

BRIDGE OF STEEL FOR BLOOR ST.

Works Committee Again Re-
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Commissioner Harris is Very
Emphatic—Don Mills Road
Widening and Paving—Sub-
urban Train Conference.

At their meeting yesterday afternoon the committee on works again sent on to council a recommendation that the bridge work of the Bloor-street viaduct should be of steel. Commissioner Harris reported that he had reconsidered the proposal that concrete be used, and after sending Assistant Engineer Power to investigate bridges of this construction in Philadelphia, Boston and Washington he has now firmly convinced them only that a steel bridge was the only possible method of construction. Commissioner Harris again reiterated his stand that if any other material were used his office would assume no responsibility for the permanence of the work.

The Don Mills road widening and paving question again came up, and after discussing the question the committee passed.

that the street should be paved at a width of 24 feet instead of a 42-foot street, as had been originally recommended. According to Commissioner Harris the expense of a 42-foot street would be too great for the property-holders to bear, and at the same time he contended that it was advisable that the thoroughfare should be constructed at such a width. Aid. Hilton claimed that a 42-foot street would not be needed for years. Controller Hocken raised objection to this, but the commission ruled that a medium asphalt pavement on a 24-foot street would satisfy the immediate needs.

The committee passed a recommendation that an application should be made to the Dominion Railway Commission to have the G. T. R. water tank on Main-st., East Toronto, moved to a point further east, in order to alleviate the smoke nuisance in that section.

Additional Expense.
On May 31 the city ordered 3000 yards of treated wooden blocks from G. W. Essery for the paving of the Welling-

On the track allowance, and at the same time, the committee decided that the allowance was not dutiable on account of being a gift. Soon after the receipt of the order, the committee, acting from Ottawa, paid a 25 per cent duty on these blocks, which meant an additional expense of \$1063.50 to Mr. Weston. Commissioner Harris recommended that in view of the circumstances be paid sufficient to cover the duty paid by him. The committee had a long argument as to the principle involved, and it was finally decided, on Aid. Weston's motion, that he be reimbursed for half the amount of the loss.

The committee decided to defer the choosing of their new chairman until more members were present.

Suburban Service.
A conference to discuss the suburban service question was held in the city hall yesterday morning, and after the Reeves and mayors of the municipalities round about Toronto had agreed that such a service would be most beneficial, it was decided to collect applications to assist the city in their application pending before the Dominion Railway Commission. Acting Mayor Church stated that if the railway commission did not relieve the situation an effort would be made to secure mandatory legislation from the government at Ottawa.

The acting mayor claimed that at

resent a suburban service was left to the discretion of the railways, who had hitherto demanded definite assurance that if such service were inaugurated it would be a paying venture from the outset. Now conditions were such that an adequate service to the outlying districts was a necessity, he said, and the city would endeavor to convince both the railway commission and the government of this. Mayor Brown of North Toronto said the old Belt Line should be operated again, but nothing was decided other than to press the city's application before the railway commission.

Civic Hospital.

To discuss the city's proposal to take over the General Hospital and run it as a civic institution, Sir Edmund Osler, J. W. Flavelle of the board of trustees, Dr. C. K. Clarke and Acting Mayor Church held a conference yesterday afternoon. The outcome of

which was that the city is to inspect the property and submit an offer to the trustees, whose policy will be to give the city preference as buyers. The new hospital will be completed next January, and it is proposed that the city should take over the old institution at that time and run it as a civic hospital with an open door policy. The assessment commissioner will be asked to make a report as to the value of the property, and Dr. Hastings will also supply information as to the policy of a system of government for the hospital.

Controller Hocken and Acting Mayor Church both stated yesterday afternoon that an offer to take over the property for a year or more would be seriously considered. The controller points out that such an arrangement might be made whereby the city should actually receive an income of, say, \$15,000 or \$20,000. If this were done there would be no necessity of paying the rent, since the city would receive the rent could be paid at the general tax rate. The acting mayor stated, however, that the matter would be referred to the ratemakers at next January.

Site is Secured.

Acting Mayor Church stated yesterday that a site had been selected for a new detention hospital, and an option on the land would probably be secured at once. He would not say where the site was located, but stated that he had visited the property with E. Bruce Smith, he said, and "the site was a fine one, and it was an ideal site for the purpose."

Exhibition Sports.

The board of directors of the Canadian National Exhibition met yesterday, making the usual appropriations for athletic sports, war canoe races, swimming and the hockey show. To aid and promote the development of sports for the boy scouts, who are coming here from all parts of Ontario for the annual camp, the board authorized by the Duke of Connaught an allowance of \$100,000 for the year 1911. Six hundred dollars was appropriated for the improvement of the entrance at Dominion street. It was also voted to give \$150 extra to the grounds department for the increased number of cattle coming to the fair this year.

The report of the executive committee was submitted indicating a promising progress over the comparative figures showing the concessions sold and the space registration fees are as follows:

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