

What They Said About Report's Ideas on School Administration

Here's what they had to say about Plunkett's recommendations of two super boards of education for the two proposed municipalities of Peel-Halton and Mississauga.

BRAMPTON Public School Board chairman Robert Lagerquist, said "We haven't really any joint opinion."

"In our brief to Mr. Plunkett we suggested that an area comprising Brampton and Bramalea to take all of Peel County north of Steeles Ave. would be our wish."

"We also suggested that a board of education consisting of public and high schools should be implemented. We asked town council for this but it never materialized."

"We definitely think an area larger than our present one is essential, but how large we do not know yet. We are here to listen so we can then meet and report further."

CENTRAL PEEL District High School Board chairman William Taylor, said, "We feel we can concur with some of the Plunkett recommendations."

"We agree that one level of

administration for public and high schools is desirable.

"The number of administrators can be, and should be, reduced."

"We feel that Brampton, Bramalea and Georgetown should be in one administration area."

CHINGUACOUSY Township School Board did not attend but sent along a note of apology "due to previous commitments." They also added their opinion.

"This board is not in favour of the Plunkett Report."

STREETSVILLE Public School Board spokesman Doug, as Stockley chairman, said, "We have made no formal decision yet on the report, but there are many advantages to the present set-up. Our pupils are not suffering. We are in favour of some reform but not as specified in the report."

GEORGETOWN Public School Board represented by chairman John Mintern, said, "We doubt the plan's feasibility. The area is too large for administration. Financially it cannot be good."

GEORGETOWN District High School Board chairman Don Lawson said, "We are in favour of equal secondary-school opportunities for all students in all areas."

"The Plunkett Report does not give this."

"We feel that Brampton and Bramalea must be included in the rural Peel-Halton county to increase the present 3,000 students to a minimum of 6,000 on which a full program can be economically carried out. With the larger number of senior students many programs, such as vocational schools, would be possible. But not otherwise."

MILTON Public School Board chairman Mrs. Shirley Hurrell, said, "This board goes on record as being opposed to the Plunkett Report."

"The present plans for division would cut the north off from many vital facilities. Property values would seriously deteriorate."

TORONTO TOWNSHIP Board of Education chairman Douglas Urquhart suggested the id-

cal solution would be "a borough formed by Toronto Twp, Streetsville and Port Credit."

"It is essential that boards be small enough to reflect local opinion."

MILTON Public School Board chairman John Johnson said, "Opportunities of equal education for all students can be achieved without the upheaval of the Plunkett Report."

"We feel it would only lead to increased costs."

MILTON District High School Board spokesman John Noble said, "We are at a loss to know whether to agree or disagree."

"In our opinion Mr. Plunkett has entirely ignored Highway 401 which will, in years to come, bring considerable industrial expansion to the northern section."

ACTON Public School Board chairman Victor Bristol said, "We have not yet reached a decision - but we're working on the situation."

ACTON District High School Board, Tom Watson, chairman, said "We have not as yet as a board, had a chance to sit down and discuss the report. But we do feel Plunkett has gone overboard—although there may be some merit in some of his proposals."

BURLINGTON Board of Education represented by vice-chairman Bruce Edwards (chairman Fred Armitage was meeting chairman), said, "Although we must accept that changes need to be made we do not feel the plan in its largeness allows for the involvement of people. This local involvement is vital."

OAKVILLE Board of Education chairman Kenneth Horwood, said, "We have no desire to change our system but as we examined the Plunkett Report we felt it merited some support."

"We are not in agreement with the boundaries proposed - areas larger than Metro Toronto and we don't feel it would have sufficient identity with the people."

"But it does represent a challenge."

PORT CREDIT Public School Board, G. Johnson, chairman, said "The plan is a challenge. I hope we will not be too timid to grasp the largeness of the report."

"But as yet this board has not reached any definite collective agreement."

ESQUENAS Township School Board, Russel Miller, chairman said, "In our opinion the areas are too big."

TORONTO GORE Township School Board, Lawrence Fines, chairman, said "We would suffer a severe setback under the Plunkett Report."

"We feel the southern section got the cream leaving nothing but skim milk and water for the north."

ALBION Township School Board, Norval Paterson, chairman, said "We are really here to get information not to give it."

