hearing for which commenced on Jan. 31st, 1950.

Communication from the Clerk of Waterloo County, soliciting an entry from Simcoe County in the "Barbershop Quartet Competition" which is to be held in connection with their annual

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Fall Fair at Galt on Sept. 22nd.

Correspondence from the Department of Education with reference to By-Law No. 2305 of the County respecting the setting up of a Recreation Programme.

County Auditors' statement on educational costs for 1949.

Letter from Frank Walker, Toronto, with regard to filming certain material from Fred Grant's Scrap Books.

List of prize-winners in the County Historical Scholarship Competition which was written in the Council Chamber on June 2nd.

Letter from the Deputy Minister of Education regarding the effective date of By-Law No. 2304 which unites the Village of Elmvale to the Flos High School District.

Resolution from the Council of the Town of Orillia in connection with the taxation burden on real estate.

Request from the Township of Dalton in ^{Victoria} ~~Ontario~~ County to be added to the Orillia High School District.

Correspondence with W. A. Robinson, M.P., regarding liability for the hospitalization of indigent patients from Camp Borden.

Letter from The Municipal World Limited, St. Thomas, regarding County subscriptions to their magazine.

Further communications from the Town of Midland regarding the maintenance of Sharlene Dusome at the Riverdale Isolation Hospital.

Communication regarding matters to be dealt with at the Annual Convention of The Ontario Municipal Association, which will be held in Sudbury on Aug. 28th, 29th and 30th.

Request for a grant to the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis.

Request from York County Hospital, Newmarket, for a grant to assist in making up the loss sustained in maintaining certain indigent patients from Simcoe County.

Accounts from the various training schools for the maintenance of wards.

Request for a grant to the United Nations Appeal for Children.

Letter of thanks from the following organizations to which grants were given at the January Session: The Salvation Army, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the East Simcoe District Women's Institute.

County Assessor's Report on his work since the last Session of the County Council.

Communication from the Midland Chamber of Commerce regarding the development of a municipal forests corporation in the northern part of the County.

Letter to the Property Branch of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in Toronto in connection with a right-of-way through one of the County Forests.

Statement of school taxes on certain reforestation property in Oro Township.

Correspondence in connection with draining a certain portion of road in Nottawasaga Township.

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Correspondence in connection with deeding two small pieces of property in Nottawasaga Township to the Department of Highways.

Notices of certain accidents on the County Road System.

Correspondence in connection with the Special Committee which was appointed at the January Session to investigate the possibility of obtaining additional revenue from sources other than taxation of real estate.

Communication from the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture with regard to establishing a Memorial Fund in memory of the late Rev. George Morrison.

Request from the County Assessor for an increase in salary of \$500.00.

Communication from the Ontario Conservation & Reforestation Association with reference to making certain recommendations to the Ontario Legislature.

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Moved by Councillor Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write letters of condolence to Mrs. James Braek, the family of Field Downey and Councillor Morrison.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That Councillor Dunlop, Reeve of the Village of Coldwater, be appointed a member of all Standing Committees.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider providing suitable recognition of the many years service of the former County Messenger, Robert Craig.

The Report of the Managing Director of the Children's Aid Society on their recent campaign for funds was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education consider the advisability of having a copy of the Scrap Book referred to in Mr. Frank M. Walker's letter of June 10th micro-filmed and made available for all libraries in the County.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,
Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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

Fred Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

W.R. Benson
Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 14th, 1950.

There was no session on Tuesday as Simcoe County Council were the guests of Ontario County Council for the day.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

Miss Marion Webb, Principal of the Stroud School, had her Grade VIII pupils in the chamber. The Warden welcomed them, and said he was glad that the teachers were interested enough to bring their pupils here to get a knowledge of how County Council was conducted.

