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The Pros and Cons of the Proposed Sewage System

Georgetown, May 20, 1939.
The Editor,
The Georgetown Herald,
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir:
In this letter the general features of the proposed plan of sewers and the method of financing will be discussed.

The firm of Hagey and Gray, consulting engineers, were last summer employed by the Town Council to make a survey and draw up plans for a complete sewer system in Georgetown. This was done and the plans approved by the Ontario Department of Health. A copy of these plans is in the hands of the Town Clerk and may be examined by all who are interested.

A Sewer System consists of 3 parts which will be discussed separately:

1. The Disposal Plant to which all home and factory waste is carried. Treatment here completely disposes of this material. It is practically self-sustaining as far as expense of operation is concerned and requires only a few hours attention in a fortnight.

2. The Trunk Sewer is the main channel to which are joined the individual lines from homes and factories.

3. The Laterals are the system of smaller lines which pick up the material from homes and factories and at appropriate points connect with the Trunk Sewer.

It is estimated that the cost of the Disposal Plant and Trunk Sewer will be \$37,000 and that a complete system of Laterals to serve every home and factory in town will be \$92,000. This will mean a total outlay of \$129,000. This amount appears very large, but upon analysis the cost to the individual is not excessive.

As the Trunk Sewer and Disposal Plant are for the use of all, it is usual to charge this as a capital expenditure to the town as a whole. If 20 year debentures were issued the cost would be \$722 per year, which is equivalent to 2.16 mills. As an example, if the home were assessed at \$1,000 the owner would be charged \$2.16 per year. If assessment were \$200 the yearly charge would be \$4.32, and so on. At the end of 20 years the indebtedness for the trunk sewer and disposal plant would be cleared.

The financing of the Laterals is usually borne by the property owners served by them. The charge is based upon the frontage of the property. Here it would be 7.7 cents per foot per year for 20 years. As an example, a property owner with a lot of 50 feet frontage would be charged \$3.85 yearly for 20 years for connecting his home to the Trunk Sewer.

To sum up, it would cost the individual with \$1000 assessment and 50 feet frontage \$2.16 for Trunk Sewer and Disposal Plant, and \$3.85 for his Lateral. In such a case \$6.01 per year for 20 years would ensure that he would never be called upon to make any further outlay for disposal of bathroom or laundry waste. Flooding of cellar or roof water. Surely for the benefits received this is a small amount.

In the case of those with frontage on 2 streets, a deduction of 50% of the frontage of one street is usually made. Property which is unfit for building purposes is completely exempted, also farm land, irregular lots, gullies etc. are conceded generous allowances on account of their excessive frontage. These exemptions have been allowed for by the engineers in the estimates.

One frequently hears it stated that properties situated near the Trunk Sewer and requiring very short lines of Laterals will be taxed less than those that are a considerable distance from the Trunk Sewer. This is not the case; every property in town will be charged at the same rate as far as location is concerned. The cost varies according to the amount of assessment and the frontage.

The above estimates are based on the issuing of 20 year debentures at 4%. It is quite probable that 30 year debentures will be permitted. This would decrease the yearly charges. Again, from information recently received, it is expected that the Federal Government will contribute 50% of the labour costs of the project. This would amount to a saving of about \$15,000 for the town. If the scheme were carried out this year, this with the issuing of 30 year debentures would considerably reduce the figures given above.

Georgetown is in a good financial

condition to undertake the installation of a Sewer System. If it were not the Municipal Board would not permit the town to make a start. Sewer contractors were never more anxious for work at small profit; government assistance is available (but cannot be depended upon to continue) and employment in town has not been so general for many years. Our town needs a Sewer System and ultimately will profit by it financially. The beauty of the town will be enhanced, recreational facilities will be developed, comfort and convenience of citizens will be increased, and public health conditions will be tremendously improved.

It is not likely that the ratepayers will again for some time have an opportunity to express their opinion on this subject. If the vote is unfavourable we will be forced to "muddle through" for some years. Conditions in many homes cannot be permitted to continue. Of necessity they will be declared unfit for habitation; others will bear expense year after year for temporary systems and will have nothing to show for it when sewers are finally installed.

Ratepayers are asked to give the question serious consideration and, if possible, to vote favourably next Monday.

May I thank you, Mr. Editor, for your courtesy in giving space in your valued paper for the presentation of our Sewer situation.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. WILLIAMS,
Medical Officer of Health,
Georgetown, Ont.

To the Editor,
Georgetown Herald.

