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Sign agreement in 1871

County paid \$75,000 to get railway now the CPR wants to renege

Proposed closing of the Canadian Pacific railway station at Guelph Junction, near Campbellville, contravenes the spirit of the original agreement between the Credit Valley Railway Company and its heir, the CPR, Nassagaweya Reeve Bill Hoey pointed out this week.

Halton County council, which signed the original agreement with the Credit Valley Railway in 1871, paid the railway a bonus of \$75,000 to assist them in construction of the line. The railway, in turn agreed to bind themselves and their successors and assignees to build and maintain a station on the Guelph Road at or near the Village of Campbellville, among other things.

Following is the complete agreement as signed between the railway and the county in 1871: The CPR is currently applying to the Canadian Transport Commission for permission to withdraw agents from 42 stations in the London area, including Guelph Junction and Milton. Halton is opposing the application.

THE AGREEMENT MADE THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ONE. BETWEEN THE CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY OF THE FIRST PART AND THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALTON OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS a BYLAW has been submitted to the ratepayers of the COUNTY OF HALTON for granting aid to the extent of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) to the said CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY. And by way of BONUS to assist them in building and constructing their line of RAILWAY under the Authority conferred by the Act incorporating the Said CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY and Whereas it was understood and agreed that before the said Bylaw should be ratified by the Ratepayers the Said CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY should enter into an agreement binding themselves, their Successors and Assignees to abide by, Comply with and Perform the conditions and Stipulations hereafter mentioned.

Now these present Witnesses that in the consideration of the promises and in compliance with the Said understanding

and Agreement of the Said CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY for themselves, their Successors, and Assignees do COVENANT PROMISE AND AGREE TO, and with the CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALTON, their Successors and Assignees in manner following: THAT they will as soon as the said railway is constructed build and maintain a station on the SEVENTH LINE of the Township of Trafalgar and build and maintain a Station on the Guelph Road, at or near to the Village of Campbellville, Ont.

That they will upon the completion of the said Railway, Erect and maintain at, adjacent to the station on the Guelph Road at or near the Village of Campbellville, a Warehouse for storing grain and other farm produce free of charge for storage, and of sufficient capacity to accommodate the trade -hiking to arrive therein.

That they will during the construction of the Railway through the County of Halton and within the time of its completion to the Village of Campbellville lay out and expend in a careful and judicious manner the Sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) in gravelling the travelled road from the Town of Milton to and along the crossroads between lots number TEN (10) and ELEVEN (11) of the Township of Nelson to the Guelph Road, then down the Guelph Line to the Road of the Village of Cumminville with a branch to the Village of Trafalgar and for the Due and Faithful performance of this Agreement the Said CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY DO hereby bind themselves, their Successors and Assignees in the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars.

