

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS OF TORONTO

WANT IDEAL PLAN OF NORTH TORONTO

North and South Streets Are Needed—Yonge Street Now the Only One.

RATEPAYER'S SCHEME

Would Provide for Future by Laying Out All Streets Now.

"That the street plan of North Toronto district is at all times a factor in future transportation requirements and as the district is now only sparsely settled, we consider it would be advisable to have made a plan ideal, in order that our association and citizens generally could use same as a guide in putting forth efforts in the opening up of useful highways."

"Therefore, be it resolved that our sub-committee on transportation communicate with the proper city council committee for the purpose of furthering the method of procedure."

This resolution, passed by the executive of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association, was the final result of many hours of earnest discussion regarding the necessity for some definite scheme of roads for the north end of the city.

Problem Not New. For many years previous to the annexation of the district the residents in the old municipality of North Toronto fully realized the great need for north and south streets other than Yonge street, which was the only one in existence, and they carried on a continual agitation, resulting in an appeal to the city council for the right to run a road thru Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The legislature admitted the necessity for the road, and while it has not yet been carried thru the city council it is now being carried thru the city council by a letter sent by the executive to the aldermen representing wards two and three, and the city council has agreed to carry out the plan without any regard to the general welfare.

The executive's idea is to standard the "plan" would set a standard for all new subdivisions in North Toronto, and the residents and property owners regarding the necessity for more north and south streets, and to standard the lines on which they should be developed.

Peeps Into Scotland. Under the auspices of the Young People's Society, the Rev. Logan Giegan, minister of the Presbyterian church, will be in charge of a series of lectures on the Montgomery Avenue Park this evening.

TO REBUILD BRIDGE ON DAVES ROAD. The York County Commissioners decided yesterday to replace the bridge on Daves road, over Masses Creek, with a new concrete arch bridge. The road will be raised to the level of the bridge, and the work will be started as soon as weather permits.

STOUFFVILLE. On Friday night the Stouffville Board of Trade will banquet the local curriers, and make a name for themselves and for Stouffville by bringing home the Doves House Trophy, also opposed by some of the best teams in the province.

Real Estate. There has been considerable real estate activity in town lately. Dr. Jerov, V.S., has purchased the property on the corner of Albert street, and R. B. Duncan has bought the Bingham property, on Main street. The Queen's Hotel has been acquired by some Toronto capitalists, who intend to make some big improvements and build a moving picture.

New Engineer. Richard Ward of Milton has been engaged to run the electric light plant, lately purchased by the municipality.

RIVERDALE. A deputation from the Business Men's Association and the Ratepayers' Association of Riverdale district will wait upon the board of works tomorrow to recommend the erection of the \$30,000 pond at the corner of the Don and the river.

HUMBER BAY. The G.T.R. has decided to commence work in a few days on retaining walls at the approach to the Humber River bridge. This will enable the railway to widen the track to five feet on each side of the rails, instead of having the slope begin at the level of the ties, as at present. Besides strengthening the track, the danger of cars rolling down the bank will be lessened when the width of the track is increased.

MIMICO. St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church is to be enlarged to accommodate over 300 people. When completed it will be 95 feet long by 34 feet wide and the extension will cost over \$3000. The Catholic population has increased from 90 to 400 in the last five years, and at present the building can only accommodate 125 people, so that an enlargement is very necessary. The work has already started, and the contract calls for completion by June 1 of this year. An electrical pipe run will also be installed.

AGINCOURT. There will be a match between the Canada Life and W. R. Brock hockey teams on the Heather rink on Saturday at 7 o'clock, which will be the first of last year's tournament. Agincourt and Markham curlers will play a friendly game this afternoon on the same rink.

EARLSCOURT PRESBYTERIAN IS STRONG EIGHT-YEAR OLD CHURCH

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CONGREGATION NOW TOO LARGE FOR PRESENT BUILDING—NEW SOLID BRICK CHURCH BEING PLANNED TO SEAT A THOUSAND AND COST ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

About eight years ago—April, 1906—the Earlscourt Presbyterian Church was inaugurated in a room in the Hayden House, St. Clair avenue. The congregation could scarcely have been smaller, two persons only attending the first afternoon service, which was conducted by Dr. E. H. Oliver, John Burton and J. Roy Cockburn, members of the Young Men's Presbyterian Club, connected with Westmoreland Church. The evening service, when he was ordained and installed, drew Thompson, a student, then took charge for a period of twelve months.

