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CONCRETE ROADWAYS AIMED AT BY TOWNSHIP LEADERS

Members of County Council Memorialize Government to Keep Up Provincial County Roads Plan.

GET A SHARE OF MONEY

A great development of a better roads system in this county may be expected. The leaders representative of several municipalities hope to see this development and will lead their influence in the councils to bring about the desired objective.

At the county council meeting yesterday afternoon several members of the Council were emphatic in their opinion that the time for concrete roadways on main thoroughfares in the county had come. The Council in fact decided to memorialize the Ontario government to maintain the present system of the provincial County road plan initiated and encouraged by the former government.

Some fears were expressed that a statement made by the new minister of public works, the Honorable Mr. Biggs, a few days ago when speaking at Massey Hall might mean that the government would go back to water bound macadam roadways instead of concrete. Several members including the Warden and the Reeve of North Dumfries, could not reconcile this attitude of the Minister with his opinion expressed to them individually last spring and last year. It is thought that what the Minister had in mind the other day was only inter-provincial roads such as the Windsor to Toronto.

Among the advocates of a concrete roadways are Reeve Jansen of Waterloo Township, Reeve Reid of Wellestar Township, Reeve Stump of Elmira, and Reeve Oaks of Preston, who expressed opinions at the meeting.

Waterloo Township's Reeve, Mr. A. Jansen was urgent in his opinion. "I believe that concrete roadways will be the thing of the future. With so many automobiles going over the roads and still more in the future you will have to have better roadways. The provincial county road system if a good one under it the government pays six-

ty per cent. of the cost and the municipalities forty. With so many automobile license fees going out from this county why shouldn't we try to get a share of it back. We'd be foolish if we would not."

The Reeve pointed out that one such road which would be part of the provincial county road system is the three mile section, between Kitchener and Freetown and also the road between Freetown and Preston. If the scheme were undertaken Waterloo Township would pay 20 per cent. of the cost of the road between Kitchener and Freetown, the government 60 and Kitchener, a member of the Suburban good Roads body 20 per cent. A start on such a road had been made on the other side of Waterloo.

Reeve Jansen sees in the plan a successful method of getting permanent good roads on a fair basis. "It is something which the city of Kitchener should become interested in and cooperate," the Reeve remarked.

Reeve Reid complimented Woolwich for making a start north of St. Jacobs.

Warden Panabaker was the recipient of commendation for the part he has taken in encouraging the permanent good roads movement.

Inspector's Allowance Increased. The Finance Committee's report included a recommendation to increase the allowance for travelling expenses to the two school inspectors from \$300 to \$500. The higher cost of expenses was the reason for the two officials request.

There was some discussion on the matter some members taking the view that since the total salary of the officials from all sources was about \$2500 no action should be taken. A compromise was arrived at and an increase of \$100 granted. A reference to the formal close of the meeting will be found elsewhere in this issue.

MUNICIPAL LABOR MEN OPPOSED TO ABOLITION OF WATER COMMISSION

But Want a Public Utilities Body to Take Over the Various City Services to Get Greater Efficiency.

FAVOR HYDRO RADIAL BY-LAW

"We'll vote against the abolition of the Commission. What we want is a public utilities commission whereby the various public utilities instead of being under several bodies will be under one," a member of the Municipal Labor Party said to the Record last evening. This opinion, judging by other private opinions and views expressed at the meeting of the party in the Trades and Labor hall last evening, represents the attitude of the municipal labor candidates for the coming election.

The view of the labor men gleaned from the meeting last evening was that while a great improvement in the Water department is desirable the method to be used in transferring to the council would be the wrong procedure. "Change the Commissioners if you want to do anything new," several men of the party said. The municipal labor party will nominate candidates for the commission, one already having been nominated.

Favor Hydro By-Law. The discussion last evening also included expressions of approval of the hydro radial by-law. In regard to the Light Commission's disapproval of the same and a suggestion that motor trucks will be the big thing of the future in transportation the speakers took the view that the poorer citizen cannot afford to be dependent on private transportation companies, including motor companies, but look to the people's railways, to give good service. As to the shortage of power, they would sooner put up with this for a few years and have cheap power than turn the power control over to private interests whose aim would be to make profit.

Publicity of the hydro radial by-law, however, was desired. The information was imparted that the city has had bills printed for distribution on which the by-law is printed. This is desirable, it was pointed out, owing to the importance of the by-law.

Daylight Saving Favored. The meeting went on record as favoring daylight saving but for a shorter period in the year, namely, May 1st to October 1st.

