

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH PLANS APPROVED

Earls Court Presbyterian Congregation Will Start Campaign.

MUCH MONEY NEEDED

Board of Control Decide to Give District Baseball Diamond.

Unanimity marked the proceedings of a thoroughly representative meeting of the congregation of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Harvey avenue, last evening, when plans were submitted and arrangements made, which pledged the congregation to an early commencement of the new church.

It is estimated that at least \$10,000 will have to be raised within two years as the new building will cost between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars. A whirlwind campaign for private subscriptions will be started and bazaars will be held.

Two influential churches in the city have already made known their desire to render monetary assistance, and it is hoped that others will get rid of their surplus funds by aiding the work of the Presbyterian Church in Earls Court.

Baseball Diamond

President J. M. Warren of the Hillcrest Ratepayers' Association is well pleased with the result of his interview with the board of control yesterday, when in company with a delegation of the ratepayers, a visit was made to the city hall for the purpose of securing a site on the corner of St. Clair avenue and Bloor street, the property of the city, some six acres in extent, for a baseball diamond. The board decided to comply with the request, and promised to level up the ground and put it in shape for the purpose.

All Dissatisfied

Much surprise and dissatisfaction is expressed by the residents of Earls Court at the silence of the park commissioner, with regard to a park for the district.

The various large associations, and particularly the Earls Court District Voters' Association, received an assurance from an authoritative source some time ago that the park site was practically settled for Earls Court, but nothing has materialized to date.

The majority of the residents, with large families, look forward to their children, during the long summer holidays, playing in the dust or mud of the streets, according to the weather. An indignation meeting will likely be held in the near future.

A banquet under the auspices of the Men's Club of St. Edmund's Anglican Church, was held last evening in the church, Rev. E. Vesey occupying the chair.

Excellent Recital

On Friday night, May 1, at Oakwood High School the choir of Davenport Presbyterian Church gave an excellent rendering of "Daniel," assisted by a local orchestra.

All the choruses and solos were well rendered, and Mr. Dixon, the leader of the choir, is to be congratulated on the success of the recital.

The orchestra, also under the direction of the choir leader, acquitted themselves in fine style. The soloists of the evening were: Mrs. Ballantyne, Miss J. Graham, Miss T. Russell, Mr. J. Davidson, Mr. F. Hamilton, Mr. W. Russell, Mr. A. Wallace, Mr. T. Williamson, Mr. A. Bonnar, Mr. J. Weil, Mr. W. Whyte, Mr. J. Williamson.

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ANOTHER ACCIDENT AT ROYCE CROSSING

Locomotive Crashed Into Auto Truck - Driver Nearly Killed.

NEWS OF WARD SEVEN

Resident Found Dead on the Floor by Errand Boy - Other News.

At 2:45 yesterday afternoon what might have been another fatal accident occurred at the Royce avenue level railway crossing. A large auto truck, owned by J. Cosentino, fruit merchant, of 90 East King street, was being driven in a westerly direction along Royce avenue by his son, Nicholas, and when it came to the crossing the gates were still up to allow another vehicle to get out. The truck, not noticing the approach of a south-bound yard engine on the farther track, started to cross, but he had scarcely got within the gates when they were lowered, imprisoning the truck on the tracks. Before he could stop the motor or apply the brakes, the locomotive had crashed into the truck, throwing it to the edge of the crossing, where it lay smashed against a cluster of electric-light poles. Young Cosentino was thrown instantly from his seat to the ground, but escaped with some severe bruises and minor cuts. The truck, however, a new one, was badly smashed and the large load of fruit which it carried was scattered to the four points of the compass.

Crossing Dangerous. Ward seven citizens have long been complaining of this dangerous crossing, which is one of the worst in the city. They feel that such accidents have become altogether too frequent and several fatalities have occurred there in the last few years. The crossing is too wide and the gates too far apart for the traffic which fills the street all day long, and unless the gates are lowered several minutes before the arrival of a train, there is bound to be some slower-moving vehicle caught between them.

Traffic Blocked. If the gates were lowered long enough to prevent this, a long line of blocked traffic extends on both sides of the crossing for nearly a block. There will have to be something done to that crossing before long," remarked a well-known member of the Ratepayers' Association, who happened to be present when yesterday's collision occurred. "Why can't it be done now before further loss of life results from it?"

Sudden Death. When James Rowe, a butcher boy from 1292 Dundas street, called for the day's wages at 31 Bloor street yesterday morning, shortly after 9 o'clock, he found the owner of the house, Harry Robinson, aged 47, lying dead upon the floor of the kitchen. He called in two neighbors, Frank Turk and Mrs. Robinson, and they summoned Dr. Matheson of Dundas street, but Robinson had been dead for some time when discovered, and medical aid was useless.

Mr. Robinson has been in ill-health lately, and her husband was in the habit of getting his own breakfast before the Wednesday half holiday winter, and it is rumored that an early closing rule for each night in the week, with the exception of Saturday, will also be adopted by many of the merchants of ward seven.

S. Cobean Dead. The death occurred yesterday at his late residence, 217 Fort avenue, of Samuel Cobean, in his 52nd year. He is survived by a widow and grown-up family. The remains will be shipped to his former home at Caledon East today for interment.

The children's services members of St. John's Church held their annual tea and entertainment in the parish house last night. About sixty children were present.

Incorporation Petition Will Be Circulated Right Away.

FINANCING CONSIDERED Ald. Ryding Wants Village Area Extended North and West.

A lively special meeting of the Runnymede Ratepayers' Association was held in the King George school, when Mr. Watt presented his report on the probable cost of running the proposed village.

Enoch Ward, J. P., was called to the chair, and Mr. W. H. Cross acted as secretary. Mr. Watt, in opening the matter, said that the fact of there being two sides to the question would make it all the more interesting, for the advocates of incorporation would not have been half so zealous in the work had they not been stirred up by opposition. The money collected in the district proceeded Mr. Watt would be spent there under the proposed scheme, and if the village council did not suit, the remedy remained, each year of turning the "whole shooting match" out. There were sufficient men, he said, of proper calibre, to run every-

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thing in an efficient manner. They could not be expected to "guarantee" to deliver the goods," but there were those who could deliver the goods, and remedy referred to would produce them.

Committee's Report. Mr. Watt, on behalf of the committee appointed to go into the matter of figures, placed the report of the findings of that committee before the meeting.

The 1914 assessment, he said, was \$700,000, and of the 30 mill rate, \$3 were required for schools, debenture accounts and county rates. This left 7 mills for clerical expenses and work in the district, and this 7 mills, with revenue produced from sale of dog, laundry, peddlers and other licenses, say \$600, would give some \$5400 which could be safely expended by the proposed village council.

About \$1800, he calculated, would be required for administration. Village clerk, treasurer and assessor (one public works do act also as constable), \$1000; rent of hall, \$100; incidental, legal and contingent expenses, \$200.

Deducting \$1800 from \$6400, this left \$3600, on the present assessment, to be expended on local improvements. Were the assessment raised by \$200, 000, and this, Mr. Watt contended, could be easily done on the vacant land, and on new buildings erected this and last year, \$2000 might be counted upon without raising the rate, and sidewalks, lights and improvements of a small kind could be obtained without the issuance of debentures. They could not get sewers and water service, but they could get those smaller things.

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