As previously announced, the winners in the County Historical Scholarship Examination were presented with their prizes and certificates by senior Public School Inspector, J. A. Gibson of Orillia. Mr. Gibson explained that due to the fact that there were no Entrance Examinations this year, the Inspectors had set a test in Arithmetic, Spelling, Languages, Geography and British and Canadian History, which was written at the same time as the Historical Examination; hence they were able to get the papers marked and the winners announced earlier than in previous years. The answers on the papers were very gratifying; the children in the rural districts were becoming much better informed each year, for he thought the County Library was largely responsible. The first-prize winners in each group got the same mark, which the Inspectors were agreed showed that the rural children were now getting an education equivalent to that enjoyed by the children in urban centres. He felt that the greater efficiency in the rural schools was largely due to more interest being taken by Area Boards.

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

Moved by Councillor Hart,
Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, 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 Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, 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 Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Dunlop,
Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Griffin, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Special Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,
Seconded by Councillor Allan, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,
Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to appoint Miss Margaret Saunders, Stenographer, to assist in the County Assessor's office, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,
Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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. Wood,
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, 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 Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Downer, 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 Reed,
Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education consider the advisability of providing funds for the cost of education of County pupils attending the various High and Continuation Schools during 1949.

Moved by Councillor C. Wood,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of making a further grant of \$500.00 to the County Library Co-operative.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,
Seconded by Councillor E. Wood, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of granting the Recreation Committee \$400.00, as the grant received in April, 1950, was \$484.27 more than in 1949.

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Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Warden and Council of Ontario County, thanking them for the hospitable manner in which they entertained this Council on our visit to their County on June 13th, and also to General Motors Limited, Oshawa, thanking them for their hospitality and the privilege of touring through their plant.

Councillor C. Wood stated that Mr. Gibson was still here, and that as a motion had been introduced, asking for a larger grant for the County Library, he thought it would be expedient to have him say something about the work of the library.

Mr. Gibson said the work of the library was being hampered and curtailed by lack of funds; the Board was disappointed that the grant was not increased in January, and he thought that an extra grant of \$500.00 was also inadequate. The Chairman, Mrs. Montagu Leeds, who was very enthusiastic about the work, was also very disappointed when the County Council did not increase the library's grant.

Councillor King, Reeve of Beeton, told the Warden that Mr. James Jardine had asked him to convey his thanks for the Warden's kind invitation to his outing; he was sorry that due to failing health he would not be able to attend.

Mr. Keith McRuer, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe was in the chamber, and the Warden asked him to address the Council.

He said the preparations for the Plowing Match were ahead of schedule, and in discussing the matter with the officials who had charge of the Match in Brant County last year they had informed him that Simcoe County were further ahead than they were at the same time of year. Several of the committee chairmen had met with officials of the O. P. A. and gone over the ground which is to be used for the Match; very soon a map of the area, showing the location of the different projects, would be available.

He referred to the Yorkshire Sale which took place yesterday; the tops for breeding stock sold at the show was higher, but the average price for the whole sale was lower. A local man, Mr. Eugene Smith, was the largest buyer, purchasing three animals. The Holstein Breeders were to hold their annual Field Day next month; they were introducing a little change this year by holding a twilight meeting. The Beef Breeders would be holding their annual sale in November, and from his observations at the present time he expected that the entries would be very satisfactory. The Crop Improvement Association were making several tests with different varieties of oats and corn to find out which would be the most suitable for this district. He had been called out yesterday by some of the tobacco growers, to investigate the possibility of controlling the bugs which were eating the tobacco leaves. Allen Francis had been assisting him with his work since Spring, and during that period two new Junior Farmer groups had been organized. They had initiated a project to have all rural mail boxes painted and labelled.

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The Warden complimented Mr. McRuer on the manner in which he presented his report.

The Warden asked Mr. Herb. Dunn, Weed Inspector for South Simcoe, to say a few words to the Council on his work.

Mr. Dunn said he and Mr. Raikes had lined up a programme for spraying, and that they had found the companies selling spray very co-operative. One company had given them as much as seven gallon of spray to be used for demonstration purposes. There were some questions asked about the efficiency of spraying in killing Poison Ivy, and Mr. Dunn assured the members that the companies could now supply a spray which was effective in destroying this pest.

