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GOOD ROADS GETS SOME CRITICISM

Say Material is Not of the Best Quality—Fatal Accident in North Toronto—Big Grist of County Doings.

UNIONVILLE, May 3.—(Special).—A good deal of diversity of opinion prevails in the village and district over the work of the "good roads" commission and the style of roadway now under construction on Main-street from the Langstaff side road northward to the G. T. R. station. A week has elapsed since the work was started and so far less than 40 rods have been built, and this 12 feet wide instead of 14, as the villagers hoped would be.

It was at first intended, after completing Main-street north to the G. T. R. to build on to Markham village, but the condition of the first bridge on the side road between the two places will not permit of the passage over of the big road engine, and this may have to be strengthened before the work is done on with. Instead of the sixth concession north or south will likely be completed first.

Mr. John Hemlingway has purchased the Queen's Hotel and will decorate and otherwise improve this well-known and popular old hotel.

Workmen are engaged in building a small tram railway from the station south out to the old "park grounds," to the west of the village, from which the rods on ten acres will this season be removed, drawn on cars to the G. T. R. and shipped to the city. The owner of the land, Mr. Skelton, has secured the contract for sodding certain park lands in the city.

Real estate transfers, while not very numerous, are sufficiently so to warrant the assertion that a healthy boom is on in the village.

Reeve W. D. Annis, accompanied by Mrs. Annie and little daughter, was in the village on Friday, visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harding. Reeve Annis has just secured a handsome McLaughlin car, and the ease and dexterity with which the reeve navigates it thru the highways and byways is only equaled by his good work in the council, and his native township.

The "good roads" system is furnishing work for a lot of villagers these days. While spring seeding is pretty well advanced, considerable yet remains to be done. Grass has begun to grow and fall wheat, while backward, is thought for the most part to be living well, with the rain of Sunday evening, soon show marked improvement.

The Unionville planing mills are pushed with work, not alone locally, but from over a wide area. The high quality of work, for which the local firm is well-known is the reason.

One of the most refreshing sights in this village is the magnificent green sward surrounding the residence of Dr. Charles Harrington. It would make Parkmount's Chambers' grounds, and is a credit to the town.

WEST TORONTO. Big Western Ward Now Have Hydro-Electric Lights. WEST TORONTO, May 3.—(Special).—Excitement of a quiet, restrained brand met with an outlier last evening when West Toronto emerged from the "darkness" of badly-lighted streets into the sunlight of hydro-electric illumination. When the lights came on heads were put off doors, and many a "good night" was uttered by bodies then legs. "At last!" exclaimed hundreds of long-suffering citizens.

Promptly at eight o'clock the lights were turned on and the streets of West Toronto, which heretofore have presented a gloomy and dismal blackness, only accentuated by the glare of gas lamps, were turned into brilliant avenues, lit by long converging double rows of twinkling lights. The merchants of Dundas-street bewailed the absence of counter lights from their business thoroughfare, but the merchants are alone responsible for this absence. West Toronto citizens welcome the new lighting with nothing but the highest praise.

MARKHAM VILLAGE.

MARKHAM VILLAGE, May 3.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Markham branch of the Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Pringle during the week, was one of the best held here in a long time. These officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. A. Mason; first vice-president, Mrs. Wright; second vice-president, Mrs. Morrison; press committee, Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Donaldson; executive, Mesdames Pringle, Warren, Hassard, Speight, Wilson, McNeely, Robinson; auditors, Mesdames McNeely and Kirby; organist, Miss S. Reiver; assistant, Miss F. Morgan; Mesdames Mason, Adam, Morrison, Warren, Speight, Corson and Hare were appointed delegates to attend the annual district meeting at Thornhill, Wednesday, May 22.

WHITEVALE.

WHITEVALE, May 4.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Whitevale branch of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. James Taylor on Wednesday, May 8, at 2.30 sharp. A full attendance is requested.

The following officers have been elected for the current year: President, H. Barber; 1st vice, Miss Helen Trojer; 2nd vice, Miss McCollum; 3rd vice, Miss Ruth Annis; 4th vice, B. Annis; treasurer, Miss Elsie Moore; secretary, Miss Blanche Hamblin.

