

HIGHWAY INTENDED FOR GENERAL USE

Burlington to Hamilton Route Fixed by Special Committee.

GRADE ELIMINATED

Property Owners Given Equal Consideration in Plans Proposed.

Following is the report of the sub-committee appointed by the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission on the Burlington-to-Toronto route.

To the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission: The sub-committee appointed by you to consider and report upon the Hamilton-Burlington route has the honor to report as follows:

Four sub-committees considered it not desirable nor necessary to hear any more deputations, believing that all the information required for a full consideration of the subject had already been given. There were, however, so many interests to consider, and so many different opinions to be expressed, that it was deemed expedient to consult in an advisory capacity, Thomas Adams and W. A. McLean.

In carefully considering the whole situation, your committee did not lose sight of the fact that the chief duty of the commission is to construct a main highway. The route recommended is slightly longer than the bay shore route through the townships of the north, but is more than compensated for by the avoidance of the additional fill and of a four per cent grade for three thousand feet near Alder-Grade.

For motor traffic along this grade would be of small consequence, but the highway is intended for general traffic, and for this purpose the grade referred to would be a handicap greatly in excess of the extra distance necessary.

The plan proposed will provide two good alternative routes between Hamilton and Burlington.

The property-owners in the vicinity of equal consideration and are provided with facilities equal to those enjoyed by the property-owners of the north.

At the request of your sub-committee, the chairman of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission and the County Council of Hamilton and the County Council of Burlington, and have their approval of the route recommended.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Past Masters Association of the Toronto Masonic District No. 25 took place at the Grand-rooms of the Temple Building last night.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, J. Ross Robertson; president, A. W. Brennan; vice-president, D. J. Goggin.

The executive was re-elected, with the exception of W. P. Chapman and F. Saunders, who were elected to take the places of D. J. Goggin and J. T. Clarke.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH

"At the east of Soissons the Germans have made two attempts to cross the Aisne—one at the mill of the rocks and the other at the head of the bridge, which is held by our troops, to the north of the bridge of Venizel. These two attacks were repulsed.

"During the night of Jan. 28, Dunkirk was bombarded by more aviators, who caused some insignificant losses, but killed or wounded a few persons.

"The French war office this afternoon issued an official report on the progress of the day, which reads as follows: 'The day was a day of rest, in which the French made no progress, but the enemy's position was not improved.

"In the sectors of Ypres, Lens and Arras there were no important engagements which at times became fairly violent. Several infantry attacks were undertaken, but all were driven back by our fire.

"On the heights of the Meuse and in the West, there were no important engagements, but our cannon at several points silencing the fire of German batteries and machine gun detachments.

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HUMANE SOCIETY HAS GOOD REPORT

Many Cats and Dogs Found Shelter During Past Year.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Cases Investigated and Horses Unfit for Work Destroyed.

Last year, according to the reports submitted to the 27th annual meeting held in Margaret Bay on Hall last night was a "banner year" in the activities of the Toronto Humane Society.

The meeting was presided over by the president, the bishop of Toronto, His honor the lieutenant-governor, Hugh H. Young, and the mayor, Mr. Bishop Reeve were among those on the platform.

The report of the secretary, R. C. Craven, shows that considerable work has been done toward securing proper drainage in Toronto stables, and the overloading of horses and the use of the check rein have been successfully combated.

Between Rhelms and the regions yesterday saw artillery engagements, but not of great intensity.

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Twenty-Four Naval Reservists From Newfoundland Among Missing Sailors.

ARMED MERCHANTMAN

Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight on Board Lost British Ship.

LONDON, Jan. 29, 3 p.m.—A casualty list issued tonight shows that the British armored merchant vessel Viktor, which was lost off the coast of Ireland several days ago, carried a crew of 268, composed of naval reserve men and boys belonging to the mercantile marine, all of whom perished.

Among the crew were 24 royal navy reserve men from Newfoundland.

The Viktor was formerly the Viking and was in charge of Commander Ernest O. Ballantyne. The vessel, which was stated, struck a mine or foundered.

TWO RUSSIAN FORCES ATTACK EAST PRUSSIA

Germans Held on Defensive at Angerberg, While Another Army Moves to Interberg.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Two Russian forces are operating in East Prussia, according to the latest advices from Petrograd. One which advanced into the Masurian Lakes region, and occupied Angerberg, while the other is pressing forward on the Interberg, having occupied Plikalen and Gumbinnen, and is threatening Interberg at the junction of the Interberg and Angerberg rivers.

The high-class place for ladies and gentlemen to dine at a restaurant. Our popular midday lunch at 15c has not an equal in Toronto. Open 12 to 2 p.m. Famous Italian Orchestra will play daily.

EVER TAKE A TAX TO PRAYER MEETING?

Margaret Slattery Stirs Enthusiasm at Sunday School Convention.

"Did you ever take a tax to get to a prayer meeting on a rainy night?" This was one of the very pertinent questions fired by Margaret Slattery at the delegates who attended the last meeting of the adult division of Ontario Sunday schools in Walmer Road Baptist Church last night.

BOY'S LIFE VISION COMES VERY EARLY

Great Ambition to Be a Man is Keenly Felt.

About five hundred and fifty delegates gathered in Walmer Road Baptist Church last night for the annual convention of the Ontario Sunday Schools.

ALBERTA'S LEGISLATURE SOON TO BE CALLED

Raise in Interest Rate on New Debenture Issue Contemplated.

EDMONTON, Jan. 29.—A rumor is in circulation in the city that a session of the Alberta Legislature will be opened on Thursday, Feb. 18. It is also rumored that the legislature will be asked to authorize an increase from four and a half to five per cent in interest rates on \$2,000,000 which the government has been given power to raise, but which it has been unable to secure up to the present time except at an excessive discount.

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UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT AT WOODBRIDGE MANSE

"Sunshine Club" Held Reception for Brides of Last Year—Many Guests.

WOODBRIDGE, Jan. 28.—A very happy reception took place at the manse last evening, when the "Sunshine Club" the Presbyterian Church entertained the brides of 1914. About ninety guests were present, including some of the brides of bygone years, who wore their then wedding apparel, which greatly contrasted with the 1914 style.

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BANKING SYSTEM HAMPERS FARMERS

Cannot Get Accommodation Required to Carry on Business.

A resolution asking the Dominion Parliament to secure more accommodation for the farmers from the chartered banks was introduced by W. J. Wells, member of King Township at yesterday morning's session of the county council and caused considerable discussion. Mr. Wells pointed out that if the farmer could get the same accommodation as business men, production would be stimulated throughout the county.

"Often a farmer needs money to invest in cattle or some improvements on his property and he has great difficulty in getting it," he said. "It is almost impossible for him to obtain a line of credit, as is provided for business men."

Concluding Mr. Wells pointed out that the farmers should support the members of the Dominion Parliament in their endeavors to obtain a revision of the present banking system, "not a question of what the banks will do, but a question of what they can be made to do."

Warden Jonathan Nigh in support of Mr. Wells' resolution, stated that the council should ask the government to see that the farmer be given more banking facilities. "I know of a case in my own township," he said, "where a man who owned his property went to the bank for a loan to purchase cattle and was refused a loan of \$100.00. The man who had a line of credit and obtained the loan required at six per cent."

Revised Banking Laws. "This is an agricultural county," said Reeve W. H. Pugsley of King Township, "and I think the banks should be regarded as a business man and his security considered as good as the business man's." The council that perhaps bankers were not allowed to grant as much to the farmer as the business man or the manufacturer.

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