

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

TORONTO-OSHAWA ROAD CONFERENCE

Considerable Progress Made Towards Constructing New Highway.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Macadam to York Boundary and Gravel Road Thence to Oshawa.

A large and representative gathering of the mayors, reeves and councillors of the various municipalities interested in the proposed Toronto-Oshawa road was present at a meeting held yesterday in the Whitby Town Hall, to discuss the report submitted by W. A. McLean, Ontario highway engineer, in connection with the improvement of the road. Ex-Mayor Willis of Whitby occupied the chair and the speakers were the following: Mayor of Toronto, George S. Henry, M.L.A. for East York, Charles Calder, M.L.A. for South Ontario, J. G. Cornell, reeve of Scarborough, Engineer W. A. McLean and Aldermen Ramsden and Cameron of Toronto. Others present were Frank Roden and W. G. Robertson of the Ontario Motor League; Robert Ormerod, deputy reeve of Scarborough; W. E. N. Sheehan, ex-M.L.A. for South Ontario; Dr. Moore, Brooklin; Rev. H. D. Cameron, West Hill; and the members of the Ontario County Council, who are in session this week.

The Hon. Finlay Macdonald briefly outlined the policy which the Ontario Government intends to follow out in connection with the building of good roads. "We are here to discuss a concrete proposition," he said. "This proposition will be brought before you in the report which is to be submitted by Engineer McLean, which is now completed." Amid applause the minister of public works said that the good road question had now established a firm hold in the minds of the public. The problem was a great one in the Province of Ontario, owing to the tremendous territory which has to be covered, the sparse population and the small assessment. In connection with the bill recently passed in the legislature, he said that it was the government's intention to classify roads under the headings: county or market roads, main roads and suburban roads (those leading directly out of the city through the congested districts). They would agree to pay forty per cent. of these roads. Regarding the maintenance of the roads, he said that in the act was embodied a clause by which the government would be responsible for twenty per cent. of the cost of maintenance. Mr. Macdonald also made reference to the appointment of a supervisor for the roads, to whose salary the government will pay twenty-five per cent. up to \$800.

Urgently Needed. George S. Henry, M.L.A., dealt with the urgent need of road improvement throughout the province and made special reference to the bad state of the Kingston road, easterly from West Hill to Oshawa, and urged the officials of the County of Ontario to take a more active interest in matters connected with the good roads movement. He also advocated the formation of a committee to work on the question this year. In conclusion Mr. Henry dealt with the work which had been accomplished by the York Highway Commission.

Mayor Church in a brief address referred to the way in which the township was suffering from lack of sufficient transportation, and the state of the highway bill when it came before the senate. The defeat of the bill had delayed the development of a great system of inter-provincial highways throughout the Dominion. The City of Toronto he considered, had been a pioneer in the good roads movement and had always cheerfully co-operated with adjoining municipalities.

With regard to the highway under discussion, the mayor suggested that a joint engineers' commission be formed representative of the municipalities concerned and the provincial government to further consider the report of the engineer, and he was confident that an agreement satisfactory to all would result.

Well Satisfied. Reeve J. G. Cornell of Scarborough stated that in his township they had had considerable experience in the construction of good roads under the direction of the York County Commission and the results had been very satisfactory. The value of property adjoining the improved highway had been very much enhanced.

Addresses were also made by Chas. Calder, M.L.A. for South Ontario, Aldermen Ramsden and Cameron of Toronto. Engineer W. A. McLean in his report submitted nine types of pavement, but strongly recommended the following: "Macadamized road, similar to that constructed by this York County Commission, extended to

Scarboro boundary, thence an improved gravel road to Oshawa. Oil or tar maintenance. Estimated cost, \$287,000."

Referring to this type of road the report says: "Having existing conditions in view, my recommendation would be, that the low cost improvement, as provided by estimate No. 5, be adopted, affording, as it does, good service for the probable traffic of the next ten years, and at a reasonable cost. The work as recommended consists of a substantial macadam road thru York County, where traffic is heaviest, and in Ontario County the plentiful local deposits of gravel would be used to reconstruct the existing gravel road. This improvement will have a definite value when, in the future, it is decided to lay a bituminous or concrete pavement. The grading, ditching and bill-cutting will be complete and the gravel and stone now placed in the road, if properly maintained, may be used as a foundation or in forming shoulders."