Among the prominent attendants were Chairman Zimmerman, Mr. C. Massey, Mr. O. Hughes, Mr. Fred Ackerknecht, ex-Ald. J. F. McKay, labor's majority candidate, Dr. J. E. Holt, W. H. Halliwell, Mr. Schaefer, H. Lockhart and others. The discussion became quite interesting to the audience.

The business transacted by the 1919 Council was reviewed by Mr. Lockhart who is well pleased with the matter. The matter of supporting certain two men for office was not decided on. The young men in question had the names were not revealed. The men are requested to appear at the next meeting of the party on Monday evening. It is not known whether or not they will accept the request from friends to stand. As far as the labor party is concerned it was stated that endorsement of their platform would be essential for these men. They have been overseas and are members of the veterans' association.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 o'clock.

JUNIORS OPEN HERE DEC. 23TH. As Stratford says in the local junior group, the complete schedule has been arranged. It will appear in the next issue. Elora plays Kitchener here on December 23th, the opening game in the group. The next game for the locals will be at Stratford on January 8th.

"SOME SUCH" PLAN RECOMMENDED. The report of the House of Refuge Board to the County Council yesterday included a recommendation to next year's Council to adopt some such plan as the present plan for improving and enlarging the House of Refuge. It was adopted.

Warden Panabaker and Reeve D. Bohlender, of the Board, assumed Reeve Stump of Elmira that the recommendation did not mean the exact plan which had been ready before the present Council but which was not favored.



BE READY FOR SANTA TODAY!

Now is the time! To-day you, all of you, have the opportunity to show what a united well-organized community can accomplish to make the 1919 Christmas a

REAL SEASON OF JOY AND GOOD WILL.

for all people of the City of Kitchener. The NEWSBOYS OF SANTA CLAUS are on the job. They are out for big business. They want to raise enough money to make every youngster between Union street and the East End Church, between the Sugar Factory and the Water Works so happy on Christmas eve that the big children will be forced into line, until all the 21,000 citizens of Kitchener become

ONE HAPPY UNITED CHRISTMAS FAMILY

Be liberal to the kiddies to-day. Every Dollar they get will bring a hundredfold reward!

If you want to make a Cash Subscription for the good cause, bring it to the office of the News Record or to any Bank from where it will be forwarded to the Committee in charge of the Community Christmas Tree.

Presents for the kiddies or any other articles that may be useful are to be delivered to the dining room at the Brunswick Hotel.

PLATFORM OF LABOR PARTY

Policy of Municipal Labor Organization in Coming Elections. NINE PLANKS ON LIST.

The greatest interest to date in the approaching municipal elections of all circles is noticeable in the municipal labor party. For weeks it has been busy in its efforts to formulate a platform and to bring out candidates.

A reference has already been made in the Record to the candidates nominated to-day. In to-day's issue the platform of the party is presented. It is as follows:

1. Consolidated of all public utilities under one commission.
2. Better facilities for education in public, industrial and high schools. Free books to be provided.
3. Fair and equitable assessment of land values and publication of assessment rolls at least every three years.
4. Municipal ownership to be extended to the distribution of milk, coal, coke, wood, and other commodities when occasion arises.
5. Assistance to any guaranteed housing scheme. A labor representative to be added to the Housing Commission.
6. Appointment of civic officials from applicants who have had practical experience.
7. Eight hour day to Municipal employees.
8. Fair and equitable enforcement of by-laws.
9. Abolition of property qualification for municipal candidates.

We believe that peace and harmony are necessary to the welfare of our city and that the abolition of persons pledged to support the above platform will result in greater progress and prosperity in industrial and business affairs, and peace and happiness in the civic and social life of our city.

ONLY FIVE CASES IN THE WARD

Toronto, Dec. 20.—There are five cases of small pox in "The Ward," and eight in Rosedale. The comparatively clean sheet shown by "The Ward," despite its many handicaps to immunity from disease, is entirely due to the hearty with which its denizens yearly visit the City Hall for vaccination.

Warren Mallor, Woodside, sold 9,700 lbs. of tobacco, which was grown on five acres, for \$4,070.

NO ARRESTS MADE.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—In spite of strenuous exertions on the part of police and military authorities to discover the perpetrators of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French yesterday, it was generally reported that no arrests had been made up till noon. Officials are absolutely reticent regarding the progress of the investigation. Public feeling is calm and there have been no demonstrations.

ROWELL MAY SHOW THE XMAS SPIRIT

And Allow Importation of Other Spirits With the New Year. MAY BE ONLY A GUESS

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Perhaps the coming New Year will break the record in good resolutions. For some days now, requests have been coming to the Government that the prohibition order-in-council should be rescinded. Numerous correspondents want Christmas in the "good old way."

