

OUTLOOK FOR STEEL IS MORE PROMISING

In Meantime Mr. Harris Would Put Rails on Viaduct and Approaches.

CONFLICTING INTERESTS

Ratepayers to Hold Meetings to Discuss Questions Raised.

Works Commissioner Harris is anxious to complete the Bloor street viaduct. As he cannot get street car rails by reason of the war he is trying to have any rails now in possession of the Toronto Railway Co. for the construction of its new line from Gerrard up Carlaw, then along Guelph to Pape, and up Pape to Danforth, used for the viaduct line instead. This proposal may be opposed by the people who have been waiting a long while for the Pape avenue extension, and the construction of which was ordered some time ago by the Railway and Municipal Board.

The Toronto Railway Company can get hardly enough rails for this work, but what they save they are willing that Commissioner Harris get for the viaduct if the city council and the railway and municipal board consent. There is every probability that in a very short time the mills that roll the latest style of street car rails will be allowed by the American Government to turn them out. But for some months now these mills have been rolling rails for use in Europe in connection with the war, and for urgent railway purposes in the States in connection with the war.

Conflicting Interests. The World learned last week that besides the inability to get rails there were more or less conflicting interests in connection with these two propositions. If the Pape avenue line is built it will take business from the municipal lines on Danforth avenue, because when it is built the Toronto Railway Co. will be in a position to land passengers at Danforth and Pape for a single fare; now those who wish to get there have to pay a fare to the Toronto Railway and two cents additional to the city, or, roughly speaking, six cents against four, and the city has a proportion.

In other words, the city has chances to lose a portion of its revenue and the Toronto Railway will be forced to carry passengers a further distance for a single fare. Real estate in the immediate vicinity of Pape and Danforth would benefit by this single fare condition, and the crowded cars of the municipal line between Broadview and Pape will be somewhat relieved. So that all the people who live along the Pape avenue extension road are anxious to have it built; so are the people who will get to Pape and Danforth for a single fare; while the city, from a business point of view, will not be so anxious to see its revenue from the municipal lines depleted.

Rails for the Work. How the matter will work out remains to be seen, but it is evident that the main proposition is to get the Danforth viaduct opened and the cars across it; and with rails that Mr. Fleming has in his yard and some few others that the city may have in its possession enough can be got if the council and the railway board consent, to rail the viaduct system from the head of Broadview across the viaduct to Rosedale and from the west end of the Don viaduct to rail the short intervening street to the north end of the Rosedale viaduct with standard modern rails. But from the west end of the Rosedale viaduct along the new roadway on the south side of the Rosedale road ravine ordinary steam rails may have to be used to the head of Sherbourne street, and for a while, the road built as an ordinary railway line and without paying the cost of this new roadway for wheel traffic.

This conflict of interests may have had something to do with the holding up of the proposal before the works

SOCIETY CONDUCTED BY MRS. EDMUND PHILLIPS

On Saturday, May 18, the members of the United Empire Loyalists purpose giving a patriotic entertainment at the Margaret Eaton School, to celebrate the anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists in Canada.

Miss Marie Strong held a recital in her studio on Saturday afternoon for Miss Rehta Morine Brodie. The studio was beautiful with flowers and Miss Strong received wearing a blue colored crepe de chine. Miss Brodie was in a beautiful georgette crepe, Miss Margaret Moore, the pianist, was in champagne satin, and Miss Helen Hunt, who also took part in the program, wore rose crepe. She played the violin remarkably well. Mr. Earle Newton was the accompanist. There were about 200 people present and a collection was taken up for the members of Paderewski's Polish regiment now training in Canada. Miss Strong is giving another recital on the 20th.

The Canadian Ensign Chapter, I. O. D. E., of which Mrs. W. R. Jackson is regent, held a most successful all-day entertainment at the Cafe Royal on Saturday. The delicious home-made cakes, under the charge of Mrs. Hugh Martin, found a ready sale in the morning. A musical program was given during the afternoon in which Miss Pearl Brook, Miss Iola Elder, Miss Mae Harris and Mr. Fred Manning took part. Dancing went on to the strains of an orchestra, two little girls, Isabel Beale and Alice Beale, being much admired for their graceful performance. There were nearly 300 people present, among whom were the members of the Robins Stock Company. High tea was served and the proceeds will be used for the war fund.

The necklace of pearls which is being collected in England, to be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross, is being given pearl by pearl by patriotic owners, and has now reached the number of 1540.

Miss Keene has arrived in town from Montreal for the exhibition of pictures which is being given this week by her mother, Mrs. Minna Keene. The stained glass brought from Xpres by Capt. Louis Keene will have an honored place at the exhibition.

Dr. J. A. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald will spend the summer in Japan, having taken a house near Tokyo for the summer.

Mrs. Warrington has returned from Florida, where she spent the winter. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rutter are in Atlantic City.

Mr. E. L. Noyes returned from the West Indies last week. He spent a few days in Halifax with his son, who is on the H. M. S. Niobe.

Mrs. George Sweeney is visiting her mother, Mrs. Keefer, at the Manor House, Ottawa.

