

## YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

### PRIVATE RADIALS ALMOST ACQUIRED

Controller Maguire Assures  
Announcement on Return  
of Sir Adam.

#### PROJECT ENDORSED

"Our information is that the negotiations looking to the acquisition of the Hydro-Electric of all the private radial interests in the province, if not entirely concluded, are practically concluded, and that on Sir Adam Beck's return there will be an announcement."

Speaking at Willowdale last night in interests of the Toronto and Eastern radial scheme, Controller Maguire gave the foregoing reply to a question as to the progress of the radial negotiations.

A large crowd filled Willowdale School to hear details of the plan on which the ratepayers will be asked to vote next Saturday, to guarantee the bonds of the radial line between Toronto and Bowmanville. The speakers included two Hydro-Electric engineers, Messrs. Hewson and Purcell, Hon. George Henry, Controller Maguire, ex-Ald. Bell, Reeve Miller and Deputy Reeves Graham and McDonald of York Township, and others. W. Wallace was chairman.

In opening the meeting Reeve Miller said that the township stood to benefit greatly from the proposed radial and he hoped all the ratepayers would support it. The time had arrived to put forth a greater effort to develop the township. He strongly favored public ownership, and fully expected that Sir Adam Beck would shortly get possession of the Metropolitan Railway.

Engineer Hewson fully explained the project and the need of getting the trunk line assured before the question of feeders could be taken up and he dealt with the proposal to bring the northern radial into the heart of the city by diverting at York Mills to the Don Valley and perhaps connecting with the eastern radial in the vicinity of St. Clair. There was no certainty about the route, he said, but it was planned to make the run from York Mills to the lower part of Toronto in 20 minutes, which would cut the present schedule in half.

Controller Maguire emphasized the success that had marked Hydro-Electric development and said that Toronto was showing its faith in the project by undertaking further commitments to the extent of about \$10,000,000. Without the Toronto and Eastern trunk line any radial system could not be a success and he strongly urged East York to link up with the great radial system which the commission was preparing to build.

Ex-Alderman Bell said the time was not far distant when the Metropolitan railway would be taken off Yonge street and a service provided to the heart of the city in its stead by the Hydro commission. Sir Adam's system would pay its way and the people would be given a service at cost. He asked the residents to give the radial proposal a hearty welcome.

Hon. George S. Henry said that with the reputation of Sir Adam Beck and the Hydro Commission behind it the Toronto and Eastern Radial project would receive the hearty approval of the ratepayers. While the trunk line scheme might not be as beneficial to the northern part of the township as to the southern part, yet the northern district would have its radial projects shortly and it would be able to appeal to the south with a better grace by supporting the present bylaw.

Deputy Reeves Graham and McDonald both declared that as members of the township council they earnestly endorsed the radial.

A crowded meeting was held in the Don school on Don road last night and at its conclusion a resolution was adopted in favor of the radial bylaw.

### REEVE IN FAVOR OF SUBDIVISION

Live Issue in York Township  
is Creation of New  
Towns.

The question of subdividing York township and creating one or two new municipalities will be a live issue this year, according to the statement of Reeve F. Miller to council when the first meeting of the year opened in the council chamber yesterday. He pointed out that York's assessment is now getting up into the millions and the township is paying about 45 per cent of the total cost of county administration. Several alternative proposals were being considered, but personally he favored the creating of two towns, one east of Yonge, and the other west of Yonge, adjoining the city, with the township lying to the north of these.

The reeve also said that the council would be asked to watch the proceedings in connection with the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway by the city and urged the extension of city limits into the populated districts of the township. He said that if satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the city for water for certain sections, the township, with the approval of the ratepayers, would have to install a system. Plans would also be forthcoming for sewer systems for both the west and east ends and would be carried out with the approval of the ratepayers. Reeve Graham expressed sympathy with the proposal to establish two new towns in the southern parts of the township.

Grant Refused.  
Council was obliged to refuse an application from the Great War Veterans of East Toronto for a grant for their Christmas tree on the ground that the authority under which they formerly made patriotic grants had become ineffective on Jan. 1, 1920.

John Bayliss, J. P., asked that legislation be sought by the township creating a board of education for the Mount Dennis section of the township. He was advised to take up the matter with his provincial member.

Rubin Phillips, with 14 petitioners, asked for an investigation of the expenditure shown in the treasurer's report to have been made in road division six. Mr. Phillips referred to two items, one \$42.75 paid to Foreman Wicks for 95 hours' work, and \$85.50 paid to Arlington Tomlinson with team for 95 hours at 90 cents an hour. "Mr. Wicks was never on the job at all," declared Mr. Phillips.