It is improbable that war-time restrictions will be removed so early, but there are indications that the restrictions may pass with the passing year.

The Government has ceased to speculate as to when the proclamation of peace will come, and has come to the conclusion that as peace conditions prevail so far at Canada as concerned the Canadian Exports, should continue to burden itself with war restriction of a purely domestic character.

It is possible that these orders may be repealed for Christmas, but it is more than probable that the New Year will be ushered in by their abolition. The Government does not desire that there shall be any recourse to the courts in the way of testing the validity of such orders-in-council. The Canadian Express Co. is threatening to take the case to the Supreme Court on the general validity of the liquor restrictions. The Government desire to avert such test cases.

Should the orders be repealed then it would immediately again be legal to import, manufacture, and engage in interprovincial traffic in liquors throughout the Dominion.

AT THE MARKET

TURKEY OFFERED TO-DAY AND QUITE A SUPPLY OF OTHER FOWL

The market this morning was very large; the crowd had imbibed a little of the Christmas spirit and many good-natured bargains were driven before the farmers got their prices.

Christmas trees were being sold in large quantities and every small boy seemed to be laden down with a very large tree. The prices of these trees were moderate; small ones costing from 10c to 50c, and the larger trees bring from 50c to \$1.50.

Poultry of all sorts was offered in large quantities but by the time the late market got down the most of it was sold. Turkey sold at 55c a lb. Geese at 30c to 35c a duck, at 40c to 45c, and chicken brought from 28c to 30c a lb., at least one woman asked 23 cents.

Eggs scored to 85c and in some cases to 95c a doz., and were cleared out rapidly at that price. Butter held steadily to 65c to 68c a lb. Cream brought 50c a quart and cheese, 35c a lb.

The meat market was dull; no great amount of produce being offered. Vegetables were in little demand and large quantities. The last of pumpkins were offered. Apples, potatoes, beans, lettuce, celery and cabbage were the main vegetables to be had and the selling of these was very sluggish.

Hay sold at \$27 to \$28 a ton. The Christmas market will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd.

THE HYDRO TO MEET LOCAL COMMISSION.

The Hydro Electric Power Commission following the local Commission's resolution of opposition to the radial by-law the commission this afternoon to discuss the matter.

More power, it might be stated, is promised for Monday. The ward has been received from the Hydro Commission.

SHOP EARLY AND HELP THE CLERKS

With practically a little better than three more days in which to do shopping, have those of our Citizens who usually leave it until the last day ever considered that the Clerks in the stores, the Managers and in fact everyone connected with the business down to the delivery boy also have little preparations to make, and, if everyone waited until the Day before Christmas, think what a tired lot of employees there would be on the greatest of all festival days. There is no doubt of the fact that the Clerks in our stores are ready and willing to please but should not be as buyers, who enjoy Christmas eve with the giving of gifts, the Christmas tree, and the enjoyment we take in seeing our loved ones happy not consider those who were courteous and obliging though tired out serving the wants of the hundreds of customers.

Its not too late to make it easier for them. Let us all get together and shop early Monday and Tuesday so that on Wednesday the retail merchant staffs may have a day to relax from their strenuous duties and thus be enabled to enjoy the Christmas spirit the same as we do. This City is going to have a Community Christmas Tree on Tuesday and everyone is invited to take part so don't leave your shopping until after the event is over, do it before and although you may have to carry around a few extra parcels you will forget all about it the feeling satisfied that you have done your share in helping to make the Clerks work easier. Let the big shopping day be Tuesday rather than Wednesday.

C.P.R. BOAT SPECIAL WRECKED SIXTEEN PERSONS KILLED

Freight Engine Goes Through Two Passenger Coaches.—Relief Trains, Doctors and Nurses Rushed to Scene of Wreck.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The C. P. R. this morning gave out the following official statement: "At 7.15 o'clock to-day, one mile west of Onawa, a freight train collided with a special train from St. John with steerage passengers from the Empress of France and bound for the west.

The freight train went through the engine and two cars of the special. The wires are all down as a result of the accident. Relief trains left at once from Brownsville and Megantic with doctors, nurses and relief supplies of all kinds.

Sixteen persons were killed or burned to death and many others sustained burns and injuries.

VARIOUS OPINIONS ON SITUATION AT OTTAWA

Newspaper Views on Borden's Enforced Absence From Office.—Situation Considered Intolerable.

GENERAL ELECTION BEST WAY OUT.

(London Advertiser) "The Premier's colleagues and the combine have succeeded in prevailing upon Sir Robert Borden to retain the Premiership. Aspirants for Sir Robert's mantle in the Cabinet were driven to setting together in the matter through jealousy of one another.