It is claimed that a sewage system is desirable in our town—and so it is. Nobody is disputing this statement.

Nobody ever will. Likewise a new car is desirable for almost everyone; so is an expensive radio set, an electric refrigerator and many other improvements to health and comfort.

However, is it wise to mortgage one's home in order to purchase these desirable things? This is the important question. Only the improvident mortgage the roof over their heads in order to buy what they cannot afford. Which is a universally recognized axiom.

If a town be mortgaged, every home in the town is mortgaged proportionately. In other words, the value of real estate decreases with the inevitable rise in taxes. For the mortgage must be paid out of taxes. How else is it to be paid? And naturally rents will increase. Thus the cost of living in Georgetown will undoubtedly rise when the tax rate goes up about 12 or 15 mills—caused by the cost of a sewage system.

Now, some of our taxpayers may be so well to do that they can meet this additional cost of living. But many of the other hand have the greatest difficulty in scraping their taxes together. Today the total amount of unpaid taxes is \$30,000, which seems for a town of this size—quite a sum!

The higher the taxes go, the more properties will fall back on the town. This seems in itself an unhealthy situation.

Therefore should we not, like other towns, first consider a means by which we could avert this and still meet the requirements of health? A by-law could be passed requiring all cesspools to be tightly covered with a concrete cover of inverted saucer shape. Each cover to have a manhole in centre. These covers are made locally, at a small cost. To clean a cesspool covered with thick, heavy and unweildy logs is quite a job. Usually it takes a couple of men about 10 hours and must be done at night. It creates an awful smell and often the lawn is ruined. But to dig up a manhole cover takes only a few minutes. A municipal truck equipped with a pump and four inch hose can pump every cesspool dry in ten minutes. The whole operation can be finished in about twenty minutes without any noticeable unpleasantness. It can be done in daytime and no one the wiser. Such a truck, equipped, would cost around \$2,000—and take care of every cesspool in town—say once every two years. It needs a man to work it and requires a certain amount of care and maintenance, where as a sewage system requires a full time

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Many Georgetown Citizens Warmly Welcomed Their Majesties at Toronto



Ex-Service Men, Lorne Scots Regiment and High School Cadets Help Form Guard Along Route of Royal Procession—Lorne Scots Band Play Program at Beaches Park—Dionne Quints Lovely to Those Favored with Seeing Them from Close Range

By G. (Mac) McGilvray

Monday, May 22nd, 1939, will be one day many Georgetown and district citizens will never forget. It was the day on which they saw and paid honor to their own beloved King and Queen.

Although only a mere handful in the masses of humanity that was estimated at some 2,000,000 people, local residents had their share in welcoming Their Majesties in the capital city of Ontario—Toronto.

Leaving at an early hour by car, train and bus our citizens took up places at various vantage points along the line of the royal procession; and it is doubtful if there was anyone who did not see the King and Queen as the long route of the procession gave plenty of room for everyone to find a place.

We took our stand first at the corner of Bay and Queen streets, directly opposite the Toronto city hall, and stood content to put in three hours before Their Majesties arrived. At Yonge street, from the North Toronto station. But they were not really long hours as there was plenty to be seen in the beautiful decorations about, and the Grenadiers Band provided excellent entertainment. The canopy at the city hall in royal blue and gold with the royal coat of arms and crowned by a huge crown stood out a spectacle in itself before that stately building. Those to be presented had seats at either side of the throne and the railing in front was decked with beautiful spring flowers.

But the people needed nothing to arouse their enthusiasm. All they wanted was their beloved Sovereigns. When the Royal procession drew up in front of the city hall a loudly cheering throng assured them of the loyalty of another group of their Canadian subjects—the same loyalty as they had encountered from Quebec

City westward. They mounted the richly carpeted stair and took their places under the canopy, while the King stood motionless while the band played "God Save the King." Mayor Day then presented the honored guests to the King and Queen, each one bowing and shaking the hands of Their Gracious Majesties.

The Queen was beautiful in a blue dress with matching hat, while the King wore the uniform of the admiralty. Following the presentation of the plaque and flowers, they started on their drive to Queen's Park, passing so close to our point of vantage that we felt we could reach over and shake their hand.

Like most of those who were privileged to see their King and Queen in the morning, we made our way to the exhibition grounds to catch maybe a last glimpse of our gracious Majesties.

