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Suburban Road Commission Plan To Spend \$24,500 on Three Roads Running to the City This Year

These Will Be Martindale, Niagara Street and the Pelham Road, and it is Proposed to Issue Debentures of \$30,000 For the Merrittville Road Improvements

The Suburban Road Commissioners of St. Catharines, W. B. Burgoyne, Chairman, H. Moyer and A. H. Trapnell, met upon Lincoln County Council yesterday afternoon and laid before the councillors plans of what work they intend to do this present year. A mill on the city's assessment of fifteen million dollars is at the disposal of the Suburban Commission to spend on roads in the county leading into the city.

Last year the Commission built a concrete road from St. Catharines city line on Ontario street, to Port Colborne.

W. B. Burgoyne, the chairman, who made the report, stated that this year he proposed to spend \$24,500 on three roads, the Pelham road, three miles to the county line, for \$11,250; Niagara street, from the city to the shore two and a half miles \$4,750; and Martindale Road from the city to Lake shore \$4,500, with \$2,000 contingencies.

The plan is to build macadam roads which can afterwards form the foundation for some other material as these roads now have a stone foundation.

It is proposed, Mr. Burgoyne stated, to spend \$30,000 on the Merrittville road to the south of the city. This would be outside the Commission's spending allowance, and if such work is undertaken debentures will have to be issued.

Reve Revett of Niagara Township inquired why the road leading into the city from Niagara on the Lake shore was not included in the suburban road system and was told that it had not as yet been considered.

Commissioner Moyer pointed out that the present conference included St. Catharines City Council and he asked Aldermen E. C. Graves, A. J. Veale and H. E. Rose who were present, to state their views.

Ald. Graves said the \$24,500 expenditure was unavoidable but he did not see how in view of the tight money situation it would be possible to issue debentures for the proposed Merrittville road improvement. He said every city in Canada is in a similar position. He feared that outside the half mill the city was obligated to pay on suburban roads St. Catharines could do nothing this year.

Ald. Rose seconded this sentiment very strongly, and the county council after accepting the \$24,500 part of the report named a committee composed of Warden Garlett and Reeve Kemp, Westland and Lane to confer with the City Council finance committee on the Merrittville road proposition.

A deputation headed by J. D. Chaplin, M.P., asked the County Council to finish up the Lake Shore road commenced last year.

Warden Garlett explained that this road had not been included in last year's program for permanent road system work and had been started by mistake. It would however be completed as soon as possible, Westland Woodruff, A. C. Gregory and A. Craise also spoke on the question being part of the delegation.

60 NEW CASES OF FLU REPORTED YESTERDAY

Apparently the peak of the Spanish flu epidemic has not yet been reached in St. Catharines. Already several hundred cases have been reported and today the reports of new cases were coming in thick and fast.

Yesterday sixty cases were reported, which is the highest number so far this year, and

Health Inspector Bonham told The Journal that he feared today's record would beat that of yesterday easily.

When it is considered that a good many people are suffering from the flu and are not being attended by a doctor, it gives some idea of how many cases of the disease there are in the city.

First Link in Highway System Of Province

Includes Hamilton - Guelph Owen Sound Road—This is Assurance of Hon. F. C. Biggs.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—The Hamilton-Guelph-Owen Sound road will be one of the first highways taken over by the province as part of the provincial highways system, according to an assurance given by Hon. F. C. Biggs, to a large deputation of representatives of the municipalities interested. The road in question is roughly 110 miles in length and is now classed as a provincial county road, to which the municipalities contribute 40 per cent, and the province 60. If it is taken over under the new scheme made possible by the federal grant, the municipalities along the line will pay only 20 per cent of the cost.

Government's Policy. Despite statements made with more or less authority that the Ontario government will embark upon an ambitious program of good roads construction, there is reason to believe that Hon. Dr. Drury and his ministers are beginning to question the advisability of such a plan. Today the premier, addressing a big good roads deputation from Perry Sound, flatly declared that the government was putting into effect a policy of avoiding capital expenditure wherever possible and therefore could promise nothing for a few years.

"The policy of the government which will be followed in all departments will be to build up a surplus so that in the time to come, when prices come down, when it will be necessary to provide labor, we will be in a position to go ahead and get full value for our money. A dollar spent today gives us but 40 cents of value compared with what it will give us in three or four years. We must conserve our resources until then."

MANY FRIENDS WERE AT FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. OLIVE MAY WARREN

A very large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Olive May Warren yesterday afternoon, which was held from the family residence Niagara Township to Victoria Lawn Cemetery Rev. J. M. Dickson officiated at the house and graveside. The following friends of the family acted as bearers: George Secord, Earl Secord, John Cryslar, Roy Brown, D. Goring and M. A. Henderson. The numerous floral tributes from sympathizing friends were very beautiful.