Moved by Councillor Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Stephens, and ordered,

That if this Council are going to the Royal Winter Fair during the November Session arrangements be made in plenty of time so that all can enjoy the night show, as well as any other points of interest which the members may wish to see, and that the Contingent Committee, together with the Treasurer and Clerk, be authorized to make the arrangements.

Councillor Tissington addressed the Council and stated that in conversation with some of the members from Ontario County yesterday he learned that they held their meetings monthly. He had discussed this with some of the Simcoe members, and some were of the opinion that this was worthy of consideration; he thought that the correspondence would not pile up and that the matters before Council would be fresher in the minds of the members. He said he was just throwing out this suggestion, and that it might be brought up for discussion at a later date.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,
Seconded by Councillor E. Wood, and ordered,

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

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Clerk, County of Simcoe

W.R. Benson
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Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 15th, 1950.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor E. Wood.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from the Hon. G. H. Dunbar, expressing appreciation to the Council and officials for providing accommodation for the Municipal School which was held in the Council Chamber on May 19th.

Letter from W. A. Robinson, M.P., with reference to hospital patients from Camp Borden.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,
Seconded by Councillor Savage,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the words "Simcoe County Library Co-operative" be deleted from the Report, and that the Report be amended to read "and that a grant of \$500.00 be given to the Simcoe County Library Co-operative," and that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

Several questions were asked by the members, and with the permission of the Council the Report was tabled until Miss Dunn, County Librarian, was available to answer questions.

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

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,
Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Woodrow,
Seconded by Councillor Lovering, 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 Middleton,
Seconded by Councillor King, 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 Graham,
Seconded by Councillor Swalle, 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 Councillor Beck,
Seconded by Councillor Duhlop, 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, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,
Seconded by Councillor Buie, 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 Kinnear,
Seconded by Councillor Morris, 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 Hughes,
Seconded by Councillor Allan, 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 Lovering,
Seconded by Councillor Tissington, 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.

The Warden announced that Mr. Echo of the Department of Lands and Forests was in the chamber and wished to speak to the Council on fire protection for privately ^{owned} forests.

Mr. Echo urged the townships to organize fire protection for their forests, both County and privately owned; he pointed out that the County was doing good work in purchasing waste land and reforesting it, and it was only logical that after this land was planted it should be protected from fire. The destruction of the trees was not the only loss caused by fire, for when a large forest was burned off, in many cases the top soil was also burned; he mentioned one township where in some places the top soil had been burned down to the rock. The Department had sample by-laws which could be obtained on request, and the plan primarily was to have fire wardens appointed who would look for small fires and have them stamped out at the start. The Department would co-operate by training personnel, sending out educational films, and giving advice on the best equipment available. He said the Department would be glad to receive suggestions or resolutions from the municipalities at any time. During the summer it was the intention of the Department to have a representative visit each local municipality and explain the set-up.

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

Moved by Councillor C. Wood,
Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

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That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,
Seconded by Councillor Savage, 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 Graham,
Seconded by Councillor King, 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 Tissington,
Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, 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 Griffin,
Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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 EDUCATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Beck,
Seconded by Councillor Archer, 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 Archer,
Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, 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 Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Middleton, 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 Middleton,
Seconded by Councillor Reed, 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 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor King, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,
Seconded by Councillor Tissington, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Warden announced that Miss Dunn had arrived, and requested her to come forward.

The members asked Miss Dunn several questions relative to the County Library, and these were satisfactorily answered.

The Warden then read the motion, moved by Councillor Gilroy and seconded by Councillor C. Wood, to amend and adopt Report No. 4 of the Finance Committee.

The motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,
Seconded by Councillor Allan, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,
Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That Report No. 1 of the Equalization Committee be held over until Friday morning for further discussion.