Continued to Grow. The congregation still continued to increase in numbers, when Rev. John Math took charge for two years, until 1911, when he returned to college, was ordained, and called to Markham, Ont. On May 16, 1911, Rev. C. A. Mustard was ordained and installed at the small church on St. Clair avenue, assuming the pastorate. The mission then became a full-fledged church and the building was removed from St. Clair avenue to its present site on Harvey avenue, also being enlarged.

Special Services. During the days of Lent there will be services held at St. Michael and All Angels' Baptist Church, Wychwood, and a special service on Sunday evening. The preacher will be Rev. C. E. Sharp, St. Thomas' Church. Rev. John Coburn will deliver an address on the subject of "The Christian's Duty" at the Central Methodist Church, Avenue.

Annual Concert. This evening the fourth annual choir concert of the Central Methodist Church, corner Bloor and Ascot avenues, will take place in the large auditorium of the building. The program includes songs, glees and readings. Rev. A. Wallace, B.A., will preside and give an address during the evening.

English-Speaking Ratepayers of Roman Catholic School Insist on Dismissal of Teacher. The Ladies' Aid Society helped to raise the money to pay for the original land for the church, and hopes to pay for the seating in the new church. Mrs. Douglas is president of the Ladies' Aid Society. The Young People's Union has a membership of sixty, and a sick benefit club of over 100 members. W. F. Miller being president for the year. The Highland Club of younger boys and girls, interested in music, has a present membership of 51. P. F. Miller, president. The Young Men's Club, of which W. J. Clarke is president, encourages football, hockey and other athletic sports.

Watchful Waiting Has Become "Deadly Drifting" and "Wistful Wishing," Says Congressman. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Representative Ainey, urging adoption of a resolution relating to Mexico, declared that President Wilson's policy of watchful waiting had become actually one of "deadly drifting and wistful wishing."

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STRUCK SPRING IN SEWER EXCAVATION

Contractors Encounter Difficulties on Annette St. Trunk Sewer.

TEAMS IN COLLISION

Horses Attached to Wagon Dashed Down Dundas St.—Other News.

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Small Fire. An alarm of 1007 Keele street, Cartlon and Perth avenue detachments to a blaze at 1848 Dundas street about 10:30 yesterday morning. The building, a blacksmith shop, was occupied by Wm. E. Howell, but is owned by Wm. Pears, and the damage, which amounts only to about \$15, is protected. An overheated chimney is said to have caused the blaze.

Work Delayed. The workmen on the new trunk sewer on Annette street being met with considerable difficulty already and yesterday at a depth of about fifteen feet a spring of water was discovered by the excavators near Quebec avenue. The water was so abundant that it was difficult to pump out. To overcome this a steam pump has been installed, which pumps the water from the trench to the ravine by the side of the street. The work of construction still proceeds slowly, however, and the excavators have commenced work on the huge brick conduit, which will be completed first.

Annual at Home. The St. Michael and All Angels' Baptist church held their annual at home last night in the hall of the church. The program included songs, glees and readings. Rev. C. E. Sharp, St. Thomas' Church, was the preacher. The evening was a success and a large number of friends were present.

Good Trunk Roads Really Necessary. Speaking before the good roads convention at Hamilton yesterday afternoon, W. D. Platt of Hamilton urged the construction of good trunk roads as the means of increasing production and the consumer into closer relations.

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WHITBY INQUEST AGAIN ADJOURNED

Today Jury Will Visit the Spot Where the Accident Occurred.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE

Crown Attorney Complains of Inaccuracy of the Testimony.

So much conflicting evidence was given yesterday in the Whitby inquest on the death of Robert Ashby, two of the men who were killed on Feb. 22, that the inquest was again adjourned until this morning. The jury will meet at 10 o'clock, and the coroner, and the witnesses, will go to the scene of the accident to make measurements of the distance men could be seen by the driver of an eastbound train.

