

PAVING MAIN STREET

To the Editor of the Guide-Advocate  
Re Main Street Pavement.

On August 10th I wrote to the Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways, wanting to know why Watford was not receiving a grant of 60% instead of 40% from the Government to apply on the cost of the proposed pavement of Main St. After I wrote my letter, which was written before last week's Guide-Advocate was published, I noticed an item in your said paper which stated that although we were only getting 40%, the building of the 20ft. pavement mentioned would not raise our taxes one cent on account of the balance of the 60% being paid through the County for taxes that we would pay in any event under the Good Roads System. I think this statement is correct but we would not have the extra 20% to use on other streets. Mr. Muir, Chief Engineer of County Roads, who spoke here at a public meeting last spring, about the matter stated that we could receive 60% of the cost of the pavement from the Government by an agreement made with the County Council under an amendment to the Highway Improvement Act in the Ontario Statutes 1920. Under section 5, of Chapter 18 of the Ontario Statutes of the year 1919 it is distinctly mentioned that when no roads or streets exist within the limits of a Town that are connecting links with County Roads grants may be expended upon other streets or roads or portions thereof as the Minister may approve of. This bears out what Mr. Muir stated but unfortunately at the present time the matter has not been arranged with the County so that we could get the 60% and we are only getting 40% from the Government. The Hon. F. C. Biggs has written me a letter in reply to my letter to him which letter is as follows:—

Toronto, Aug. 12th, 1921

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Aug. 10th, re assistance to connecting link between portions of County Roads throughout the Town of Watford, duly received.

I am enclosing you a copy of letter to Mr. W. G. Connolly, of Watford, which I think explains the entire situation. You will note in that letter that I have stated if the grant is made, as set forth in your letter, under the Statutes 1920, whereby an agreement may be entered into between the County and Town receiving assistance, 60% should be paid. Now from the information I have gathered from the deputations that have waited on me, and also correspondence, that there would be some difficulty in getting the County to enter into this agreement. The letter also states that if you are dealing directly with the Department it would be impossible for us to grant you more than 40%, which is the amount granted on Provincial Highways by the Department.

I should very much prefer that the matter be carried out by agreement with the County, in strict accordance with the Statutes and then the assistance should be given on the 60% basis, when the yearly return of the County was submitted to the Department for approval.

Hoping that I have made this point clear to you, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,  
(Sgd.) F. C. BIGGS,  
Minister of Public Works and Highways.  
W. E. Fitzgerald, Esq.,  
Barrister, Solicitor, Etc.  
Watford, Ont.

Toronto, July 7th, 1921

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst., re assistance towards your street, duly received. The Department is most desirous to assist you with the construction work of your street, but the system of giving this assistance according to the Statutes should come from the county. If the county will make a grant to your town to cover this expenditure, that is to say the Government's portion, whereby we may pay a subsidy on it, we will be glad to deal with you through the county on a 60% basis. However, now that you have entered into the work and are desirous of carrying it on, I do not see how we can possibly give you more than 40% assistance, if paid directly by the Department as this is the amount we pay on connecting links on Provincial roads, and could not pay more than this amount by this course. I think the day you were in my office we went carefully over the statements, which to my mind are very distinct in the matter, and should be greatly pleased if the statements should be followed, otherwise, the alternative will have to be used, as stated above.

Yours truly,  
(Sgd.) F. C. BIGGS,  
Minister of Public Works and Highways  
W. G. Connolly, Esq.,  
Watford, Ont.

I think if this matter is yet properly brought before our County Council that we may still get the other 20%

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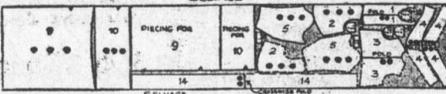
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and be able to use that much more  
on our other streets that we would  
get from the County in any event  
instead of having to use it on Main  
street, therefore it is absolutely  
necessary that we should not delay  
this matter and I think our County  
Council, when it will not cost the  
County anything, will be willing yet  
to allow us to get from the Govern-  
ment through them the benefit of  
the additional 20% in all 60% if  
the matter is understood by them. I  
would, therefore, advise every rate-  
payer entitled to vote in this matter  
to come out and vote for the by-law  
that is now being submitted and  
then let us try and get the other  
20% that we should get in addition  
to the 40% referred to. Main street  
should certainly be paved as sug-  
gested, from both a business stand-  
point and for the benefit of the  
town generally and we cannot afford  
to not accept what is now offered  
us even if it is not all that we should  
get so that we could use it on the  
other streets and especially when it  
appears it will eventually not cost  
the ratepayers one cent more in  
taxes as stated for the 20 ft. pave-  
ment referred to. I was speaking to  
an outside County Councillor today  
and he told me that our County  
Council were willing that we should  
get the 60% from the Government.  
So let us get after the additiona-  
20% after we pass the bylaw and  
have that much to spend on our  
other streets as stated.

Yours etc.,  
W. E. FITZGERALD,  
Dated Aug. 16th, 1921.

Orillia Chautauqua guarantors  
were called upon to make up a de-  
ficit of \$1098.00. There were 40 of  
them.

Two swallows don't make a sum-  
mer, but one "swallow" would bring  
joy to some thirsty ones in the good  
old summer time.

H. A. Gilroy of Alvinston thresh-  
ed over 1,600 bushels of wheat from  
55 acres sown—a return of nearly 30  
bushels per acre.

Crows, blackbirds and robins have  
started to come together in small  
flocks. They keep this up for about  
two weeks and at the end of that  
time the flocks become extra large  
when they take their flight to their  
southern home for the winter. They  
have started about a month earlier  
this year and weather prophets all  
say this is a sure sign of an extra  
early and cold winter which will set  
in before December and last until  
May.

A product of Huron county in the  
shape of a huge steer, Sir Douglas  
Haig by name, has been on exhibi-  
tion during the past three days at  
Stevenson's rink, Wingham. This  
mammoth animal, which is claimed  
to be the largest steer in the world,  
was raised by Charles Stewart, in  
Ashfield township, Huron county. It  
is a grade Durham, almost thorough-  
bred weighs 3,570 pounds has a girth  
of 10 feet, 9 1/2 inches and brought  
the record price of \$5,000. The pur-  
chasers were Messrs. Martin and  
Bland.

Chas. Moore, of the 2nd con. Gos-  
field tp., who by the way, is acquir-  
ing a fine lot of Holstein cattle,  
some time ago ran across a pure bred  
calf at an auction sale, which he be-  
lieved from appearances would devel-  
op into an extra fine animal. That he  
was correct in sizing up the animal  
is proven by the fact that at 20  
months old it is producing 40 pounds  
of milk per day which by government  
test shows 3.8 butter fat. She prom-  
ises to be a wonderful milk producer  
when she comes to her best. So far  
as known there is nothing in Essex  
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