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

Moved by Councillor Hughes,
Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Special Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Buie,
Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Special Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Consultative Committee re HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Archer,
Seconded by Councillor Richardson, 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 C. Wood, 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 W. J. Wood,
Seconded by Councillor Brown, 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 Buie,
Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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. 2 -- of the Consultative Committee re HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Graham,
Seconded by Councillor Brown, 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 Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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 Brockwell,
Seconded by Councillor Buie, 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 Beck,
Seconded by Councillor Archer, 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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An enquiry by Councillor Hart concerning the financing of the Tecumseth Bridge was satisfactorily answered by the Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to provide for the appointment of Ernest Miller as Caretaker and Messenger of the Court House and Registry Office, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hart,
Seconded by Councillor Brown, 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 Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Richardson, 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 Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, 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 Brown,
Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education consider the advisability of paying the four Public School Inspectors \$25.00 each for their services in preparing and marking the papers for the County Historical Examination.

Moved by Councillor McConkey,
Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Hereford Breeders, Shorthorn Breeders and the Beef Cattle Association of Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That owing to the excessively heavy traffic of the Department of National Defence vehicles over County Roads No. 7 and No. 9, in particular that section between Angus and the gravel pit owned by the Department, the Corporation of the County of Simcoe petition the Department of National Defence for financial aid in maintaining the road heretofore described, and that the Clerk of the Corporation be and he is herewith instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of National Defence and the local Members of the Federal Parliament.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That this Council petition the Department of Highways of the Province of Ontario to

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assume as part of the King's Highway system that portion of County Road No. 10 extending from Highway No. 9 to the south of Highway No. 89 in the north, and that the Clerk be and he is herewith instructed to communicate this request to the Minister of Highways for the Province of Ontario and the local members of the Ontario Legislature.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,
Seconded by Councillor Lovering, and ordered,

That the County Treasurer be authorized to pay all the expenses in connection with the tour to Ontario County on June 13th, 1950.

Moved by Councillor Tissington,
Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That the County Clerk be instructed to make arrangements to have Judge Coughlin appear before the Council at the November Session to explain the purpose and advantages of a Probation Officer working in conjunction with the Magistrate's Court.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the County Treasurer be instructed to return the monies received from the different municipalities under Section 57a of The Assessment Act for the years 1947, 1948 and 1949, totalling \$2,306.87.

Collingwood	249.39	Bradford	41.48
Barrie	793.67	Adjala	191.60
Midland	158.54	Innisfil	65.12
Orillia	778.33	Oro	28.74

Moved by Councillor Calvert,
Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee be authorized to have the present amplifying system in the Council Chamber repaired or, if necessary, to purchase a new system as the present one is very unsatisfactory.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That Councillor Middleton be appointed Chairman of the Contingency Committee, and that Councillor Hickling be named to the Committee in place of Ex-Councillor Miller; furthermore, we recommend that this Committee have the Wardens' pictures made uniform and returned to the walls of the Council Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Griffin,
Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

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

Fred Hunter
Clerk, County of Simcoe

W.R. Bennett
Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 16th, 1950.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor E. Wood.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Invitation from Medonte Township Council to Simcoe County Council and officials to attend their Centennial celebration on July 5th.

Letter from the H. E. P. C. concerning a right-of-way across a lot in Oro Township.

The Warden stated that as previously announced there were two men from Guelph in the chamber, who had been brought here by the Soils Committee to address the Council on Soil Conservation and Soils Use. He asked the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Hickling, to conduct the members of the Committee and the guest speakers to the front of the chamber. Mr. Hickling then turned the matter of introductions over to S. L. Page, Agricultural Representative.

Mr. Page stated that before introducing the speakers he would like to give a brief explanation of the summarized report of the Simcoe County Crop and Soils Projects, a copy of which had been distributed to each member. He then proceeded to explain the projects which were being carried out in North Simcoe, and stated that the South Simcoe projects would be explained by Mr. McRuer when he arrived. He read a letter from F. A. Stinson, Guelph, expressing regret at not being able to address the Council at this time. He then introduced Mr. Richards, head of the Soil Survey work for the Province of Ontario, who was to speak in Mr. Stinson's absence.