While we strolled along Front St. before their appearance along the lake front we had the rare fortune — a privilege not had by many — of viewing the Dionne Quintuplets from close range. As we stopped at a railway crossing, while the gates were lowered and as we stood there, our car and police escort were also held up and the little girls first attracted our attention with big broad smiles and waving hands. We were so surprised that we could hardly keep from going over to their car—although we knew that this would not be allowed. To see your King and Queen and the precious little ladies from Callander all in the same day was sure a privilege and sight we will never forget. The Quints were every bit as lovely as their pictures—more so if that is possible. And as we stood there and returned the salutations (for there was no one else along that particular part of the street) it made us feel

that we had a particular part in the days proceedings. We journeyed on the C.N.R. yards to see their private train, newly painted for the occasion, and thence to exhibition park.

Youth took the limelight along the procession route here, as thousands of school children from all parts of this great province came in a continuous procession for three solid hours to form along the lakefront the wildest cheering throng, waving Union Jacks in honor of their King. To give our readers some idea of the number of children and the distance they came in just our little circle, we might say that every school boy and girl in the city of Toronto moved into Toronto en masse, while others came from Burlington and as far North as Angus and Collingwood.

To climax a day that thrilled you to the very bottom of your heart, we caught a last glimpse of our beloved and gracious Queen as she came to proceed on her way to the great western provinces past Parkdale station. It was a wonderful sight with people lining both sides of the tracks to have the Queen come out and wave a parting farewell to her subjects. As far as the eye could see she remained on the platform... waving her hand... your Queen and mine.

But the echoes of the day still linger—and most of the cheers come not in the pomp of the great halls and ceremonies, but in the happy hearts of the many thousands who came from near and far—who were seen by George and Elizabeth in one unforgettable day.

Georgetown ex-Service Men, militia and high school cadets did their part in forming a guard of honor along the procession route, while the Lorne Scots Band, under A. H. Perrot, played a program at Beaches Athletic Park.

Bennett—Allen Wedding

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Finlay, 163 Havelock St., Toronto, the niece, Miss Margaret Jeanne Allen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, was married to Mr. Frank Howard Bennett, son of Mrs. Bennett and the late James Bennett, with Rev. Carl V. Farmer officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, wore a gown of Royal orchid taffeta and Valenciennes lace with bonnet to match. She carried Token bride's attendant, Mrs. Frank Verral, looked charming in Venetian blue lace with hat to match and carried Buttery roses. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Allen G. Bennett. The wedding music was played by Mrs. Roy King and during the signing of the register Mr. John McMaster sang. Following the ceremony a reception was held, and after the wedding supper the couple left for New York and Washington, the bride travelling in a powder blue French wool dress with matching accessories and Kolinsky furs. On their return they will live in Toronto.

Baseball Season Opens

Next Monday, May 29

Action Tanners Invade the Local Sandlot for Initial Affair—Large Crowd Looked for as Admission Price Reduced.

Let's make it a gala evening next Monday night, May 29th, at 7:00 p.m. when the Georgetown Baseball Club open the 1939 season here. Let's put Georgetown back on the baseball map. Let's make it a popular summer sport in town once more.

Action Tanners open the season and a good game of ball will no doubt be staged, as the Tanners still remain our greatest rivals.

Your support of the local baseball club is asked for. The Club had difficulty financially this year in organizing and in order that Georgetown should not be without a team, the players and management donated \$1.00 each for entry fee into the league. We hope that this fine gesture on the part of the players is not in vain and that the fans will show their appreciation by getting behind the team and give them the support they deserve. If you want baseball here and most everyone does) come out to the games, and especially the opening game, and support it.

A subscription list is also being circulated around the town and anyone wishing to donate whether, big or small amounts will be very much appreciated.

In order to stimulate patronage the Club have introduced new admission prices this season. Children will be admitted free, while the ladies will be admitted for 15c. Gents will pay the usual price of 25c.

Come one, come all, and boost the club!

CAR STOLEN AND RECOVERED

About 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening a Plymouth sedan belonging to Mr. Ed. McWhirter was stolen from in front of the Provincial Coating Mills. Chief Marshall was notified and he immediately communicated with the police of outside points. The car was recovered by Toronto police about 9:00 p.m. on Dundas Street. The car was returned to town with little or no damage.

PARENTS' NIGHT AT PUBLIC SCHOOL

The annual parents' night of the Georgetown Public School was held on Thursday, May 18th.

In former years the annual school concert was one of the big events of the year, and was open to the general public. Three years ago it was felt that the occasion might be used to better advantage, by having one concert when the parents might be invited to the school to meet the teachers and talk over problems in connection with their children; visit the rooms and see the pupils' work; and so be in a better position to cooperate more fully with the teachers.

