

**1930** - Levy paid to Workman's Compensation Board.

**1931** - Relief grant of \$3000 was shared \$500 per division and council could no longer afford to contribute a grant to the public restrooms.

**1932** - Auditor paid \$125. No grants paid to agricultural societies.

**1933** - One day's road work to be allowed on each quarter section to the value of \$5.60 be applied to taxes – no cash to be paid!

**1934** - Minister of Agriculture was asked for free freight as feed was in very short supply and had to be imported.

**1935** - 2 car loads of feed were ordered for Wapella and 1 for Red Jacket. 30 grants of relief were given. First report of roads being gravelled appeared in minutes.

**1936** - RM Secretary received \$800 per year and he had to pay 2/3 of the office rent. 357 voted in the election for reeve. Gopher poison distributed through the Pool Elevator.

**1937** – The Reeve and Secretary be authorized to borrow an additional \$1,000 at the Roy Bank

**1938** - Grasshoppers were a problem and crops were damaged badly by rust. People continued to apply for relief grants.

**1939** - Council refused to give seeding assistance. The Royal visit was on May 25. \$200 coverage (tractor and operator.) Councils through the years had declared open hunting seasons for weasels as they had been a problem for farmers trying to raise poultry. Grasshoppers were a concern but weasels were being protected as they were an aid in grasshopper control. A carload of mixed vegetables was ordered for relief and the Secretary got 7 cents a mile for collecting taxes.

### ***The 1940's***

All councils dealt with the crushing debt from low grain and livestock prices and bad weather conditions of the Great Depression of the 1930's. Tax arrears, tax liens and land sitting idle was a burden on ratepayers. Many residents were forced to approach council for help with medical costs, hospital stays or grocery money and even for cost of funerals when there was nowhere else to turn. This occurred while a large amount of municipal taxes were in arrears. Due to the fact men were overseas and farms short of labour, it was hard to find ways to get road repairs done. Rather than have land sit idle, arrangements were made to lease land for as little as \$20 per quarter and pasture land at \$5-\$15 dollars a quarter. When land was offered for sale by tender, sometimes the offers did not cover the tax arrears and council chose to withdraw the tender.