Mr. Richards referred to the soil map which had been hung up at the front of the room. He apologized for not being able to distribute a similar map on a smaller scale, and also a Soil Survey Report; these were not quite ready as yet, but as soon as they were published they would be distributed. Referring to the map, he described soil types and formations in all parts of the County; in the south the soil had plenty of lime, due to the fact that it was made from a limestone base; in the Camp Borden area and the north part of the County the soil came from more of a shale base, was more sandy and hence required more feeding with legume crops and fertilizer. He referred to the problem of controlling erosion, caused by water moving over the soil in the spring of the year; where the slopes were not too steep this could be controlled by strip farming, but in some parts of the north it was so hilly that strip farming was not practical and different methods of control were necessary. He also pointed out that where there was improper drainage it was difficult to grow clover and alfalfa, which were very necessary ~~to~~ ^{for} the continued fertility of the soil. Some parts of the County might be termed as sub-marginal land, and should be retired from agricultural

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use; these lands could be more profitably used for the growing of trees. He did not recommend the planting of large areas in forest, but rather that in the rougher parts of the County, where parts of the farms could be used for agricultural purposes, the owners should be encouraged to plant the sub-marginal land on their farms in trees. The fundamental reason for this land survey was to develop an improved land use programme throughout the County. Mr. Richards had slides to show the different soil types and depths of soil from north to south, and the ability of these different soils to retain moisture. Through these slides he also showed why some soil types required drainage, and why the application of fertilizer was more necessary in some areas than others. The slides also showed the necessity for erosion control.

Mr. Richards thanked the Council for the opportunity of addressing them, and hoped expressed the hope that the report referred to in the earlier part of his address would soon be available for distribution.

Mr. Page called on Mr. McRuer to explain his part in the Crop and Soils Projects, and he outlined the work which was being done by the Soils Committee in the south end of the County.

A summarized report of these projects, as explained by Mr. McRuer and Mr. Page, will be printed in the minutes.

Mr. McRuer mentioned that a potato growing demonstration was being conducted in the plowing match area to demonstrate different varieties of potatoes, blight and pest control and best method of handling the crop; this demonstration would be on display at the International Plowing Match.

Mr. Jos. L. Mennill, Zone Forester and also a member of the Soils Committee, addressed the Council on reforestation. He stated that reforestation in Simcoe County had been initiated by Mr. Drury, and that splendid work had been done in the past and was being done at the present time. His only criticism was that the programme was proceeding too slowly; at the present rate of reforesting it would take 250 years to complete a forestry programme in Simcoe adequate to its needs. He suggested that at least 500 acres of land be purchased and planted each year, and that farmers be encouraged to keep cattle out of their woodlots. He urged the members of the Council to establish some sort of fire protection for the private forest areas; his Department were prepared to protect the forests owned by the County, but they had no jurisdiction over privately owned forests.

Mr. Page then introduced Mr. J. Bryden of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Mr. Bryden referred to agriculture as the basic industry of the Province, in which rural and urban alike should be interested. Farms, by proper land use, could be made much more productive than they were at the present time, but to obtain high production you must have greater efficiency. He paid tribute to the work of the Conservation Committee appointed

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by the Provincial Government; the Report they had prepared was very comprehensive and useful and he urged all the members to study it and do their best to have its recommendations implemented as soon as possible. We have a wonderful and productive country, and everyone should use his influence to have its production increased to the maximum.

The Warden thanked the Agricultural Representatives and the members of the Soils Committee for bring these speakers to Simcoe County; he stated that while he was an urban man he had found their addresses quite interesting, and he was very grateful to them for spending this time with the Council.

The Warden then announced that the Executive of the Good Roads Association were in the chamber, and asked Mr. J. E. Jamieson, who is a native of Simcoe County, to come forward and introduce them.

Mr. Jamieson said it was pleasure to visit the Council and renew old acquaintances; he pointed out that the purpose of their tour was to examine the condition of the roads in this part of Ontario. He asked the Secretary of the Association, Mr. T. J. Mahony, to introduce the members of the Executive.