"But it is our opinion the areas suggested are too large."

NASSAGAWEYA Township School Board spokesman Horace Blyth, said,

"It is hard to see how such a vast idea would work. We believe Halton and Peel counties should remain separate."

Social and Personal

Dr. and Mrs. J.T. Blehn of Sarnia were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blehn 26 Queen Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchinson, 12 Edith St. had their son Don, his wife and family from Osgood Beach, Missouri, with them for a visit recently.

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina was the mecca for four Georgetown golfers who spent a pleasant week in the sun following their favourite game. In the party were Stuart Young, Harry Chappel, Don Rand and Harry Sanderson.

Mrs. C. Sargent and Mrs. E. Ditchfield, 71 Charles St. and Mrs. Bernard Cowtan, Huttonville, were in Ottawa for the week-end to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Molozzi and family. Dr. and Mrs. Molozzi are leaving the latter part of the year for California and will live at Palo Alto for the next year or so while he is engaged in a research project there.

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Georgetown H.S. Board Favours Link With Brampton - Bramalea

The following brief was presented by the Georgetown District High School Board at a meeting of school boards in Peel and Halton to discuss the opinions of the recommendations in the Plunkett Report.

Recommendations:

1. Equal Secondary educational opportunity to Secondary Students in all areas.
2. Inclusion of the Town of Brampton and Bramalea Development in the Rural County of Peel-Halton.
3. Board of Education for the Rural County of Halton-Peel.

Elaboration of Recommendations

The proposed Rural County of Peel-Halton does not indicate sufficient Secondary School enrolment to provide a broad type of Secondary educational programme.

Estimated Secondary Enrolment in proposed Rural County of Peel-Halton:

Georgetown	1047
Acton	425
Milton	685
Expected from West Chinguacousy, South Caledon	500
Expected from South Albion, Caledon, Toronto Gore, East Chinguacousy, when Central Peel is filled by Bramalea resident students in future years	500
From North Caledon and Albion when Orangeville is filled by own students in future years	222
Estimated Future Enrolment	3,279

With the declining birthrate and present estimated Second-

ary enrolment of the Rural County of Peel-Halton including Brampton and Bramalea Development area, of 6,200, the probable Secondary enrolment in the proposed Rural County over the next twenty five years would not exceed 10,000 Secondary pupils.

The advantages of a broad type Secondary programme with enrolment of 6,000 to 10,000 - Junior Vocational School; Integrated Evening Class Programme; Co-Ordination of Audio-Visual equipment; Integrated Summer School Programme; Teacher Training; making best use of existing facilities and specializing in specific subjects, primarily Technical and Commercial in specific schools. For example, the present arrangement between Georgetown District High School Board and Central Peel District High School Board, whereby Georgetown students are accommodated at Bramalea Secondary School for Data Processing and other Courses.

It is the opinion of this Board that the cost of Secondary School education will continue to increase substantially and this could be partially offset by the most efficient use of staff and facilities.

With a 6,000 to 10,000 enrolment Vocation classes of six or eight would not exist. Cancellation of upper grade Vocational classes through lack of students would not occur.

For the foregoing reasons the proposed Rural County of Peel-Halton should not have a Secondary School enrolment of less than 6,000.

It is the opinion of this Board that the Town of Brampton and Bramalea Development area should be included in the Rural County of Peel-Halton to result in an estimated Secondary enrolment of 6,200.

The idea Secondary enrolment necessary to provide a broad type Secondary programme should be in the area of 6,000 to 10,000.

With water soon to be made available to the South End of the Counties this will tend to slow growth in the North end. The estimated maximum increase in population in the proposed Rural County of Peel-Halton including Brampton and Bramalea Development area over the next twenty five years will not likely exceed 70,000.



DONALD G. LAWSON
School Board Chairman

Youth Rally Service at St. Stephen's Church

A large crowd attended the Youth Rally Service at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, on Sunday evening, November 13. Rev. Canon Maxwell was in charge of the service. Johnny Saunders gave the lesson and Pat Flippance was in charge of the sermon which was on "Alcoholics". Music was supplied by Mrs. Ann Bye at the organ, Leone Whaley and Rick Rowan on their guitars and Bob Gracie on his accordion. Duets were sung by some of the local talent.