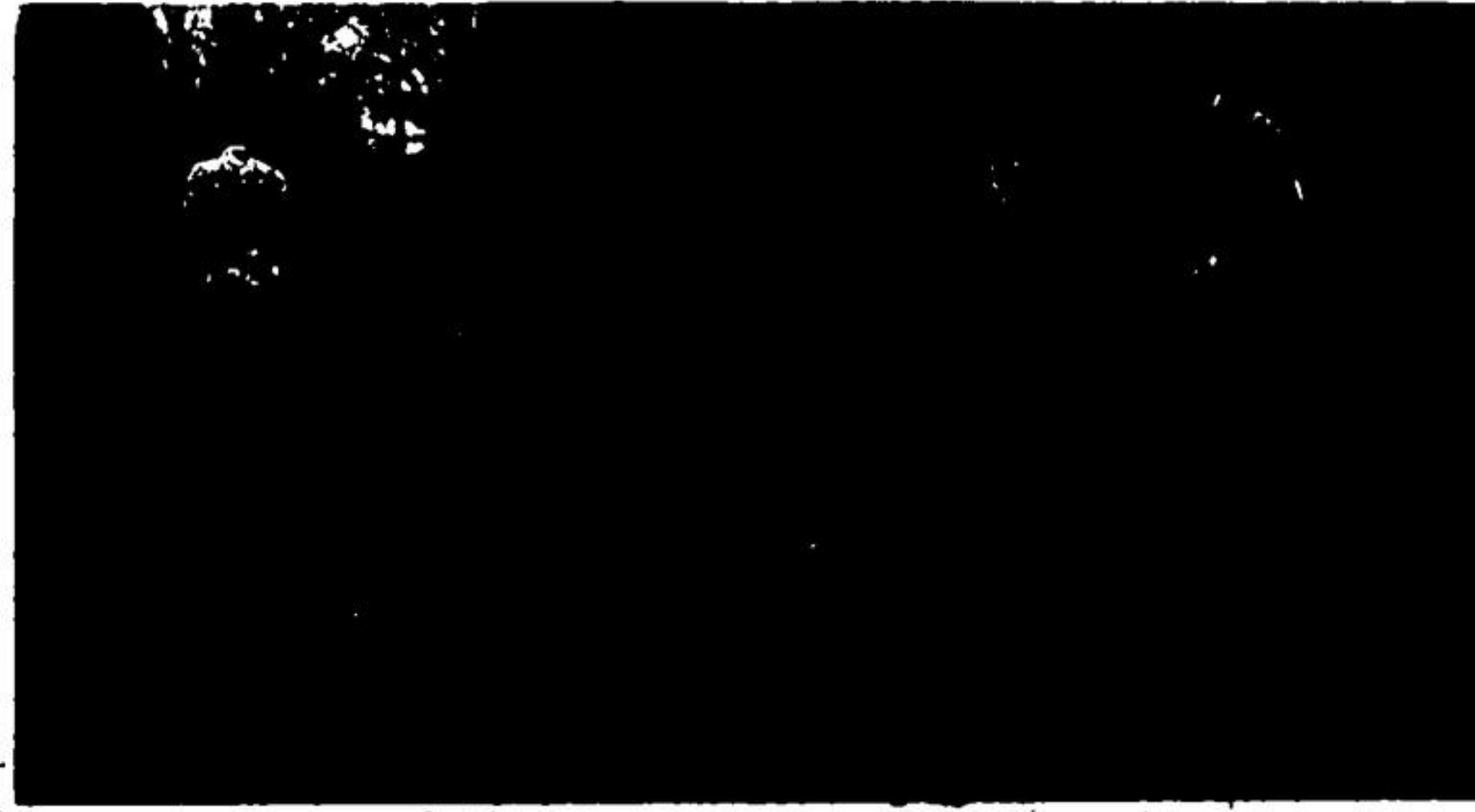
In Witness whereof the parties hereto set their Corporation seal and The President and Secretary of the Said Railway Company have set their hands.

G. Laidlaw Pres. - J. G. Coulton Secty. -

Signed Sealed in Presence of - L. A. Lash.



SNOW STILL covered parts of the trail. (Staff Photo)



TREASURE-HUNT from the saddle taking keen eyesight as well as competent horsemanship. (Staff Photo)

Treasure hunt for Trail Riders

On Good Friday, almost 40 horses and riders took to the trails through the reforestation area of Mansell Nellis' farm on the 6th line, on an Easter treasure hunt for the Rockwood Trail Rider's first ride of the season.

Half a dozen riders lived in the area and were able to ride there, while most horses were brought in trailers which lined a good stretch of the road. Since this was the first time out this year for many of the horses, there was a good deal of frisking around going on from some quarters.

While many of the horses were "just horse", there were registered Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Half-Arabs, Hunters, and Palominos too, and the riding was both English and Western.

The weather was perfect for the event, and many riders hardly bothered trying to follow

the trail of corn that led to the prizes, but just lazed along enjoying the sun and the ride.