Mr. Mahony said he saw many familiar faces among the members of the Council, and referred to the fact that a great many of the members of the Executive had started their public life as members of County Councils. He introduced the members of the Executive, and asked them to stand up and take a bow, after which he pointed out that it had always been the aim of the Convention to have the members of the Association as representative of all parts of Ontario as possible.

The Warden then requested Hon. Geo. S. Henry, former Prime Minister of Ontario, to speak to the Council for a short time.

Mr. Henry said he was a property owner in Simcoe County, his family always spending part of the summer here. He paid tribute to the splendid work being done in the line of reforestation in Simcoe County; his own County of York had some reforestation, but it was not nearly as extensive as in Simcoe. In stressing the importance of agriculture in Ontario, he stated that the products of the farm in this Province were more important to Canada than all the wheat grown in the western provinces. In referring to the need for good roads in Ontario he stated that there were over one million automobiles registered in the Province, and over five million more visited here annually; the farmers owned more than any other class of the cars registered. In closing he thanked the Council for their kind reception and the privilege of appearing before them.

The Warden said the Council were very glad to have this opportunity of welcoming the Executive, and he hoped they would give the County a call again when they were on tour.

Moved by Councillor Brown,
Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

That Councillor Bush be granted leave of absence from to-day's session.

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Moved by Councillor Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be extended to our Warden, W. R. Benson, for the enjoyable picnic provided at Little Lake Park, Midland, and for the splendid banquet held in Parkside Pavilion on Thursday, June 15th, and also that we extend to Warden Benson and Mrs. Benson our very best wishes for their future success and happiness.

Moved by Councillor Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Before the opening of the Afternoon Session the members and officials assembled in front of the Court House to present Mr. Robt. Craig, retiring Caretaker, with an handsome refrigerator in recognition of his many years of service. Mr. Walter Middleton read an appropriate address, after which Mr. Craig thanked the members for their kindness and generosity.

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden presented a communication from the County Solicitor in connection with Administration of Justice expenses.

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

Moved by Councillor Hart,
Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Brown, 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 Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom,

That the Report now read be not adopted, but held over until the November Session for further consideration.

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

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,
Seconded by Councillor Archer, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Tissington,
Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Hughes,
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special PLOWING MATCH Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Johnston enquired about the transfer of \$87,000 to the Road Account, and his question was satisfactorily answered by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Councillor Lockhart asked about the progress of the work of the Health Unit, and was informed by Councillor Johnston, Chairman of the Board, that a report was sent to each local clerk every month.

Moved by Councillor Reed,
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow,

That the Department of Game & Fisheries be advised that Simcoe County is in favour of an open season for the taking of deer.

~~Resolved that the following divisions:~~
YEAS - Councillors Beattie, Brockwell, Buie, Downer, Gilroy, Hall, Hughes, King, McCurdy, Ransom, Savage, Shepherd, Stephens, Wilkinson, C. Wood and Woodrow - 16.
NAYS - Councillors Allan, Archer, Beck, Brown, Calvert, Campbell, Canton, Graham, Grigg, Hickling, Johnston, Kinnear, Lockhart, Lovering, Maurice, Middleton, Morrison, McConkey, MacIntosh, Reed, Robinson, Swaile, Tisington and W. J. Wood - 25.

See for the remainder

That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the County Council members' indemnity for Tuesday,

June 13th, less mileage, to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

The Warden pointed out that in order for this motion to pass it would have to be unanimous.

The motion was lost.