Officers elected for the Methodist Sunday School: Superintendent, W. Mitchell; assistant superintendent, B. Annis; teachers, Mrs. W. Monney, J. Kirtson, Mrs. Beaton, Mrs. Major, Miss Ann's and Mrs. Burton; assistant teachers, Will Beaton, Chas. Rice and Miss McCallum; secretary, Miss Nettie Hames; assistant, Miss Helen Trojer; treasurer, Mrs. W. Monney; librarian, Blake Annis.

YORK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the York Township Council will take place this afternoon for the transaction of general business. The contract of general carried out its share of the contract in connection with the Mount Pleasant road, the Rural Trust has not, and some light may this afternoon be shed on the latter conduct in this matter.

EX-REEVE DUNCAN BUYS FARM.

Ex-Reeve, Henry Duncan of York Township has purchased Dobson T. H. and shipped to the city. The owner of the land, Mr. Skelton, has secured the contract for sodding certain park lands in the city.

NORTH TORONTO.

Chairman Palmer Would Like to See Municipal Line.

NORTH TORONTO, May 3.—(Special).—Interest in the pending negotiations between the town council and the railway company continues to increase, and Tuesday night will see a stirring meeting in the council chamber if, as is contemplated, the agreement is brought down. The solicitor for the town has stated that he does not think the agreement will be far enough advanced to submit to Tuesday night's meeting. If the matter has to go over to an indefinite period there will be even greater dissatisfaction than before. So much doubt exists, notwithstanding the apparent knowledge of the terms by a sweeping paper, that the people want to learn from first-hand and reliable sources just what the terms really are.

In a matter so vitally important to the future of North Toronto as the extension of any further franchise to the Metropolitan Railway, the people most assuredly ought to have the full details before passing upon it," said Mr. Palmer, chairman of the school board, tonight, when the public company this private company any before I do the school board, considering the sound financial position of the town, inasmuch as a multiple-owned system of our own, which later, when the city and town are one, will be the best made to work together. This question of giving increased privileges to a private company is a dangerous business.

Mr. Palmer is a busy man, a prominent building contractor, and knows something whereof he speaks. Standing room was at a premium at the Board of Park officers' concert on Friday night in the schoolhouse, and it was a delighted audience throughout. Chairman Palmer of the school board presided, and among the artists were conductor G. Lawrence, in two fine tenor selections, "Miserere" and "The Flight of Agnes." He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Winifred Lawrence. Among others who contributed were Miss Grundy and Miss W. Boudreau, in selections from "Sylvia," and which evoked an encore. Miss Conlee, H. P. Bromley and E. Parks also assisted. The platform was beautifully decorated by the willing hands of the ladies of the district. A garden party will be the next feature.

George McDowell, a young man 25 years of age, and living with his parents on Broadway-avenue, has been missing for a day or so, and last night his body was discovered in a well on the premises. The young man was deaf and dumb, and mentally deficient, and little is known of how the accident occurred. The body was removed to R. M. Vreese's undertaking parlors, Yonge-street, from which place the funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. No inquest will be held.

Mr. Vetch and Mrs. Vetch, who reside alone in a house on Sherwood-avenue, were the victims of a murderous attack at a late hour Friday night, which might have been followed by fatal results. Mr. Vetch was called to the door by a loud knocking, and on opening it a vicious blow was aimed at him by a powerfully-built man, who carried in his hand a short piece of scimitar. The assailant miscalculated his distance, however, and the full force of the blow did not reach the intended victim, its force being broken by striking the door-post. Mr. Vetch, however, received an ugly wound over the forehead. The man then ran away in the darkness, but Mr. Vetch says he knows the guilty party.

RUN OVER BY WAGON.

BRAMPTON, May 4.—(Special).—Edward Groves, a driver for the Bell Telephone Co., was injured rather severely at Meadowvale this afternoon. Mr. Groves' team started and he made a jump to catch the team, but in some way slipped and the wagon, with a load of poles, ran over his hip. He was brought to Brampton and his injuries attended to by Dr. Higgins.

