York County and Suburbs of Toronto

WANTS RUNNYMEDE TO INCORPORATE

Correspondent Claims That District Has Been Neglected.

RESIDENTS MUST ACT

Hopes People Will Stand Firm When Critical Moment Arrives.

Editor World: The people of Runnymede have evidently awoke to the fact that the promises which have been made to them for their much-needed improvements are no nearer being realized than they were when first made months ago. With the blind simplicity of a child they have staked all they hold dear on the integrity of the York Township Council. At a public meeting held a month ago Reeve Geo. Syme pledged himself that their garbage and lighting conditions would have his personal consideration. As yet absolutely nothing has been accomplished. Are the people of Runnymede so insignificant, so childishly simple that this York Township Council can ignore them? One would naturally think so, as for years they have been patiently waiting for the long-looked for improvements in their locality. By the unanimous voice of the people on Monday night they showed their indignation.

By going on record in favor of forming an incorporated village the people of Runnymede, represented by their ratepayers' association, have at last awoke to the fact that they have the courage and intelligence to fight their own battle of municipal government. May they be given the whole-hearted support of the masses. This has not been the first time they have considered incorporating the district as a village, but former efforts proved ineffective on account of petty strife and small jealousies among themselves. Let us trust that the people of this unfortunate stricken district will govern their party passions and strive to build up an incorporated village, with men to govern their municipal affairs who will make their first consideration the welfare of the people. I understand that next Tuesday evening they are having a mass meeting in the school house to put this great movement to a vote of the people. Committees will explain all matters of interest connected with the incorporated village scheme. Let us trust that when the critical moment arrives we will find the people of Runnymede standing firm. Their streets lack light, their garbage accumulates in back yards and positively no hope in view for any betterment of these conditions.

A. Beresforder.

RUNNYMEDE RATEPAYERS HOLD MASS MEETING

So great was the number of ratepayers that attended a meeting in the public library that an adjournment was made to the King George School.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing many needed improvements for the district and also incorporation. The members of the township council were severely criticized for not fulfilling their promises made to the ratepayers.

Hydro Lighting.

Secretary W. H. Cross was instructed to write to Hon. Adam Beck, minister of power, for information as to why the district should be deprived of light for nearly two years. He was invited to address the ratepayers at their meeting, which will be held on Tuesday next.

Should the ratepayers be unable to get the improvements they ask it was decided to incorporate, and Messrs. Closton, Woolner, Cross, Robson, McQueen and Hallett were appointed as a committee to present the necessary petition to the county council.

Delegates Appointed.

The township council appears before the private bills committee of the legislature today, and Messrs. Ward, Woolner, Robson, Dalton and Raybould were deputed to represent the district in support of the council.

PORT CREDIT

It was announced at the meeting of the village council that the agitation for a bridge across the Credit had been unsuccessful.

The county engineer reported that the bridge was as good as it ever has been for the last four or five years, and advised them to do nothing with it beyond certain repairs to the abutments.

Richard Blain, M.P. for Peel, sent a letter stating that the plans for the harbor were being prepared, and that the estimates would be submitted to the house some time this week.

As the result of an interview with Mr. James of the good roads commission, Reeve Elliott said that the Lake Shore road would probably be a provincial road, for the upkeep of which the province and the county would each pay a share, and part of the cost would be borne by those whose property fronts on it.

Councillor Gordon moved a resolution to prevent the building of houses costing less than $2000 on Toronto, Wesley and Joseph streets.

H. R. Diltz asked that it be extended to Lot street, and that all builders be compelled to leave a boulevard in front. After much discussion, Reeve Elliott drafted a bylaw which established a fire limit, within which no wooden buildings would be erected.

The bylaw did not meet with Councillor Gordon's approval, and it was laid over to be remodeled.

NEW BATHING STATION KEW GARDENS IMPROVED

The work on the new $5000 public bathing station at Kew Gardens, on the lake front, which has been in progress since last September, is about finished, and accommodation for bathers has been increased from 16 to 48; 24 for men and the same for women.

At present a number of men are at work laying a concrete pavement to the wateredge, and getting the ground ready at the side for two large flower beds, that will greatly add to the attractiveness of the place.

SCARBORO OLD BOYS

Scarboro Historical and Old Boy's Association will hold their 9th annual banquet at the Clyde Hotel on Friday evening next.

The committee in charge of the banquet report that this reunion promises to be the most successful of any yet held.