Division of Cost. The division of cost will be as follows: York County Commission, on basis of a suburban road, \$50,000; Ontario County, 50 per cent. of balance, 11,400; Provincial subsidy, 50 per cent. of balance, 57,840; Toronto, 30 per cent. of balance, 43,000; Pickering Township, 2.5 miles at \$2200, 5,500; West Whitby Township, 2 miles at \$2200, 4,400; East Whitby Township, 2.5 miles at \$2200, 5,500; Whitby Town, 2.5 miles, special assessment \$1 per cap., 2,500; Oshawa special assessment, ditto, 8,000.

Total, \$237,420. In reply to the question, "Why did you not recommend the same type of road as that now under construction between Toronto and Hamilton?" Mr. McLean said that a road of that type was not necessary between Toronto and Oshawa. Toronto and Hamilton were both large cities, and the traffic would be much heavier than between Toronto and Oshawa.

The following resolutions were passed: Resolutions Passed. "That it is the opinion of this meeting that a public highway should be constructed from West Hill easterly to Oshawa, and that the said road should be constructed of macadam gravel, as described more fully in clause No. 5 of engineer's report, similar to the road in Scarborough Township, and that the cost be apportioned as per schedule attached, corrected as to Oshawa's portion."

"That we do hereby appoint a committee to wait upon the council of the different municipalities interested in the building of the highway, with the view of obtaining a petition of the reeve of three-fourths number of the municipalities through which this road, or part thereof, is to be constructed, and that this committee proceed to complete this petition."

THINK WESTON PROPERTY IS ASSESSED TOO LOW

Council Contemplating a General Boost to Neighborhood of Real Value.

A special meeting of Weston Council was held Monday night to discuss the 1915 assessment roll, brought in by Assessor Arthur Mallaby. A court of revision has been advertised for June 15, but as a result of the conference the court may be postponed till a week or so later. A proposal to raise the assessment generally over the whole town, was considered, it being advanced that the assessment was below the real value of the property. Last year's assessment was something over \$1,600,000, while this year it is about \$1,975,000.

C. F. Wacey, the municipal bread inspector, seized on Saturday a large quantity of lightweight bread, which will now be devoted to relief of distress in the town.

Horticultural Society. At a special meeting last night of the Weston Horticultural Society, it was decided to hold a show of iris, peonies and columbines on June 18 in the town hall, and that a separate rose show should be held later on. For the June show prizes will be awarded for two classes in each variety of flower, three prizes to be given in each class. A special prize will also be given for the best individual flower shown by any member and not included in the general classes. D. Dockray, director of District No. 4, Ontario Horticultural Association, will act as judge.

FAIRBANK

A large congregation was present in the Fairbank Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning, when D. Campbell was inducted as elder, and Alex. Gray was ordained and inducted to the same office. The pastor, Rev. T. A. Watson, was assisted by the Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick of Knox College, who preached a very practical and soul-stirring sermon.

EAST YORK MEETING.

A special meeting of the East York Federal Conservative Association will be held in the Masonic Hall, Balsam avenue, on Friday evening, to ratify an agreement with the Central and Ward One Associations regarding riding control. The Hon. James S. Duff, minister of agriculture, is expected to deliver an address.

LATE ROBT. A. HUNTER WAS TOWNSHIP PIONEER

Native of Ireland Who Won Fortune in Canada—Link With Past Generation.

An outstanding figure in the early history of York Township passed away yesterday in the person of Robert A. Hunter of Wexford, one of the best known and most respected residents of the township. The late Mr. Hunter, while not a native of Canada, but a native of Ireland, came early in life to the Emerald Isle in an effort to hew out for himself a competence in the new land. How well he succeeded his important holdings in the township and eastern part of the city amply attest. Of a genial personality, a good neighbor, and possessing a high sense of honor, Mr. Hunter leaves behind him an honorable memory.