Arch. Smith of Lindsay died of "flu," his wife having passed away last Thursday.

Virgin Islands Affairs Pitiful

Senator Says Bolshevism, Poverty, Immortality and Disease Reign in Colony Recently Bought by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The United States has a man's sized mandate to carry out in its own recently acquired Virgin Islands in the West Indies, before it undertakes the tutelage of the inhabitants of Constantinople, or Timbucto, according to Senator Kenyon, Iowa.

Senator Kenyon was the head of a joint congressional committee which has just returned from a visit to the Virgin Islands, where they went to investigate conditions. They found disease, poverty, immortality and Bolshevism rampant among the islanders, ninety-seven per cent of whom are negroes, he said.

Economically, the United States bought a "sucking orange" for \$25,000,000 when it purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark, but they have an incalculable strategic value in commanding sea routes and the east approach to the Panama canal, according to Senator Kenyon. It is costing the United States about two hundred thousand dollars a year to give them a government.

TO THE GRAVE.

A large number of sympathizing friends attended the funeral of Dorothy Elizabeth, wife of Lieut. H. G. Fairfield, who passed away at Winnipeg on Feb. 20th last, which took place from the residence of G. H. Fairfield, 110 Church street on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. A. W. Howitt, rector of St. Thomas' Church, conducted the service and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Martin, pastor of St. Paul Street Methodist Church, the former clergyman speaking from St. Paul's words: "I beseech you that you sorrow not as men without hope." Those who acted as bearers and conveyed the remains amid many and beautiful flowers to the plot in Victoria Lawn cemetery, were: Ingram Price, Donald Adie, Roland Madill, Milton Mills, Leighton Erskin and Heber Mulock.

Some Interesting Facts Gathered By the C. of C.

The survey taken of the Colliery has revealed some interesting and worth while facts. The whole shows constructive community thinking and there are some things suggested that might well have a place on the program of work of the new body.

Engineering as a profession seems to largely attract the boys and doubtless this accounts for the demand in some quarters for a Technical School where preparation for this life work might be made.

Teaching and stenography are prime favorites with the girls and nursing follows as a choice. The present situation in this respect may have some thing to do with this desire to be of service.

Regarding the question of whether or not the pupils will leave the city or stay on in after years the verdict seems to be in favor of staying. The spirit of a city largely determines this and it is highly creditable to St. Catharines that only a small percentage should express themselves as likely to leave.

In some cities in Ontario the percentage of pupils openly meaning to leave the town at the earliest opportunity was as high as 65 per cent, and their reasons bluntly stated "No opportunities—dead town," and it is noteworthy that in these cities inside one year the Chamber of Commerce has been able to develop a new spirit that has found its best expression in recreational facilities and educational expansion.

The attached chart will show in figures the results obtained from the questionnaires by the specialist and are of great interest to parents generally.

School Questionnaire.

Question 1—What business, profession, or trade do you hope to pursue as a life work.

BOYS.

Undecided 22.
Engineering 26.
Medicine 11.
Law 10.
Druggist 5.
Manufacturing, Banking, Farming and Machinist 2 each.
Miss. 8.

GIRLS.

Undecided 15.
Teaching 18.
Stenograph and clerical 18.
Nursing 14.
Medicine 4.
Music, Law and Druggist 2 each.
Miss. 2.

Question 2—Do you expect to remain in St. Catharines after leaving High School? If not, why not.

Boys Girls
Will stay in St. Catharines 41 41
Will leave 43 22
Undecided 24 18

Questions 3 and 4—What do you think the Chamber of Commerce should undertake first for the improvement of St. Catharines?

GIRLS
New Collegiate 73.
Technical School 12.
Better R. R. Facilities 8.
Scattering suggestions as follows:
New City Buildings, Improve streets and country roads, clean ice from sidewalks, Public Assembly Hall, Music in schools, Industrial development, Reduce H. C. of L., More parks and playgrounds.

BOYS.
New Collegiate 100.
Technical School 33.
Improve streets and roads 19.
Better R. R. facilities 9.
New Y. M. C. A. 8.
Covered Rink 11.
Other suggestions: New Public Buildings, Promote Manufacturing, Covered public market, Encourage home building, New garbage system public swimming pool, Concerts, Recitals, etc., establish a university.

Theft of Three Cases of Booze At Grimsby Results in the Arrest of a Grimsby Man

"Dug" Brown of Grimsby and a man by the name of Daniels, were taken into custody in connection with the robbery two weeks ago of three cases of whiskey from the Canadian Express office. Brown was arrested at his home on Robinson street north shortly after twelve o'clock by Chief of Police Konkle and Detective Smith of Toronto, while Daniels was apprehended at the farm of Walter Grant in South Grimsby late in the evening.