ORGANIZED TO CARRY BYLAW AT WOODBRIDGE

A large meeting of the ratepayers of Woodbridge was held last night in the public library, ex-Reeve David Norton presiding. The meeting was called to further the work of organization to carry the Hydro bylaw on April 11. The village was divided into districts and committees were appointed to interview the electors. From present indications it is thought that the bylaw will carry.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY REEVE OF YORK

Regarding Township's Application to Parliament for Legislation.

HOLDS LAND IN TRUST

Says City Should Provide for Overflow Into the Township.

George Syme, reeve of York Township, has issued the following statement with regard to the township's application to the legislature for an act making it compulsory for the city to supply suburban districts in the township with water:

"People in the suburbs are practically citizens of Toronto, inasmuch as they work in the city, spend their money in the city, and only sleep in the township.

"Lack of transportation makes it necessary to get as near the city limits as possible, and the demand for lots to build upon is very great, making it necessary for a man of limited means to buy just what is necessary for him to build upon—twenty feet in most instances. The average depth is a little over 100 feet, and when wells, lavatories and cesspools are put in this small space it can easily be realized what the conditions are bound to lead to. Conditions such as these are sure to lead to an epidemic of disease, which threatens the city as well as the township.

"Lack of water makes the protection of property impossible in case of fire. There are about ten miles of frontage bordering on the city, which is built up like towns, and the township has not one foot of water frontage, all being taken up by the city, to establish separate water and sewerage systems. Under these conditions, it would be a waste of public money, as hundreds of thousands of dollars were wasted in North Toronto and West Toronto by the establishing of separate systems, and when they were annexed had to be scrapped.

"The city has been successful in having the Suburban Lands Act passed, giving the city a right to have a say in the subdividing of all lands within five miles of the city limits. The city fathers say they do this in view of a greater Toronto. Then, why not, with this end in view, make some provision for the laying of water mains and the extension of sewers, so that when these lands are annexed no extra expense will be caused to the city, and at a time when the township will pay a fair share of the expense.

"The City of Toronto cannot grow without extending into York, Scarboro or Etobicoke Townships, and, as a municipal representative, I feel it my duty to hold the land in trust for the greater Toronto, free from as much unnecessary debt as possible, and as free from corporation franchises as possible.

"The city officials say we cannot take your sewerage, and we have not got any more water than will provide our own citizens. Surely this is not the case; if so, what is the use of them talking annexation? Toronto will have a million people in a very few years, and if provision has not been made for such, it is pretty nearly time that this matter was taken into consideration.

"The city has signified its willingness to supply the township residents with water within 500 feet of the city limits, but in all cases they deal with the individual, and not the municipality, making it impossible for the township to lay the pipes as a local improvement, and the present system makes it hard for the individual, as he is called upon to put up a bond for the full amount.

"In order to make it safe for the township to issue debentures for the laying of water mains on a local improvement plan, it will be necessary to have the same legislation in regard to water as we have for sewerage, and it is reasonable to expect we will get this at this sitting of the legislature."

WASHOUT ON DE GRASSI HILL NOW FILLED IN

The protests made at the meeting of the Don road farmers on Saturday night regarding the bad condition of De Grassi hill on the Don road has resulted in the contractors filling in the washout with brush and lumber, covered with dirt. It is now once more fit for use.

N. TORONTO DISAPPOINTED WITH COUNCIL'S ACTION

The residents of North Toronto are not very well pleased at the action of the city council in voting down the $10,000 which the fire chief and the board of control had recommended for the purpose of enlarging and properly equipping the fire hall in their district. With the greatly increased population and a prospective boom in building this year, they claim that the present arrangements are absolutely inadequate to cope with a serious fire, should such occur.

Outlook Serious.

The seemingly increasing number of fires in the city has made the inhabitants of the north end very conscious of their own position in event of a serious outbreak in their neighborhood, and that is one reason why they are inclined to look with disfavor on the council's action.

Speaking to The World last night, D. D. Reid said he regretted very much that the council did not see their way to support the recommendation of the board of control, but hoped that the city would proceed with the proposed extension to the fire hall.

TOWNSHIP CENTRAL BODY ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Central Body of York Township Associations has been drawn up and adopted by the members, the following being the principal rules governing the association.

The name of the association shall be the Central Body of York Township Ratepayers' Association, which shall consist of six delegates from each association desiring representation. Urgent business meetings may be called by the secretary or at the request of the secretary of any affiliated association giving four days' notice. Expenses of the association will be levied on each association affiliated, and members must not use personalities.

The objects of the association are to promote better living conditions for the residents of the township, and to assist in the formation of ratepayers' associations in districts not already represented. Meetings will be held in the Labor Temple on the second Tuesday of each month.