The Hunter homestead, where the deceased spent fifty years of his life, is situated on the York townline, lot two, concession four, and here the youngest son, John, conducts one of the best managed farms in the township today. The other members of the family are William of Toronto, and a daughter at home. Archie, a former resident of East Toronto, now deceased, was a son, and the late Mrs. B. F. Law, and Mrs. Alex. Cook, daughters, Mr. Hunter was predeceased by his wife, who was a daughter of Mark Barker.

Almost the Last Link. With the death of Mr. Hunter there passes away almost the last link between the present and the past generation of York Township pioneers. William Macdonald, who met a tragic death a short time ago, when his house was destroyed by fire, and the late Mr. Armstrong, were contemporaries, and Mark Barker and the Fitzpatrick brothers, as well as George Empringham of East Toronto, all surviving, were life-long friends. They represent now all too few the rugged type of men who made the township what it is, the metropolitan district of the province.

The late Mr. Hunter, who was 85 years of age, was a member of St. Jude's (Anglican) Church. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon, from the old homestead to St. Jude's Cemetery. In political life he was a Liberal-Conservative.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER LIGHTING OF LAMBTON

Park Ratepayers Assured That Matter Will Receive Early Attention.

A letter from Deputy Reeve William M. Graham was received at last night's meeting of Lambton Park Ratepayers' Association, in which he assured the members every consideration would be given by the council to their request for street lighting and other improvements, when a tour of the district would be made at an early date. Regarding complaints made against the recently organized garbage collection system, J. Ellis, who occupied the chair in the absence of President J. Ball, urged that the efforts of the council should be seconded by the ratepayers by placing garbage containers in the front of their lots for ease in picking up, by burning all inflammable refuse, and by dumping ashes in the middle of the roads. This last would help the surfacing of such roads. Collection is made on alternate Fridays, the next collection being on June 11.

Gardens Destroyed. Strong protest against the running loose of horses on the Brooke estate was made by Robert Dunbar. A garden competition had been arranged, but the efforts of the residents, he said, were frustrated by these horses, which broke down the fences and destroyed private gardens. In this he was supported by J. Ellis, who stated that the children of the district were also endangered, and the secretary, S. Perkins, was instructed to write to the Humber Land Co. asking that the company take such action in the matter as it deemed necessary.

On the motion of Messrs. Croft and Ellis, the secretary was also instructed to inform the Humber Land Co. of the cutting of sods on vacant lots, and on what would eventually be the boulevards, by private parties.

MOUNT DENNIS

A very interesting and instructive debate was held Monday night by the Epworth League of Mount Dennis Methodist Church, the subject being: "Resolved, that enrollment by contribution is preferable to the present voluntary system." The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Smart and Woodcock, and the negative by Messrs. C. Warren and Jordan. While the judges, Messrs. Carter, Peck and Hearn, were considering their decision, which was eventually rendered in favor of the negative, an excellent musical program was given by some of the members.

THORNHILL

The funeral of the late Robert Cox whose death occurred at Thornhill, on Saturday, took place from the family residence in that village yesterday afternoon, to Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery. At the late home of deceased and the cemetery service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Heribson. There was a large attendance including a number of life-long friends of deceased and many beautiful floral tributes were received. The pall bearers were the six nephews.

