

independent road from Sarnia through St. Marys to a point on the main line of the C. P. R. between Woodstock and London, passing through the Zorras and Embro. The officers of the company were as follows: President, Jas. Chalmers; vice, D. R. Ross; secretary and solicitor, J. W. Graham; treasurer, H. L. Rice. The board of directors were: E. L. Sutherland, T. O. Robson, David Bonis, F. E. Butcher, Archie Baird, Jas. Chalmers, D. R. Ross and H. L. Rice. This temporary board entered into an agreement with the C. P. R., relative to the construction and operation of the road between Embro and St. Marys, the road to be completed by July 1st, 1908. By-laws were submitted to East Nissouri, West Zorra and St. Marys, and Embro, fixing a bonus from these municipalities: St. Marys, forty thousand dollars; Nissouri, twenty thousand dollars; West Zorra, fifteen thousand dollars; and Embro, five thousand dollars. The by-laws were submitted and carried with substantial majorities in September, 1906. On May 25th, 1907, the first sod was turned, and the road was completed on July 1st, 1908.

With the building of this railway a new era has dawned upon Zorra and Embro. Better railway facilities had long been needed to aid and quicken commercial progress. Zorra and Embro were never so prosperous as they are to-day. In journeying through the Zorras a traveller sees on every side well-cultivated farms and beautiful residences with well-kept lawns, where once stood the forest and the settler's log cabin. Where once stood the settlers' old log stables there are now large bank barns with stone and cement foundations. Where once roamed the deer and the wolf, we see herds of well-bred cattle and some of the choicest horses to be seen in Ontario, apple orchards, waving fields of

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