This year many parents visited the school and examined the exhibits of writing, drawing and other work prepared under the direction of Principal Wrigglesworth and his staff.

Following this they were treated to a program of choruses, drills, action songs and plays, including part of a scene from "The Merchant of Venice" and concluding with a pageant "A Welcome to the King."

During the evening, Inspector L. L. Skuce gave an address, and Mr. Hugh Dickie, chairman of the Board presented the Halton County Musical Festival certificates to the winners at the festival.

Altogether it was an interesting and profitable evening.

CELEBRATED 50th ANNIVERSARY

Our esteemed citizens, Mr. and Mrs. George Charters, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday last. They were married in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1889. Mr. Charters is 80 and Mrs. Charters 75 years of age, and both are enjoying good health. They were the recipients of many hearty congratulations from relatives and friends in which the Herald joins.

Every Property Owner Should Poll Vote

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT GEORGETOWN IS TO HAVE A SEWAGE SYSTEM AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

Monday next, May 29th, is the date set by Council for recording the votes of Georgetown property owners on the proposed sewage system in town. Every property owner should record his or her vote whether in favor of the proposed installation of a sewage system in town or not.

Our Town Council have given you this opportunity to express yourself on the matter and it is up to you individually to poll your vote. The polling places in town are: Ward I, Town Hall; Ward II, Barber Floral Co.; Ward III, Public Library. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday next.

There is no doubt about the many advantages to be derived from having a sewage system in town. It is a matter of an initial expenditure of \$127,000, and if you are satisfied to increase the Town's debt by that much at the present time, you are the taxpayer and have the privilege of saying so by your vote on Monday next.

Norval Junior Farmers and Institute Elect Officers

The May meeting of the Norval Junior Farmers and Junior Institute was held at the home of Bill and Elizabeth Reed.

Election of officers took place in each group as follows:

JUNIOR INSTITUTE
President—Reta Fisher.
Vice-President—Charlotte Wilson.
Secretary-Treasurer—Jean Lundy.
Directors — Isabel Wrigglesworth, Marion Leslie, Marjorie Charlton.
District Director—Enid Humphrey.
Auditors—Jean Fisher, Janet Henderson.
Pianists — Elizabeth Reid, Isabel Wrigglesworth.
Reporters—Georgetown, Janet Henderson; Brampton, Jean Lundy.
Courtesy and Flower Committee—Charlotte McCullough, Isabel Wrigglesworth.

JUNIOR FARMERS

President—Jack Lawson.
Vice-President—Donald McNabb.
Secretary-Treasurer—Lorne Lundy.
Program Committee—George Henderson, Ken Charles, Craig Reid.
Lunch Committee—John Bird, Bill Hyatt.

At the joint meeting the Hyatt sisters played a duet. The guest speaker was Mr. Duncan Leslie, who fought in the Spanish War. He gave a very interesting talk and passed around souvenirs which he had collected. Lunch was served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Lorne and Jean Lundy, Brampton.

ROYAL COAT OF ARMS ON NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

To commemorate the visit of Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth, to Canada, the royal coat of arms printed in royal blue ink adorns the cover of the new telephone directory for Georgetown and vicinity which has just been distributed by mail to local subscribers of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. The Georgetown directory is among the first to bear the new crest.

The royal coat of arms replaces the familiar Greek god symbolic of the Spirit of Communication as the only decoration on the cover of the new directory. Mr. J. E. Hayne, Bell manager for Georgetown and vicinity, explained to the Herald. It is framed, top and bottom, by the Company's name, the date of issue and the point to which distribution is made.

Altogether, there are over 3,000 changes recorded in the new volume. Mr. Hayne continued. About 2,800 of these new and revised listings are in the white pages of the alphabetical directory, showing subscribers' names, addresses and telephone numbers.

"In view of the large number of changes made since the last issue of the directory," Mr. Hayne concluded, "the need for carefully consulting the book before placing calls is obvious, if 'wrong numbers' are to be avoided."

Voting on the Sewage Question

The list to be used in the voting next Monday, May 29th, has been taken from the last revised list, which is the 1938 Voters' List.

Only those who appear on the list as owners may vote.

Representatives of Corporations appointed ten days before voting day may vote.

P. B. HARRISON, Clerk.

Subscribers Please Note

Our Mailing Lists have been corrected to date and we would appreciate your checking the label on your paper. The date indicates when your subscription expires. If there is any error we shall be pleased to correct same. If you are in arrears we would appreciate your remittance to cover same. Will you please attend to this matter now. Thank you.