Too Many Theories. This step was taken after the crown attorney, Col. Farewell, said: "There seem to be all kinds of theories put forward as to the cause of the accident, and a large variety of opinions as to the distance the driver could see from the engine."

Charles Blylock Stationed. Mr. Smith, the station agent at Whitby, stated that Arthur Smith, one of the three men who were living with the deceased, was a member of the section gang, and was on duty on the morning of the accident. He stated that he saw the engine and the train on the morning of the accident, and that he saw the engine and the train on the morning of the accident, and that he saw the engine and the train on the morning of the accident.

Twenty Miles an Hour. The coroner thought that the train which struck them had been going about twenty miles an hour, as the bodies when found were only about four feet from the track. Answering A. E. Christian, representing the deceased men's families, the witness said that there were good many curves on the track that made it difficult to see any great distance, and he always instructs his fireman to keep a good lookout at these points.

Doctor's Evidence. David S. Hoig, medical doctor, who was traveling on the train No. 14, stated that the man, Ashby's, condition had been such at the time that he had entered the train that he was "not fit to live." His death, and that of Smith's, was undoubtedly hastened by the explosion which occurred on the morning of the accident. His chances of recovery would have been small, he was taken to Ottawa, as in the hospital he would have a much better chance.

W. A. Woodcock, the fireman on No. 14, said that he first saw the men after they had passed the bridge just east of Whitby Junction. When questioned by Col. Farewell as to the extra care was taken when proceeding on an opposite track, the witness replied in the negative, but added that the fireman were always careful. He stated that the bodies were about three hundred feet ahead when he first saw them from the engine.

Were Surprised. Reuben Young, a section foreman between Hamiltonville and Burlington, was the next witness called, and he testified that on the morning of the 19th he and his men were on a handcar on the east-bound track, near Burlington, and, to avoid No. 6, which he knew would be passing at that time, they pulled their handcar over to the west-bound track, giving them the right-of-way.

All Good Men. T. Hanny, a section foreman working near Bowmanville, stated that the gang over which Arthur Smith was in charge were all good, steady men. Mr. Hanny then gave a detailed account of how section men carried on their work.

NEW MARKET. The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will hold a talent sale on Friday next in the schoolroom.

MOORE PARK WATER MAIN ALL RIGHT NOW. The water main on the Moore Park bridge, which was frozen almost solid on Tuesday morning, was finally thawed out last night. For the past two days men have been busy injecting steam into the pipe, the water supply being conveyed across the bridge in the interim by means of a fire hose.

SIR LIONEL CARMEN IS ON WAY TO WASHINGTON. VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Feb. 25.—Sir Lionel Carmen, British minister to Mexico, was escorted by Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher Banes, the British diplomat who is on board the vessel for Galveston as soon as the weather permits her sailing. A terrific storm was blowing this morning. From Galveston Sir Lionel will travel to Washington.

QUARTER MILLION LOSS IN A FIRE

Richmond Street Building With All Contents Was Totally Destroyed.

CAUSED BY INCENDIARY

Police and Firemen of the Opinion That Fire Was Started.

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Two firemen set foot on the second floor when a terrific explosion shook the building to its foundations, hurling the two men back down the stairs. The explosion completely blew out the back wall of the building, hurling out the upper 20 feet of the front wall, leaving the two side walls standing intact, but unsupported. Captain Thompson was severely burned about the hands and face, while his companion was badly shaken up by the fall down stairs. This explosion forced the fire to every corner of the building and thereafter the firemen found it impossible to enter any part.

Walls Were Strong. These two walls, standing unsupported, proved a great hindrance to the fire brigade in fighting the flames, as they were momentarily expected to topple over. The contractor, in erecting the walls, complied with the new regulations calling for a width of 18 inches at the base; this alone accounts for the fact that they withstood both the wind and water pressure forced upon them during the blaze.