Asks Investigation.  
Mr. Wicks, who was present, came forward and asked Mr. Phillips if he was making the charge that he (Wicks) had cheated the township. "I am making no charge," replied Mr. Phillips. "I am asking the council to investigate these items."

Reeve Miller announced that the matter would be taken up on Thursday and investigated.

Council by resolution strongly approved of the request of soldiers for a grant of \$2,000 by the federal government to all soldiers who have seen active service.

Among the communications was a statement from Sheep Valuator Jas. Waite that Milne Brothers, in north Donlands, had suffered the loss of about twenty sheep worth \$68, which had been killed by dogs. A deputation also appeared and declared that the district was overrun by Alameda dogs. Council decided that the situation was serious and the matter of compensation was allowed to stand over for two weeks and in the meantime the county

W. F. Maclean occupied the chair and other speakers were Engineers Hewson and Purcell of the Hydro-Electric, John B. Harris of Danforth, E. A. Dunlop, Mayor Church, Controller Maguire and several others. All questions concerning the radial were satisfactorily answered and much enthusiasm in support of the radial pervaded the meeting. A meeting will be held to-night in Torrens ave. school.

authorities will be notified to send a man to deal with the dog menace.

No Laundry Permit.

The Chinaman who has already been twice refused a permit to conduct a laundry on Runnymede road, came back again accompanied by his lawyer, and a petition signed by over 20 residents of the district, asking that his request be granted. Deputy Reeve Graham pointed out that 17 of the petitioners were residents of the city, while only 3 of the signers resided in the township. The request was again refused. The Chinaman paid \$3,000 for the lot and has spent several hundred dollars in improvements.

It was decided to pay deputy returning officers in the recent municipal elections \$3, constables \$4, poll clerks \$6, and householders where booths were held \$8. Returning officers will be asked to furnish the names of any constables that were employed. The firm of Ralph E. Young & Co. was appointed auditors. The board of health for 1920 will consist of the reeve, Dr. C. A. Warren, M.O.H., and John T. Watson. F. W. Peasnell, chief inspector of the Toronto Hydro-Electric system, reported that they were getting material on the ground for the installation of house and street lights in the Woodbine Heights district.

A large number of accounts were passed, including a record total for hospitals and charities.

A resolution was adopted assenting to an agreement for the purchase of

a lot in Mount Dennis from Thomas Godda and J. A. Marshall for \$1,250 for a fire hall site. The council will meet again on Thursday next at 11 o'clock.

### SCARBORO COUNCIL

Inaugural Meeting Ends in Ratification of Bylaw for Utility Commission.

Scarboro Township council held its inaugural session yesterday at Woburn, Reeve Stewart presiding, with McCowan, first deputy; P. Heron, second deputy; D. Crawford, third deputy, and J. T. Weir, councillor, present. The election this year was run on a straight ticket issue, the farmers versus the front, the farmers winning on all counts.

Reeve Stewart, reviewing the progress made in the township since his election, seven or eight years ago, referred especially to the enormous increase in population and the fact that the township, together with the corresponding increase in assessment.

The bylaw ratifying the appointment of a utility commission was adopted. The members are Reeve Stewart, W. H. Paterson, Albert Essex and W. D. Annis, clerk. The commission will deal with the Hydro matters, in which there will be a great expansion in Scarboro this summer.

Ten acres of land formerly held by

the township as a gravel pit was thru the so-called settlement committee, and over to William Hole, a returned soldier. Dave Brown was appointed assessor for the northern portion of the township, but the appointment of a successor to George Green along the front was left in abeyance. Mr. Green's time is now fully occupied with Hydro matters. The public utilities will have also to deal with water works in addition to the Hydro.

### Fire at Blind Newsagent's Spreads to Adjoining Properties

An outbreak of fire shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday from some unknown cause at the two-story frame building, 49 Erie terrace, occupied by E. Thompson, blind newsagent, corner of Kingston road and East Queen street, rapidly spread to the adjoining two-story frame dwellings numbers 51, 53 and 55, causing total damage to the amount of \$5,000. The dwelling number 47 was occupied by the Meba Athletic Association, number 51 by F. Haines and 53 by F. Lloyd. The local fire reels were promptly on the scene under the direction of District Chief Tate and by their splendid efforts prevented serious damage to the surrounding property.

