

To the east of the roadway and dyke above mentioned the shallow marsh proper commences (Block 2), and extends for about three-quarters of a mile, with a content of some 500 acres, including the outer sand-bar.

Near the northern margin of the property a channel was dredged by the City, from Toronto Harbour to the lake opening at the eastern extremity of Ashbridge's Bay, for the purpose of purifying the waters of these bays by current effect, due to the action of the winds on the waters of Lake Ontario.

The result has been beneficial and a channel should be maintained until the City sewage is properly disposed of, after which the diverted waters of the River Don will doubtless keep Ashbridge's Bay in a good sanitary condition.

As the River Don (which now discharges its contents into Toronto Harbour) is primarily responsible for the formation of the "marsh area" and the island by reason of the detritus brought down during spring floods, it is, therefore, in order that the course of the river and its presently injurious effect should be referred to, before suggesting the means of curing the evil and improving the locality and, as its divergence has been recommended in every engineering report on Toronto Harbour, the attention of the Council is called to that of Messrs. Jennings and Roy, wherein is embodied a full statement regarding the River Don, and from which extracts (in appendix "A" hereto) have been made as pertinent to the right understanding of the position.

Having recited matters on this subject and in view of the possible early occupation of a large portion of the Harbour frontage and "marsh" to the east of it, I therefore beg to recommend that the deviation of the Don and reclamation work be treated in accordance with the following suggestions:

That a By-law be passed enforcing Ontario Statute 49, Chap. 66, and providing funds for the purchase of the necessary lands and for construction charges.

The deviation of the River Don southward from the Grand Trunk bridge, as proposed in Harbour Report above quoted.

The filling up of the present channel (of the same river) from the proposed point of deviation westward to Parliament Street.

The gradual formation of a new channel from Toronto Harbour to Ashbridge's Bay, about on the line of the northern margin of "Simcoe Park."

NOTE.—It is not likely that this channel will be required on sanitary grounds after the sewerage problem has been satisfactorily dealt with.