To Save His Sons. Another reason that the police have for believing that the fire was started by a burglar is the fact that an old man arrived on the scene in a high, hysterical condition, and insisted on entering the burning building to save his three sons, who were yet in the top story. Knowing that it would mean instant death for him, he was detained and sent to his home. A World reporter interviewed Joseph Goodman, who stated that he was in the building when the fire broke out, and he had been requested to call the fire department to call at the office of one of the managers of the Monarch Clothing Company on the fourth floor. In addition to the manager there were two or three other workmen present on the floor.

Ladder Caught Fire. Shortly after seven o'clock he heard a crackling noise on the floor below, and opening the door of the office discovered that the building was filled with flames. He rushed to the fire escape for the stairs, but found that they were cut off from escape in that direction by the flames, which were already spreading to the floor on which they stood. Opening the window of the second floor escape and arrived on the roof a minute or two after the explosion occurred. When questioned as to whether there were other men in the building, Goodman stated that he did not know, but that there were "they had not descended by way of the fire escape. He was of the opinion that the fire had started in the rear of the second floor, and that fuel had been added to it by the large number of paper boxes belonging to Brown and Bregman, shirt manufacturers, who occupy the third floor.

Police Were Busy. The fire started the firemen were brought into use, but it soon caught fire and had to be taken down. On all sides the lives of the firemen were menaced by live wires dangling from the posts, which were burning. The firemen were busy in the northwest corner of the building was broken out, and during the three hours that the fire was at its height a large quantity of fuel was piled up to the ceiling of the first floor of the building.

Improper Immigration. In moving a resolution on the subject of carrying over 200,000 feet of water last evening as the result of the breaking of a water main at the corner of the two streets. The break was extinguished at 9 o'clock, and it was three hours later was the flow of water stopped. The terrific pressure of water forced its way up thru the gas ground, and on Bedford road undermined about one hundred feet of roadway, part of which has caved in. The water in the cellar of houses extinguished furnaces and destroyed whatever had been stored there. The damage by water will be heavy.

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ESTABLISH FLEET FOR FIVE MILLION

Associated Boards of Trade Urge Government to Break Freight Combine.

WOULD HURT ONTARIO

Compensation Bill Criticized—Resolution Asks Careful Consideration.

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The following amendment to a motion urging the government to investigate the excessive ocean rates was put forward by Mr. Wood and carried: "That the Ontario Boards of Trade strongly urge the Government in view of the report of the government commission on the subject of ocean freight rates to take immediate steps to break a government line of freight steamers or to take such other means as will prove immediately effective in relieving the producer and consumer from the exaction of the ocean freight rate combine, and that the mover and seconder of this resolution ask the Hon. Premier Borden and ministers."

Cheaper from Peking. J. D. Allan of Toronto, who speaks the question of the importation of goods from Peking, China, is a less cost than from Great Britain. He considered the methods of the steamship companies operating out of the Dominion as a government line of freight steamers or to take such other means as will prove immediately effective in relieving the producer and consumer from the exaction of the ocean freight rate combine, and that the mover and seconder of this resolution ask the Hon. Premier Borden and ministers."

Would Hurt Ontario. He introduced an amendment to a resolution requesting that the Ontario Legislature give further investigation of the proposed measure. In this he embodied the clause without regard to the principle of injury to the number present objected to this clause. He withdrew that section of the amendment and it carried as follows: "That the Ontario Boards of Trade suggest to the government of the Province of Ontario that the cause of the compensation Act as proposed be given immediate consideration as to its probable effect on the industries of Ontario. We agree with the principle of a reasonable compensation to the workmen for their employment, but might hurt the cost of carrying out the legislation and be unable to comply with the other provinces of Canada."

Would Pay Handomely. R. J. Young, newly-elected president, stated that he did not think that the Ontario compensation Act as proposed would be a disadvantage to the Ontario workmen, but that they were willing to pay 60 per cent less in compensation to workmen than at present, being done.

Hydro in the North. A resolution on the subject of development, introduced by J. F. Black of Sudbury, was adopted as follows: "Whereas the Hydro-Electric Power Commission has proposed to the question of cheap power for the cities, towns and industries in Ontario, it is desirable that this benefit should be extended to the cities, towns, manufacturing and mining industries in New Ontario, and we respectfully request that the federal and provincial governments arrange to adopt this policy."

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