WHITEVALE.

Mrs. John Kirton, an old resident of Pickering Township, died at her home in Whitevale, Ont., on Monday last, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, two daughters (Mrs. S. J. Dickson, Toronto, and Mrs. G. Burkholder, Whitevale) and three sons (Isaac, Oklahoma; Richard, Englea, Sask., and William, Minneapolis). The funeral takes place tomorrow to Whitevale Cemetery.

ANOTHER LIBRARY BRANCH NEEDED

East Toronto Residents Complain That Service is Inadequate.

MAY REOPEN CHURCH

Old Methodist Building on King Street Now Used as a Factory.

Better evidence of the need for the branch library recently established at the corner of Hambly avenue and Queen street could not be had than the fact that last Saturday evening there were only six books of fiction left on the shelves for selection.

In conversation with The World last night a Kew Beach ratepayer said that the new library was quite inadequate to serve the district in the eastern half of Ward One. The districts of Riverdale, East Toronto, Norway, Kew Beach and Balmy Beach, which comprise Ward One, are served by the library at the corner of Broadview avenue and Gerrard street and the new branch.

Another Needed.

He also claimed that the library, while established none too early for the beaches, does not cover the requirements of the eastern portion of Riverdale. It is thought that more provision should be made for the large population adjacent to the Duke of Connaught School. At present the community, immediately north, east and west of the Duke of Connaught School, which now totals over twenty thousand, has no public library. It is suggested that a library building could be advantageously placed on the city's land facing Queen street, just south of Rhodes avenue.

The matter is to be taken up in the immediate future by the various ratepayers' associations in that section of the city.

Much Money Spent.

Interviewed by The World last night regarding the prospect of a new library being built to serve the midway and East Toronto districts, Dr. George H. Locke, the chief librarian, stated that the question was receiving the careful consideration of the library board, and everything possible was going to be done for the districts in question. He intimated that owing to the large amount which had been spent by the board recently in building new libraries, it was not likely that a new building would be erected in the immediate future, but it was possible that a store might be rented in which to carry on the work.

York Chapter, I.O.D.E., have sent out invitations for a dance, which is to be held in the Balmy Beach Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 14. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Cyril Rudge or from any of the officers or councillors of the chapter.

May Reopen Church.

An active effort is being made to re-establish the East King Street Methodist Church, which has been closed for several years past. Some years ago it was deemed necessary to close the church, owing to a large majority of the congregation leaving the district and moving into North Riverdale, when the church was sold and is now being used as a factory. During the past two years, however, the district has so built up that a new church has been rendered necessary. The Methodists in the neighborhood have secured the use of the Duke of Connaught Public School, and since last December have been holding services there.

A campaign is to be launched in the near future to obtain funds for the erection of a new church and to provide for the engagement of a permanent pastor.

The nearest churches of this denomination on King street are the Kew Beach Methodist Church and the Woodgreen Methodist Church, which means that the southern section of the Midway is entirely unprovided for.

About $25 worth of cigars was stolen from A. R. Bonham's drug store, at 1612 East Queen street, yesterday morning, when burglars broke in hte side window of the store.

Death of Mrs. Parkinson.

The funeral took place yesterday to Norway Cemetery of Mrs. E. Parkinson, who died on Saturday last at the home of her daughter, at Sutton West, Ont. Mrs. Parkinson, who was the wife of Mr. Parkinson, for some time road foreman for the old town of East Toronto, was 74 years of age, and up to last fall had been living with her son at 112 Main street. While visiting her daughter in Sutton, she was stricken with heart failure, and passed away last Saturday.

The late Mrs. Parkinson was born in Scarboro Township, and up to her husband's death, a few years ago, had remained in the vicinity of her birthplace. She was at one time an active member of Hope Methodist Church, and is survived by a son (Lafayette) and a daughter (Mrs. Stevens of Sutton West).

WARD SEVEN NEWS—ROYCE AVE. CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The congregation of the Royce Avenue Presbyterian Church held their anniversary supper and concert in the church basement last night, and the large attendance made the affair, the first of its kind held by the church, a decided success. After the supper a good program was rendered by several well known local artists, including Miss Muldoon, Miss Drummer, Miss Tipping, Miss Hooker, Dr. MacNamara and Messrs. Patterson and Burnie. G. M. Dunn occupied the chair.

The C.P.R. carmen employed in the West Toronto yards, with their wives and friends, held a euchre party and social in St. James' Hall last night. A short musical program was given during the evening.

MacCormack L.O.L. No. 2142 held a special business meeting in the Sheppard Block, at which several candidates were initiated.