### TO PAVE JONES AVENUE

Ald. Richard Honeyford has just been notified by Works Commissioner R. C. Harris that Jones avenue from

Danforth north to the city limits will be paved with a bitulithic pavement this spring. This information will afford considerable satisfaction to the residents of the section, who have long forwarded a fully signed petition in connection with this much needed work of improvement.

Bitulithic pavement was recommended by Mr. Tate and tender for construction was awarded on November 11. The work will not be proceeded with in the meantime.

### Earl Kitchener Post, G.A.C., Organizes Ladies' Auxiliary

An organization meeting of the ladies' auxiliary in connection with the Earl Kitchener Post, G.A.C., was held at the home of A. Stuart, 15 East Charles street, last night. President C. Clarke presided. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Greer, president; by acclamation: Mrs. W. H. Wood, first vice-president; Mrs. H. Rayner, second vice-president; Mrs. Jack Ramsden, third vice-president; Mrs. E. C. Hook, secretary, and Mrs. A. Simpson, treasurer; executive committee, Mrs. J. Smale, Miss Janet Rayner, Miss M. Rayner, Miss Naudas, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Laffier. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of a very successful evening. Over 40 members were enrolled.

### MILITARY BAND SOCIAL.

A well attended euchre and dance,

under the auspices of the East York military band committee, was held in Player's Hall, Danforth avenue, last night. Prizes were awarded in the euchre and waltz contests.

The proceeds will be devoted to the debt on the band instruments, a sum of \$300 still remaining unpaid. Goldsmith, bandmaster, acted as master of ceremonies, and an enjoyable time was spent.

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### YORK TOWNSHIP PERMITS.

The report of the building department for the month of December, as submitted to the council, was as follows:

The number of permits issued for the month was 45, for the following class of buildings:

| Class of Building         | No. Permits | Cost      |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Dwellings                 | 10          | \$118,410 |
| Garages                   | 10          | 1,710     |
| Additions and alterations | 7           | 8,800     |
| Storehouses               | 1           | 2,000     |
| Barber shop               | 1           | 1,000     |
| Workshop                  | 1           | 500       |
| Total                     | 40          | \$132,420 |

Inspector William Dever also submitted a report for the year 1919 showing permits valued at \$4,241,115 taken out. Other details were:

Total number of permits issued was 2,186 for the following class of buildings:

| Class of Building              | Number | Value       |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 1,498 Dwellings                | 1,498  | \$2,322,200 |
| 787 Additions & alterations    | 787    | \$284,400   |
| 52 Stores                      | 52     | \$15,800    |
| 2 Schools                      | 2      | \$32,000    |
| 283 Garages                    | 283    | \$22,000    |
| 4 Storehouses                  | 4      | \$8,000     |
| 1 Bank                         | 1      | \$10,000    |
| 2 Apartment houses             | 2      | \$2,000     |
| 3 Coal sheds                   | 3      | \$1,200     |
| 16 Stables                     | 16     | \$3,600     |
| 2 Workshops                    | 2      | \$1,100     |
| 1 Church                       | 1      | \$700       |
| 1 Hall                         | 1      | \$1,000     |
| 3 Removal of buildings         | 3      | \$0         |
| Total amount of fees collected |        | \$7,678.    |

### TODMORDEN LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS.

The installation of officers in connection with Sons of England, Lodge Todmorden, number 238, took place last night in Player's Hall, Danforth avenue. Bro. F. Nor performed the ceremony. The following officers were installed: W. Brook, president; F. Wills, vice-president; A. Humphrey, chaplain, and W. Tyler, treasurer. He is the fifth year. W. Tyler, past president, in a well-chosen speech, presented J. Harvey with a past president's jewel in honor of his past work for the lodge during the past year. There was a large attendance.



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### HAMILTON

Hamilton.—At the inaugural of the city council today the unexpected happened. Ald. Newman instead of Ald. Topp, received the chairmanship of the council. The labor faction caused the slip-up.

The identity of the returned soldier who died in Dr. Burns' office today is announced. He was Henry Reeve, son of A. Reeve.

The natural gas situation may become still more serious owing to the threat of a strike of some of the stokers.

Liggett's drug store was visited by a small fire today. Loss about \$200. President Byrnes of the United Gas and Fuel Company has written to the mayor explaining the gas shortage. The feature of the inaugural of the Barton township council was granting of increases in salaries to a number of civic officials.

Rev. Father Englert was re-elected today to the chairmanship of the Separate School Board.

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