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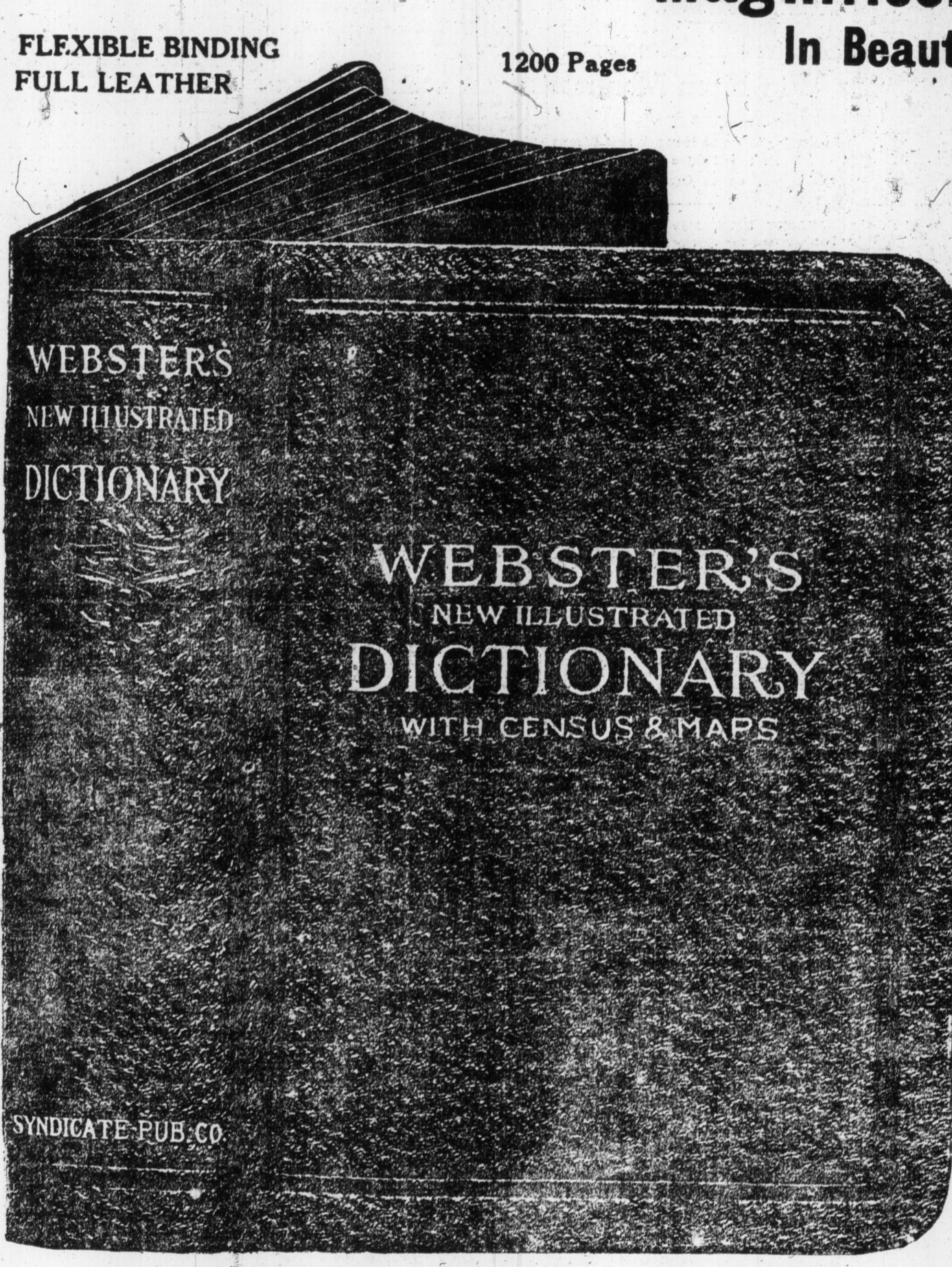
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