Firemen Called.

The Keele street firemen were called out about 3 o'clock yesterday morning to a fire in the county, north of St. Clair avenue. Fortunately it was well under control shortly after the alarm was rung in, and the heavy wagons did not have to travel the roads, which are in an almost impassable condition outside the city limits.

The choir of St. John's Church are making preparations for their annual cantata, which they are giving on Wednesday evening next in the church. The cantata, an Easter sacred oratorio entitled "Darkness and Dawn," has taken several months to prepare.

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

SASKATOON, Sask., March 29.—During the last four months of 1913, Saskatchewan shipped out 71,433,775 bushels of wheat, as against 48,929,709 during the same period of 1912, an increase of almost fifty per cent. in favor of 1913. According to the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, the European, North American and Indian wheat crops show an increase for 1913 of 4.1 per cent. There was, however, a considerable shortage in the world's production of other cereals.

ORIOLE ROAD STOP NOW ELIMINATED

One Stop Less on St. Clair Line — Caused Confusion at Rush Hours.

NEWS OF EARLSCOURT

Young Toy Riders Forced to Leave Buggy Stalled in Mud.

Oriole road car stop on the St. Clair avenue civic car line was abandoned yesterday by the civic car authorities, the reason being that the stop, which is only a short block east from the Avenue road stop, is unnecessary. At rush hours it was found that the crowds from the Toronto Street Railway cars would walk from Avenue road to this stop in order to secure a seat, and the cars would get almost filled. On arriving at Avenue road another large crowd would be waiting and another long wait would occur while the people forced their way into the already crowded car. The present arrangement at rush hours will only necessitate the one stop and with the people entering at each end, and the help of extra ticket collectors a few minutes are saved. A large number of people were unaware of the cancellation of the stop yesterday and no little confusion resulted.

Six Families Leaving.

Six families in the Earlscourt district are selling their residences and making preparations to take up land in Northern Ontario. The party will leave Toronto about the end of next month for their new sphere of activity.

Glowing accounts of this new north land have been sent to residents in the district from former residents of Earlscourt, who advise others to take up quarter sections, while there is yet land to sell, they themselves having prospered in the farming industry.

A ladies' night will be given by the members of the St. Clair Lodge, Dominion Elks, in their new club rooms, corner of Boon and St. Clair avenue, on Monday, April 6.

Brotherhood Concert.

The first social entertainment and concert under the auspices of the Men's Own Brotherhood of Oakwood Methodist Church was held last evening in Oakwood Hall, Rev. Archer Wallace, M.A., presiding. Refreshments were served, and a musical program rendered by members.

Last evening in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Ascot avenue, the young men of the parish debated at considerable length, the live topic of home rule. A paper was read by Walter F. Miller, and a debate followed. Rev. C. A. Mustard occupied the chair.

Nine Foot Plunge.

An exciting incident occurred yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock on Bridgeman street, in the Bathurst Hill district. There is a deep cutting in this street, made for the laying of the large water mains, and a teamster in charge of a dump cart drawn by a pair of horses in trying to turn round in a space of not more than twelve feet, sent the team of horses and cart down into the cutting, which was about nine feet in depth. The man escaped by leaping off in time.

The horses were not extricated for over two hours, and a large and interested crowd watched a gang of men bringing the horses to the surface.

Ruinous Joy Ride.

Curiosity was rife yesterday at the appearance of a handsome buggy with its shafts broken, deeply embedded in the mud and the harness lying in a heap beside it, opposite Allan Bell's real estate office on Bathurst street north, the owners being unknown. Mr. Bell informed The World he was in his office quite late on Monday night, but at the time of his leaving for home the buggy was not there. It is surmised that the accident must have happened in the early hours of the morning. An enquiry from the police elicited the fact that the buggy is the property of Mr. Williams, Dundas street. The horse and buggy were stolen by some boys who wanted a joy ride, but the mud put a sudden end to their frolic, which has been expensive for Mr. Williams. The horse was taken back to the stable.

Gilbert avenue is in a shocking condition at the present time, and practically impassable for vehicular traffic. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock a two-horse delivery van of the T. Eaton Co. was so badly mired that it had to be abandoned by the driver, P. Bryson. At six o'clock last night the van was still stuck in the mud.

Chosen Friends Met.

A meeting of the Earlscourt branch of the Chosen Friends was held last evening in Little's Hall, Chief Councillor Bunch presiding. There was a good attendance. The branch has now a roll call of eighty-five.

George Hadlow is erecting three modern, up-to-date dwellings on Dufferin street, opposite the Miller property. Maybee and Pidgeon are building sixteen dwelling houses on Dufferin street north.