Mrs. Ernest Lesueur, Ottawa, is spending ten days in Toronto visiting Mrs. Millyard.

committee on Friday last to sanction the construction of a street to carry the rails across Glen road at a cost of \$8,000, as requested by Mr. Harris.

What looks to be a solution for the present is that the railway board will consent to the use of the street for the viaduct car line on the condition that the city and the Toronto Railway agree both of them to go to the Dominion Government and ask it to re-organize the government of the United States to let one of the mills in that country roll sufficient modern street car rails to rail the Pape avenue extension from Gerrard street up Carlaw and Guelph and Pape to Pape and Danforth.

Meetings to Be Held. Two meetings are to be held over in the Danforth district in the next few days, one on the early construction of the viaduct car line and the other to urge the construction of the Pape avenue line as ordered by the railway board in the meantime the works committee, which had the question of the street over Glen road before it on Friday, will visit the spot today and come to some decision at once.

Controller McBride says that he wants to be convinced that it is the only way out before he gives his consent, but the majority of the committee and the council are apparently in favor of the viaduct having street car traffic at the earliest possible moment especially in view of the fact that the city has invested over two millions in the viaduct and the concrete has not been completed for eight months and not yet put in commission. The viaduct is being used for the use of these two millions every day it is delayed.

The First Meeting Called. Danforth ratepayers will meet Tuesday evening in the Frankland School. The principal matters to be under discussion will be the Bloor street viaduct and the Pape avenue extension. The postcard sent to members of the association says the railway board will be asked to permit the use of the rails ordered for Pape avenue extension on the viaduct, but that there will be a protest made against any cancellation of the order for the Pape avenue extension. They want it built as soon as the rails can be got.

DROPS DEAD IN CHURCH. Joseph McCarthy, Manning Avenue, Has Sudden Card Saturday.

Joseph McCarthy, Manning avenue, dropped dead in St. Patrick's Church, McCaul street, at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, from heart disease. Dr. O'Brien was immediately summoned, but found life extinct. There will be no inquest.

The late Mr. McCarthy, who was in middle age, was an elevator attendant at the Underwood Typewriter Company building, and was attending to his religious duty when he was called by death. He is survived by his two children.

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BY Rachael R. Todd, M.D.

THE VIOLETS.

"Kind nature keeps a heavenly door Wide open for the scattered seed. Where flower-breathed incense to the skies Is wafted in mute harmonies." —Wordsworth.

The blue violets are to be found wherever blue springs breezes, wherever bloom spring blossoms, and wherever room bees and birds and butterflies in search of flower loves and the sweets they promise.

In all times, and in all countries where these blossoms are to be found, nature lovers and nature poets have sung their beauty, their modesty and their sweetness in verse and song and story. The mystery that hangs about the blossoms spreads a fascination over every human heart. From time immemorial, this was the thing of the wilds has stood for maiden sweetness and innocence, for the shrinking charm of youth, and for the trusting faith of the child.

The ancients of old, old times loved the plant, and the legends that have come down to us out of the past about the blossoms are fragrant with the sweetest, most charming and interesting thoughts.

In later times, our own singers have immortalized the plant. Tennyson, that king of all nature poets, mentions the violet times without number, but his most charming line surely is this one, where he sings of the spirit "that woe to his heart the shining dew." Shelley, Cowper, Wordsworth, Browning, and, indeed, who not, have shown what a mystery the violet possesses for them and the world.

I do not think it is necessary here to describe the plant. Surely it is as well known as the trillium, the hepatica, the clover, and the dandelion. But there are several interesting little points that are peculiar to this plant. Have you noticed, quite early in its appearance, how the ends of each leaf curl inward at the sides—and how tightly and how uniformly they curl? Just look closely down into one of the early leaves, out everywhere now, and note the strange and altogether quaint appearance the curl at either side gives each leaf. No other leaf that I have seen shows this odd little trick. True, all leaves have their own curling ways, but surely you have often wondered just why violet curls her leaves thus.

The blue violets are many. There is the common blue violet, deep blue, sometimes pale blue, often striped, with the queer long spur at the back of the blossom. There is the bird's foot violet, with its handsome flowers and queer many-out leaf, not too common here, but still to be found by alert searchers. The arrow-leaved violet, with its short thick flower spur, is peculiar for its long pointed leaves. Then there is the shy, low, round deep cool quiet woods. And the dosing violet, rounding quietly among the grass and short ferns, is well known of most children. The variety called the Canadian violet is latest to bloom, and may be found long into midsummer.

The yellow violets, of which we have two common species, the Halberd-leaved, and the downy violet, were supposed by ancients to possess some uncanny power of bringing bad luck to any who were foolish enough to pluck the blossoms. And the legends growing around them are many. The sweet white violet is quite common in Canada, and many fine large and very fragrant specimens are to be found near this city. They are the smallest of the violet tribe, tiny fairies roaming unseen amid other spring flowers, and hiding the cunning blossoms often in tall grass. They are very sweet and very lovely, and the children value them dearly.

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