The County Engineer was asked for some information in support of a request for further funds to assist in the construction of the Sand Hook Bridge. He said the cost of snow-plowing, pit run gravel, prime patching and grading were all greater than anticipated, and even if the Council made an extra grant to the Road Committee for this bridge they would still not be able to carry out their original road programme; they had long since abandoned the possibility of being able to build a new machine shed this year. Several questions were asked and were satisfactorily answered by the Engineer.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the County Road Committee be granted \$10,000 from surplus funds to help construct the Sand Hook Bridge.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston,

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That the Council give a grant of \$500.00 to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

The motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,
Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write to Premier Frost, congratulating him on the splendid report just received from the Special Soil Conservation Committee of the Legislature. We would like to express our appreciation to Chairman F. S. Thomas, M.P.P. for Elgin, and his Committee, and after studying same we are in whole-hearted agreement with the Report and its findings, and are anxious that they be implemented as soon as possible. We would like him to know that Simcoe County is willing to co-operate in every way possible in bringing about a worthwhile programme of Soil Conservation, and recommend that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Mr. F. S. Thomas, our three local Members, and all cabinet members.

Ex-Warden C. T. S. Evans was in the chamber, and the Warden asked him to come to the dais. He expressed pleasure at being here this afternoon and regretted that he had not been able to call in earlier in the week; he said he would be meeting the members downstairs after the session, and felt it unnecessary to delay them further at this time.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 7:30.

EVENING SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment at the Afternoon Session.

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed schedule for equalization purposes for 1951, and the County Assessor's Report.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that the schedule, as prepared by the County Assessor, be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION, and Schedule "A" 1951, as amended, together with the County Assessor's Report, be adopted, and that the Council adjourn for ten minutes to have the necessary By-

Law prepared.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

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Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Ransom, 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 Johnston,
Seconded by Councillor Richardson, 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 Cowan,
Seconded by Councillor King, 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 Ganton,
Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Ransom,
Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That in view of the fact that Crown property at Camp Borden pays no taxes to the local municipality or the County, this Council feel that they should not be called upon to pay for the hospitalization of indigent patients from Camp Borden, and recommend that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of National Defence and all the local Members of the Dominion Parliament.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,
Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That in view of the explanation given by the County Assessor, and considering the grant of \$1,500 which the Department is paying, the question of increasing his salary for 1950 be reconsidered at the November Session.

Councillor W. J. Wood invited the Warden and members of Council to the Essa Centennial celebration which is to be held at Angus on July 1st.

Councillor Lockhart invited them to the Innisfil Centennial which is to be held at Innisfil Park on July 15th and 16th.

Councillor Brown invited them to a School Picnic at Creemore to-morrow afternoon.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,
Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn to meet at the call of the Warden.

Fred Hunter
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

W.R. Benson
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

MINUTES
OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION, 1950, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 20th, 1950.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the June Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Shepherd.

The minutes of the June Session, having been printed and distributed, were taken as read.

In addressing the Council the Warden referred to the tragic death of Tom Morris, Deputy-Reeve of Penetang; he had been a universal favourite both in Penetang and in County Council, and his place would be hard to fill. Mrs. Morris was still in hospital, but the doctors reported that she was likely to make a good recovery. Mrs. Orville Todd had also died since the June Session, and he was sure that the sympathy of the Council went out to Mr. Todd in his bereavement. Reeve Lockhart had recently lost his father; he was one of the pioneers of the County, and his memory would be revered by many of the residents of Innisfil Township.

At the time of the June Session, due to the abnormal amount of rain, the agricultural prospects were not so good, but as the summer progressed the weather improved and he thought that this year the farmers of Simcoe County had produced as much or more as in any other year in history. He pointed out that skilled tradesmen were needed in all branches of industry, and that according to the press thousands of workers were to be imported from Europe to develop our natural resources; there was no need of any employable Canadian being without work if he were willing to go where the work was. With the exception of the threat of war, he thought the prospects for prosperity in Canada were very good for years to come.

He had toured the County with the County Road Committee and was of the opinion that the roads had been very well maintained with the amount of money that had been at the disposal of the Committee. He felt that it was a mistake to reduce the levy at the beginning of the year, and he hoped that the Council would learn from experience this year and appropriate more money for the County Road System next year.

An automatic sprinkler had been installed in the County Home at Beeton, and there was now no question about the old people being very well protected from fire.

The Warden announced that Mr. Goodfellow, Minister of Welfare, would address the Council