The chances of any one appearing too flimsy. Chaos and disruption would have followed the Premier's retirement. That and the pressure of big interests who at this hour above all others must have their direct influence in the administration explains the decision of Sir Robert to stick for a while.

(Montreal Herald) "One feels a little bewildered at the condition of the political atmosphere at Ottawa where for a long time the government has been without a leader and now promises to remain for an indefinite period in the same confused state. Sir Robert Borden in his statement says that his medical advisors have absolutely forbidden him to continue in office. He, therefore, made up his mind to resign.

But he has been persuaded to change his mind. He will retain the office and delegate the duties of it to some one else. He is not able to say at present who that will be, meaning of course that the government is unable to agree on an acting premier under circumstances that make it certain that whoever will succeed the retiring Premier is chosen now as acting Premier.

For Sir Robert makes it pretty plain that after the protracted rest he intends to retire. Everyone will hope for the speedy recovery of Sir Robert's health, but while all will admit his desire to act the part of a patriot, there will be many who will have grave doubts of the wisdom of prolonging an intolerable situation. He is placing the Prime Ministership in jeopardy. Such a solution is not only weak, it is dangerous."

(Hamilton Spectator) "Premier Borden at the earnest solicitation of his colleagues, has agreed to remain at his post rather than precipitating the country into a maelstrom of contending factions at this time. Had the Premier consulted his own desire he would have definitely retired from the cares of his high office, but he rightly feels that his task is not yet done, and will not desert the ship of state until he has brought it into more settled waters.

"Premier Borden will take a complete rest for a season, leaving the management of public affairs in the hands of others till his health is restored. All will trust that his recuperation will be rapid, and that the country will not be long denied the benefit of his safe counsels and steady influence.

"Premier Borden has been harshly criticised by impatient people who can take only the near-sighted view. He is not sufficiently revolutionary in his policies to please them. But what is wanted just now, above all else, is the judicial attitude towards the many somewhat hysterical clamors that are assailing the government from all sides. The services rendered by Sir Robert Borden will be more and more appreciated as the years go on."

(Toronto Globe) "Sir Robert Borden's retirement puts an end to the pretence that the present Government at Ottawa retains office in the interest of domestic peace, and that if it were to break up and cease to govern chaos would come and the Red Cap of Revolution would be seen in the streets. The plain truth is that the

Union Government has outlived its usefulness. "The Government has changed greatly in its personnel since 1917, and when Sir Robert Borden goes, following Sir Thomas White, Conservatives will probably be as little enamored of it as Liberals. It will be in large measure an aggregation of office-holding Ministers, who will be more firmly determined than ever to cling to power till the end of the Parliamentary term because they surely that defeat is inescapable in a general election.

"It may be said that the Liberal party is no more desirous of precipitating an election at the present time than the members of the Union Government, and that both parties are equally apprehensive of the astonishing growth and virility of the organized Farmers. That may be the view of Liberals who regard office as the only thing worth striving for in the political arena. It is surely not the view of the rank and file of the Liberal party.

"In Federal affairs, as in the affairs of Ontario, we may have to face a period of group Government following upon the next election, but a composite Administration representing a majority of the electors is bound to prove more responsive to public opinion, as well as safer and saner, than the rump of the present War Ministry, which to-day represents no important body of Liberal opinion, and has failed to retain the support even of the Conservatives, from whom it drew its chief strength at the polls in 1917.

"A general election in the spring of 1920 is the best way out of the political morass in which the people and the politicians flounder. Sir Robert Borden's successor, whoever he may be, should obtain his authority from the electors at the polls."

SEAT FOUND FOR PREMIER DRURY

Evans of South Simcoe Will Resign.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The U.F.O. members of the Legislature met in caucus at the parliament buildings at 11 o'clock. Before the caucus went into session, it was learned that Edgar Evans, member for South Simcoe, was willing to resign his seat to make for the Premier.

He paid a visit to Premier Drury and said that he for one was quite willing to resign. "I will be only too glad to do anything I can to help out," said Mr. Evans, "and I am sure that there are others who look at it the same way that I do."

WARDEN IS HONORED. Before the close of the meeting of the county council yesterday afternoon, Warden D. N. Panabaker, of Hespeler, was honored by the Council. With Reeve Jansen of Waterloo Township in the chair, the Warden was made the recipient of a handsome gold headed cane, following words of appreciation by Reeve F. Debus, of New Hamburg. The Warden was complimented upon the excellent manner and the energy with which he displayed during his tenure of office. The Warden replied briefly by expressing the pleasure he had found in the work. An exchange of compliments upon other members of the Council and the county officials followed. The singing of the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.