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Favor Permanent Roadway
From Toronto to Hamilton

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ways. Coming to the cost, Mr. Maclean put it roughly at \$900,000 for the work complete, which would mean, as he pointed out, about \$1.50 a foot.

"The farmers will be in a position to haul their produce cheaply, and quickly to either city by the use of their wagons or motor trucks, and they will benefit greatly by the increased assessment on their properties," pointed out Mayor Kennedy. "The manufacturers of the City of Toronto could load their goods on motor trucks and ship goods to Hamilton within a few hours."

Lower Freight Rates.
Controller W. T. Platt of Hamilton, declared that if this roadway is constructed, the present freight rate of 30 cents per cwt. from Hamilton to Toronto will be reduced to 10 cents. "People of Hamilton may think that they do not pay for the hauling of their produce over bad roads, but we do pay, and pay well. There is too great a distance between the producer and consumer as at present, and it is projects like this one under discussion which are going to straighten things out."

Strongly in Favor.
"I for one am certainly very strongly in favor of the scheme under consideration," declared Alderman Anderson of Toronto. "I think it is very much in the interests of the rural districts that we should have this good road. In the cities the great question constantly before us at the present time is 'How can we reduce the cost of living?' The cost of living in the Cities of Hamilton and Toronto at the present time is a very big item, and it is putting the householder at his wits' end to know how to get his meat. The railway which were supposed would help and assist the farmers, seem to be assuming an attitude of antagonism; rather than assisting in building the country up as they should do. I am absolutely in favor of good permanent roadways, and especially between such healthy cities as Hamilton and Toronto. This particular roadway seems to me to be somewhat in the nature of an experiment, and if it is successful, as I think it undoubtedly will be, we should go ahead and construct good roads, say east along the Lake Shore road, north to Barrie. I think the time will come when all cities and towns will be connected with permanent roads."

Cheaper Cost of Living.

Mr. Anderson pointed out the possibility of speculators grabbing up the land immediately the good road proposition should get properly under way, and thought the intended object would not be accomplished should this happen. "What we want to do is to assist the rural municipalities," declared he, "to bring produce into the cities and cheapen the cost of living." Mr. Anderson pointed out that the population of Ontario was equally divided between cities and towns and rural localities. "That being the case," said he, "the rural municipalities should have one dollar spent for their improvement for every dollar expended on civic improvement."

Bear Large Portion.

"I heartily support the project," declared Warden Beck of Peel County. "and I don't think we should hesitate to build good roads on account of possible speculators. I think the City of Toronto should bear a large portion of the cost."

Wm. Stone of the Toronto Board of Trade declared his hearty cooperation in the project. He pointed out that from a business standpoint it was a splendid investment of \$900,000 at 4 per cent. meant \$24,000 per year. This, he declared, would be saved by the farmers on the wear and tear to rigs, harness and horses.

Couldn't See It.

David Henderson, M.P. (Halton), couldn't quite see just how farmers would benefit by a good road. He thought the cities of Toronto and Hamilton, especially Toronto, were rather selfish in their motives. He would agree that it would make a good road for joy-riding. "Why should we build good roads to take our produce into the city, when, as a matter of fact, the proposed radial line from Hamilton to Toronto had been blocked by Torontonians. They have shut it outside their gates by proposing terms that would mean the swamping of the company were they to accept them." The chairman then arose to point out to Mr. Henderson that it was the farmers who first proposed the scheme to the cities and who recognized the benefits they would derive from such a road.

A Good Omen.

Controller McCarthy of Toronto thought that the fact of fifty busy business men being on hand for the discussion pretty nearly settled the question as to whether there was to be a good road. "We should have good roads between every city and every town in the country," declared he. "In answer to Mr. Henderson, he pointed out that the cities of Toronto and Hamilton are spending from 12 to 15 millions on roadways in the cities which the farmers are welcome to use at any time, and which they do use," concluded he. "Not all of them," said somebody. "No, because it would take them over a year to go over them all," was the controller's reply. In regard to the member of parliament's statements on the radial line, Mr. McCarthy said: "The City of Toronto must give up its street tax in franchise to a radial line which ends at Oakville and must allow more level crossings on its skirts, and consequently spend thousands after to efface these crossings, then this railway can stay ended at Oakville."

Radial Entrance.

"I personally saw one of the directors of this company and told him the city council would be glad to meet their directors and discuss a radial entrance right down to the centre of the city. This is the position Toronto took two years ago, and it is the position they take to-day," concluded he. "I think if you are going to erect an expensive roadway, it should be the Lake Shore road. Also it might not be a bad idea to construct a lighter and less costly roadway further north, parallel to the lake, for the lighter traffic."

Hamilton Will Benefit.

Reeve Smith of Burlington did not think there was any district in the province which needed a good roadway as much as that between Toronto and Hamilton. He did not think, however, the farmer would get all the benefit of this good road. He had it figured out that it would only require 50 cents per head from residents of Toronto and Hamilton, with a government grant, and some of the cost to be borne by the rural municipalities, to build the roadway. "We have been fighting radials and railways long enough," he declared, "and I for one, if this roadway were constructed, would purchase a motor truck to-morrow to take my produce into the cities. I think Hamilton will get even more benefit from the road than would Toronto."

Mr. W. G. McKendrick stated that it would actually pay him to pay the cost of the roadway thru his district. He pointed out, however, that he was a paving contractor, and perhaps had lines of benefits derived from good roads than the other representatives expressed his sympathy with the movement, and declared that good roads were a good thing in any district, whether city or rural.

Mayor Lees of Hamilton, declared he had listened very carefully to the argument, but could not see how Hamilton would derive any direct benefit from the scheme, in reply to which Controller McCarthy promptly illustrated that he at the moment had been entrusted with a friend to purchase an article not exceeding 100 pounds in weight in Hamilton. He intended bringing the article back in his motor car because it was needed for use that night. "The question is," said he, "is Hamilton making goods we want? And are they?"

Controller Bailey of Hamilton declared if he had the money he would build the road himself, after motorizing from Hamilton over it. He declared himself heavily in favor of the scheme. He did not think there had been any act of the city council that has made it so popular as the taking up of the



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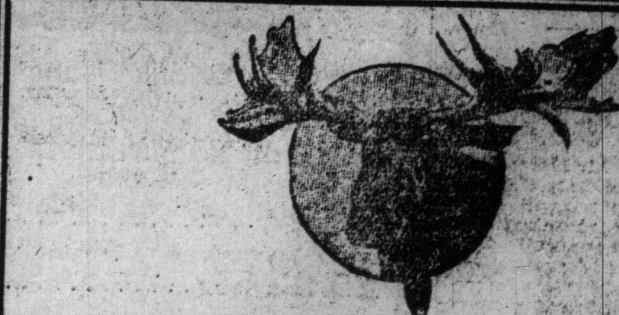
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