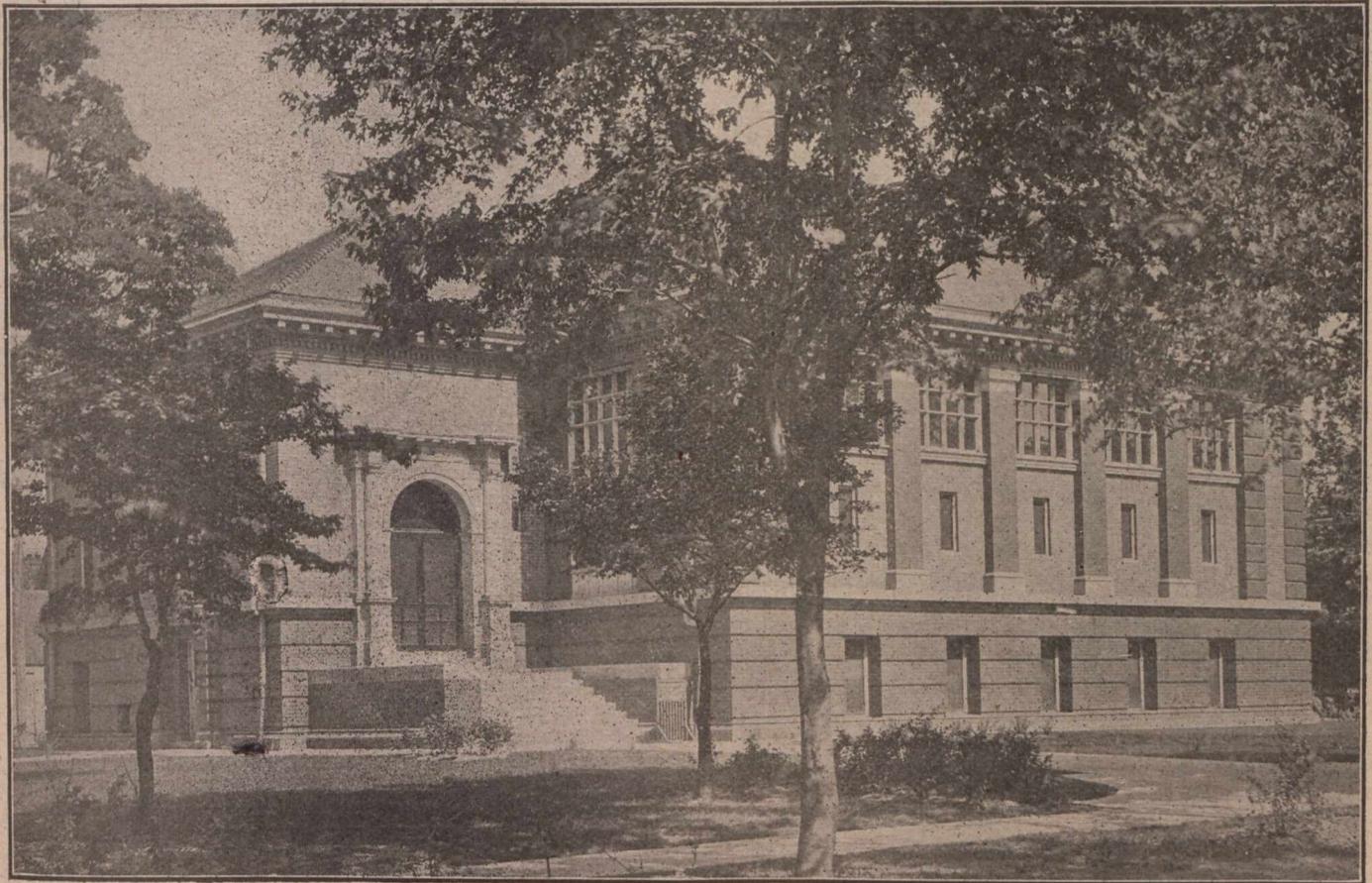


Protecting Scenery by Law

A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR ONTARIO TO FOLLOW: The German Government has for some years exercised a parental care in protecting the best sites of its cities from misuse or depravation. Venerable or picturesque historical buildings are kept safe from destruction or thoughtless alteration. The squares and streets are not left to the whim or bad taste of the property-owners to mar or disfigure by works of architecture or sculpture of offensive ugliness or inharmonious design. The new bill recently passed by the Prussian Parliament goes further and

landscapes hitherto vandalized by the introduction of frightful blots. Such natural features have been in many instances desecrated by the erection of unsightly factories, board-signs and ugly hotels, says *The Correspondence*. To quote the words of this journal:

"That the beauties of country scenery also need legislative protection was sadly proved by some industrial installations on some beautiful spots of the famous banks of the Rhine River. The naturally pretty valley of the Upper Spree immediately above Berlin has already been spoiled by encroachments of industry beyond any hope of



WINDSOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The new Windsor Library was completed in 1903. The cost, exclusive of lot, was \$25,000 and \$1,600 for furnishings. The building is of brick with stone facings, and interior finish of red oak and hard maple. On the first floor is a vestibule, delivery room, general reading room, reference room, librarian's office and stack room. On the second floor is the board room, while in the basement is an auditorium, a committee room, two storage rooms, a fuel room, and boiler room. The system of heating is low pressure steam.

provides against anything in the way of building or advertising placards which tend to destroy the beauty of mountain, meadow, or river scenery. Germany, by such legislation, is practically leading the world, and those whose sensibilities are jarred by the gaudy advertising signs which are becoming more numerous and more hideously obtrusive along our railway lines every year will applaud the action taken by the Prussian Parliament and pray that it may be taken as an example by other countries, including our own. The Prussian law is very sweeping in its effect, says *The Continental Correspondence* (Berlin) and will restore to their primitive beauty many

recovery, and the lovely country between Dresden and Meissen is losing more and more of its charms by inconsiderate constructions. These are only the best known instances among many, and it can be no question that in Germany the time has come for a superintendence, as Ruskin demanded it for England."

IRA M. BINKLEY, clerk of the township of West Flamboro: "THE WORLD is growing better. I think it is true, whether take it as referring to THE MUNICIPAL WORLD or the old globe in which we live. I know it is true in regard to THE MUNICIPAL WORLD. It was always good, but is growing better as it grows older. May it ever continue thus."