SWANSEA

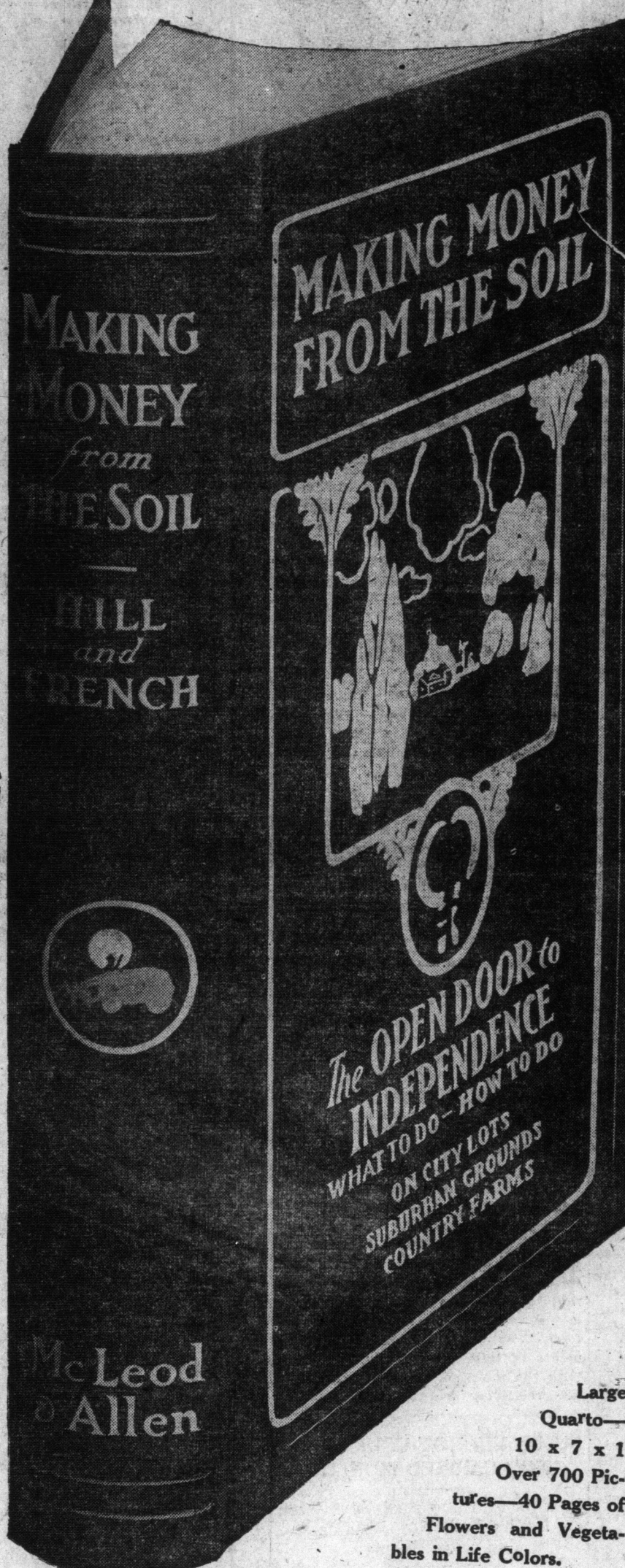
The Swansea Liberal Conservative Association will hold a grand rally of Conservatives in the S.O.E. Hall, corner of Moraine and Main streets, and Lavina street, tomorrow (Thursday) at 8 p.m. Several prominent speakers have signified their intention of being present, including W. F. Macdonald, M.P., Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., Ald. H. B. Ball, Deputy Reeve F. H. Miller, and Councillor Chas. McKay. An invitation of the kind to all good Conservatives to be present.

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CITIZENS CELEBRATE CITYHOOD OF GALT

Mayor Reads Proclamation--Monster Parade to Victoria Park.

Special to The Toronto World.

GALT, June 1. Galt's cityhood was suitably recognized today with a celebration which, although planned to be purely local, turned out to be a much

bigger success than was anticipated, many hundreds of outsiders coming in. At 1 o'clock on the town square, before thousands of citizens, Mayor Buchanan read the cityhood proclamation. Canon Ridley pronounced benediction on the new city and addresses were delivered by Z. A. Hall, M.L.A. and F. S. Scott, M.P. A parade composed of decorated autos, school children, 29th Regiment pipe and brass bands, boy scouts and cadets, proceeded to Victoria Park, where cityhood trees were planted by ex-Mayors D. Spiers and Hugh Cant, and a program of sports were run off. At the Galt City Club a banquet was tendered civic officials from all the municipalities in the county. One of the pleasant features of this gathering was the presentation of a handsome Union Jack by Mayor Hett and

council of Berlin, to the City of Galt. This evening the Galt kids band held its 14th annual tattoo at Dickson Park, at which fully six thousand people were present. A number of bands from Berlin, Preston, Waterloo, Brantford and Galt took part.

BROKE LIQUOR LAW

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, June 1.---In the police court today, J. M. Caines of the Albion Hotel was fined \$50 and costs for selling liquor in quantities larger than the law allowed. Provincial inspectors laid the charge. Sergt. G. Lyons, who went to the front with the first contingent, has been wounded in both arms and is a prisoner of war in Germany.