In an hour or so, the groups began trickling back. The five to claim the prizes of Easter goodies were Faye Milburn, Tom Smith, Wendy Klein, Mary Hatch, and Buzz Ellis.

The afternoon ended with the presentation of ribbons from the fall show. In the Junior events, Barbie Milburn received two firsts; Sherry Harris and Robert Milburn got seconds; Seven Harris and Tim Dales got thirds, and the fourths were taken by Kenny Tuck and Steven Harris.

The Junior Champion was Paul Cooper from Guelph, with Barbie Milburn as Reserve Champion. The Senior Champion was Babs Ellis with Ken Tuck Sr. as Reserve.

The next event will be a straight trail ride at Shadybrook Ranch near Guelph on April 27.



IMPATIENTLY waiting to be off down the trail. (Staff Photo)



SOME DRESS in true western style. (Staff Photo)

Haul out 1871 agreement

Continue to protest station closing

Nassagaweya Township Council will not rescind the motion it sent the Canadian Transport Commission opposing the removal of express service from Guelph Junction, despite a delegation from Canadian Pacific Railways at the regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 1.

M. B. Kozey, a procedures analyst for CPR, appeared before council to explain the company's motives in closing the Junction. He noted a customer service centre in London will accommodate customer needs upon closure of the station, although express deliveries will have to be picked up in Milton.

Councillor Gordon Agnew pointed out the original 1871 agreement, by which residents of the County raised \$75,000 to assist the railway in building its main line across Halton, called for a station near the Guelph Line in Nassagaweya.

Last year, the Campbellville railway station which had served this part of the agreement, was closed; and the only remaining station answering that description was Guelph Junction, which CPR is now attempting to diminish.

Later in the meeting, a motion promoted by Councillors A. Gibson and James Watson, called for withdrawal of an earlier conciliatory motion sent to the Rail way Transport Commission opposing the cut-off of service, resulted in a tie with opposition from Councillor Agnew and Deputy-Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur.

Reeve W. Hoey's deciding vote defeated the motion, so council's formal objection to the closure will stand.

A delegation from Halton Region Conservation Authority appeared to request council withhold action on a by-law to close road allowances in Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Concession 6, near the Hilton Falls dam project, until expropriation procedures are settled.

The Authority's request was voiced on their behalf by solicitor William Sharpe. Council agreed to do this.

Later Allan Wright, chairman of the H.R.C.A. budget committee, explained the Authority's proposed 1969 budget and outlined the reasons for a rise in Nassagaweya's levy.

The Conservation Authority is levying by equalized assessment this year, rather than on a per capita basis as in previous

years... resulting in hikes in the levy on Nassagaweya, Oakville and Pushtinch.

The third delegation of the evening was from the Acton Agricultural Society, which has been visiting municipal councils seeking increased grants for Acton Fall Fair.

The delegation, including Wilmer Fryer and Ken Murray, noted \$6,000 in prize money will be handed out this year, much of it increased to maintain interest of exhibitors.

Council recommended to the finance committee the grant to

the board be raised from \$50 annually to \$75.

Reeve Hoey reported to council, as he did at a meeting of ratepayers Thursday evening, March 27, on the meeting of committees of Halton and Peel county councils with Ontario municipal affairs minister Darcy McKeough.

The minister had stated since Nassagaweyans were the only group to submit briefs in objection to the plan for regional government, their case would be left for the time being; and the committees would study

those points upon which there is unanimous agreement.

A motion was made to withdraw \$17,000 from the capital account and place it in the 1969 revenue account with an eye to lowering the mill rate for 1969.

Correspondence from the Planning Board noted an application from Ron McLean for rezoning of Lot 4, Concession 32 for a wrecking yard was not granted; but the section could continue as a non-conforming use.

Application from L. Bunker to

have 600 feet of extension on village zoning in his property south of Brookville, in order to even the village agricultural zone boundaries, was granted.

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