Mysterious Fire.

Another mysterious fire occurred in Earlscourt yesterday morning when a small cottage at 45 Seneca street was burned to the ground. The house is owned by A. Ballard, a grocer, on Dufferin street, and was unoccupied at the time of the conflagration. The damage, amounting to $400, was covered by insurance. The Earlscourt fire brigade could not reach the blaze owing to the bad state of the roads, and had to return to the station without being able to do anything to save the building. This is the second unoccupied house that has been burned within the last two weeks, and so far no clue has been got as to how the fires originated.

UAREZ WAS EXCITED BY BASELESS REPORT

Consul at Chihuahua Said to Have Wired That Torreon Had Fallen.

JUAREZ, Mex., March 31.—This city and El Paso were thrown into a furore of excitement this afternoon by a report that Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua, had forwarded a telegram to Secretary Bryan that Torreon fell at 1.30 o'clock. An official here telephoned a leading business house that the report was official.

In a few minutes the streets leading to the telegraph office were jammed with persons seeking verification. Among them were most of the rebel officials, who presently announced that the fall had not been officially reported.

NO NEWS—BAD NEWS.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Secretary Bryan said tonight he had received no message from Consul Letcher announcing the fall of Torreon and that no important news from Mexico had come to the state department during the day.

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DISCUSSED POWERS OF RAILWAY BOARD

Senator Lougheed Pointed Out Legislation Will Greatly Widen Jurisdiction.

BILL WAS ADVANCED

Joint Committee of Senate and Commons to Deal With It.

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, March 31.—After a second reading being granted to the bill consolidating the Railway Act in the senate today, Hon. Mr. Lougheed moved that it be referred to a joint committee of the senate and house of commons. This precipitated a discussion when Senator Bostock, the opposing leader, opposed the move.

In moving a second reading Hon. Mr. Lougheed pointed out that the rates charged by telephone, telegraph, power and electricity companies, as well as express rates, were placed under the jurisdiction of the railway commission, as well as jurisdiction over charges of transportation of goods in Canada by water. Heretofore the commission has had jurisdiction only over the carriage of goods on water by railway companies. There were changes in the expropriation provisions, and it was made more clear that the board could submit questions of jurisdiction to the supreme court for decision.

The railway board was given the power of regulating the stock and bond issues of railway companies, which will hereafter be required to obtain permission of the board to issue stock and debentures, and was also given power to impose upon the company the use to which money realized should be put and could see that it was properly applied.

Would Avoid Delay.

The bill was given second reading, and Hon. Mr. Lougheed moved that it be referred to a joint committee of the two houses of parliament. He said he did this in order to expedite legislation and to avoid the unnecessary repetition of the evidence and arguments on behalf of railways, organizations of railway employes, boards of trade, and other bodies who are interested in the bill and would desire to make representations concerning its provisions. There was precedent for this, as the bill revising the statutes and the bill revising the criminal code had been dealt with by a joint committee of the senate and commons.

In answer to a question, Mr. Lougheed said it would be impossible to say how many members the commons would appoint upon the joint committee, as the senate had no control over them.

Senator Bostock said as the joint committee might have a membership from the commons much more numerous than the membership from the senate, and as it would have under this motion power to make amendments to the bill, he thought that the course suggested might interfere with progress. He moved an amendment referring the bill to a special committee of the senate.

The debate was not finished.

HAMILTON CHIEF AS FIRE MARSHAL

A. B. Ten Eyck May Become Chief Official for the Province.

REPORT NOT OFFICIAL

But Legislature is Expected to Make Appointment Within Few Days.

Special to The Toronto World.

HAMILTON, March 31.—Word has been received from Toronto to the effect that Fire Chief A. B. TenEyck, who has been head of the Hamilton fire department for the past nine years, will be appointed chief fire marshal for the Province of Ontario at the present session of the legislature. This position is one of great importance and carries with it a good salary.

Confirmation of the announcement was easy to obtain among local members of the legislature and from city hall officials, and it is said that the appointment will be made within the next few days.

It is altogether likely that Assistant Fire Chief Walter T. James will be made chief, and Second Assistant Chief Robert Aitchison first assistant chief, when Chief TenEyck leaves the department.

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NEW RAILWAY POINTS.

SASKATOON, Sask., March 29.—Some indication of the wonderful development of the west may be gathered from the fact that upwards of 200 new points will be opened up by the three transcontinental railways during the present year. This simply means that new railways will for the first time touch districts already fairly well settled and for which convenient marketing and commercial points must be established.