Brown is charged with burglary, or shop-breaking and Daniels is charged with receiving stolen property.

About four o'clock the officers left for South Grimsby and visited the farm of Walter Grant. What they found there when they searched, or if they found anything is not known. Daniels, who is Grant's hired man, was taken into custody for receiving stolen property and taken to Grimsby and locked up.

Rumors and unfounded stories of all kinds were running rampant on Tuesday, but no confirmation of any of them could be obtained. At one time the number of people implicated in the affair, according to the stories, would have totalled up into the hundreds.

LANTERN ADDRESS.

A successful gathering of the Engineers of the Niagara Peninsula is assured for the dinner and lecture at the Welland House on Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock. About one hundred of the Engineers and others interested in the lantern address of Mr. John Murphy on "A Trip to Panama Canal During Construction and San Francisco's Celebration of the Opening of the Panama," will attend. The lantern views are hand-colored works of art showing illuminations and other features that are well worth seeing. Members of the Canadian Club and other citizens are cordially invited to be present at the dinner. Tickets for the dinner may be procured at the Welland House.

DEATH OF MRS. SERVOS.

There passed away in the Township of Grantham on Wednesday morning, February 25th, Euphemia Magdelene, beloved wife of Peter Servos, in the 72nd year of her age. Deceased was taken ill about two weeks ago with pneumonia, and when she was considered out of danger, heart trouble developed and she passed peacefully away. The late Mrs. Servos, who was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, the former an enthusiastic member of the United Empire Loyalists, was born in the vicinity where she passed away. She was for many years a member of Christ Church at McNab, and for many years previous to her marriage she filled the position as organist. Beside her sorrowing husband, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. (Rev.) Alexander Dawson, Toronto, and Mrs. Samuel James, of Grantham township. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at Christ Church, McNab, where the service will be conducted, after which the remains will be placed in the church cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—The important disturbance which was south of the Bay of Fundy yesterday morning has now reached New Foundland. It has caused another very heavy gale in the Maritime Provinces attended by snow and rain.

Elsewhere in Canada except in Eastern Quebec where snow has fallen, the weather has been fair and for the most part quite cold.

FORECASTS—Fresh north westerly winds, fair and continued cold today and on Friday.

GERMAN EXCHANGE BODY SAYS COUNTRY CANNOT MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The German exchange commission, in its report on economic conditions, says that "Germany no longer possesses the means to pay other countries" according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Berlin.

The commission advocates an appeal to the Allied reparations committee.

Berlin newspapers put the headline "on the verge of precipice" upon their editorial comment, the despatch says.

Measures to Be Introduced at Queen's Park

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—Among the Government measures to be put forward by the Drury government this session will be the Superannuation act, classification of the civil service, amendments to the Workmen's Compensation act, mothers' pension amendments to the Succession Duties act, and legislation for a provincial income tax. There will be amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act.

A number of old civil servants, will be superannuated. It is reported that the succession duties on estates over one hundred thousand dollars will be doubled, and these smaller estates increased. Under the income tax the government hopes to secure for the province a share in the big incomes.

Hair Flies As Women Have Row!

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—"You vamp! I'll teach you to walk out with my husband!"

In another minute ringside seats were at a premium as the noon-day loop crowds gathered to watch Mrs. Leo Lefly "teach" Mrs. Eleanor Sharpe, a dressmaker, the reasons for not going to lunch with other people's husbands. Lefly, a department store shoe buyer, stood meekly by, abashed.

The words, fists and fingernails flew fast and furious. Both ladies lost their hats and then hair began to fly. Anglo-Saxon methods of combat were forgotten and the methods of the old Latin school came into play. Between blows, jabs and scratches a verbal battle something like this was indulged in:

"You did!"

"I didn't!"

"You're a —"

"You're another."

A mounted policeman galloped up and forced his way to the ring.

"Ladies," he pleaded, "remember there are gentlemen present."

Force followed pleading, and the trio was carted to a dock-up in a taxicab, where they were all booked and in a few days will finish the battle before a judge.

GOVERNMENT OFFERS GOODS FOR SALE

The War Purchasing Commission at Ottawa is announcing in today's Journal, through a display advertisement, the sale of military and other stores, such as equipment and supplies for hospitals, institutions, bunk houses, camp, dining rooms, kitchen etc., and consisting of bedsteads, furniture, hardware, rubbers, overalls, blankets, pillows, etc. Attention is drawn by this paper to the offer which is made and which should be of interest to those who wish to secure any such supplies.

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