The annual turkey dinner of Eden United Church was held on Tuesday night, November 8 with 335 people attending.

The evening unit of the Hornby United Church UCW met at the home of Mrs. Donald Neelands on Monday night, November 7 and journeyed to the Hoy's Restaurant in Streetsville for a Chinese dinner. Following dinner they returned to the home of Mrs. Neelands, for their meeting.

Education was the theme for the November meeting of the Hornby Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. Stanley May, on Wednesday afternoon, November 9.

Mrs. John Bradley, a teacher at the Percy Merry School spoke on the modern method of teaching the children as compared with the older method individually and are allowed. Now the children are treated to progress at their own level.

The Hamilton clan gathered at the North Trafalgar Community Centre on Wednesday evening, November 9, to honour Sandra Hamilton of Oakville, with a miscellaneous shower.

A euchre party was held at the North Trafalgar Community Centre on Saturday night, by the North Trafalgar Euchre Club with prizes going to the following: Mrs. Edith Marshall, Mrs. Gerald Teneycke, Mrs. Hilda Kingscott, Colin Beatty, Craig Jackson and Gerald Teneycke.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Spencer Wilson, on the death of her father, G. Earl Hyatt, who died on Thursday, November 8, in the Peel Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Elmer May, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Hepburn of Georgetown.

The ladies of St. Stephens Anglican Church held a very successful Rummage and Bake sale at the L.O.O.F. Hall in Milton on Friday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Morley who were married on Saturday, November 12 at Bethel United Church. Mrs. Morley was the former, Lynne Dunsmore.

Birthday greetings to Yvonne Brown, who will be three years old on November 17, to Mrs. Earl McMillan on November 18 and to Robert Rutledge on November 22.

Rolls From Parking Lot - Collides with Passing Car

A car which rolled backwards off a plaza parking lot, and a westbound car were in collision in front of the IGA Foodliner Wednesday Nov. 9.

According to police, a parked 1962 Ford, rolled onto the highway after the driver R.J. Daly, 164 Guelph St., had left it. The driverless car struck the left rear side of a 1961 Monarch driven by James Blair, 34 Hewson Cres., as it was passing the plaza.

Georgetown police constable R.D. Martin estimated total property damage at \$125.

One thing we can say about the late summer is that mosquitoes were less numerous in our neighbourhood than the year before.

School Boards Reject Plunkett As Just Too Super Duper

A meeting of all the education authorities from Halton and Peel discussed the Plunkett Report Tuesday night Nov. 8, and decided it wasn't for them.

Although no formal votes were taken at the fact-finding meeting, the undercurrent suggested the majority of boards favoured a two-tier system of educational jurisdiction.

About 20 authorities were represented at the meeting which was called by Burlington Board of Education to swap ideas about Plunkett.

New Counties.

The Plunkett Report on local government in Halton and Peel suggested the setting up of two new counties. One in the north would be called the rural county of Halton-Peel and the other in the south to be called the urban county of Mississauga.

Plunkett suggests a one level system of government covering the whole of each of the two municipalities. All the services now run by the county or the local municipalities would be run by the two super municipalities.

For education, Plunkett suggested similarly two super-boards to cover the two municipalities.

Summing up the alternatives

suggested at the meeting there were three views.

Preserve the present setup but consolidate because under the modern educational system not all the authorities can do the same thing with equal efficiency.

Accept Plunkett with a few modifications:

Or have a two-tier system with a super board and smaller boards with delegated authority; the higher board could control finances and other major matters and the local boards could deal with more local matters.

In the final vote, after summing up by J. W. Singleton, director of education for Burlington, not one vote was cast for favour of the boards remaining in the present state.

One thing the meeting did formally approve: the boards will petition the Municipal Affairs minister Wilfred Spooner for an extension of the time limit to submit briefs on the report. The cut-off is December 31. The meeting voted to ask that this be extended until January 31.

Out of all the briefs suggested the main complaint was that the areas suggested by Plunkett were too big. Most felt the need to maintain some sort of local contact with teachers, students and public.

The 121 education officials attending the conference represented nearly 80,000 school students in Halton and Peel. All communities in the two counties were represented.

The meeting was the first such mass gathering to consider the Plunkett report since the regional government survey was made public in September.

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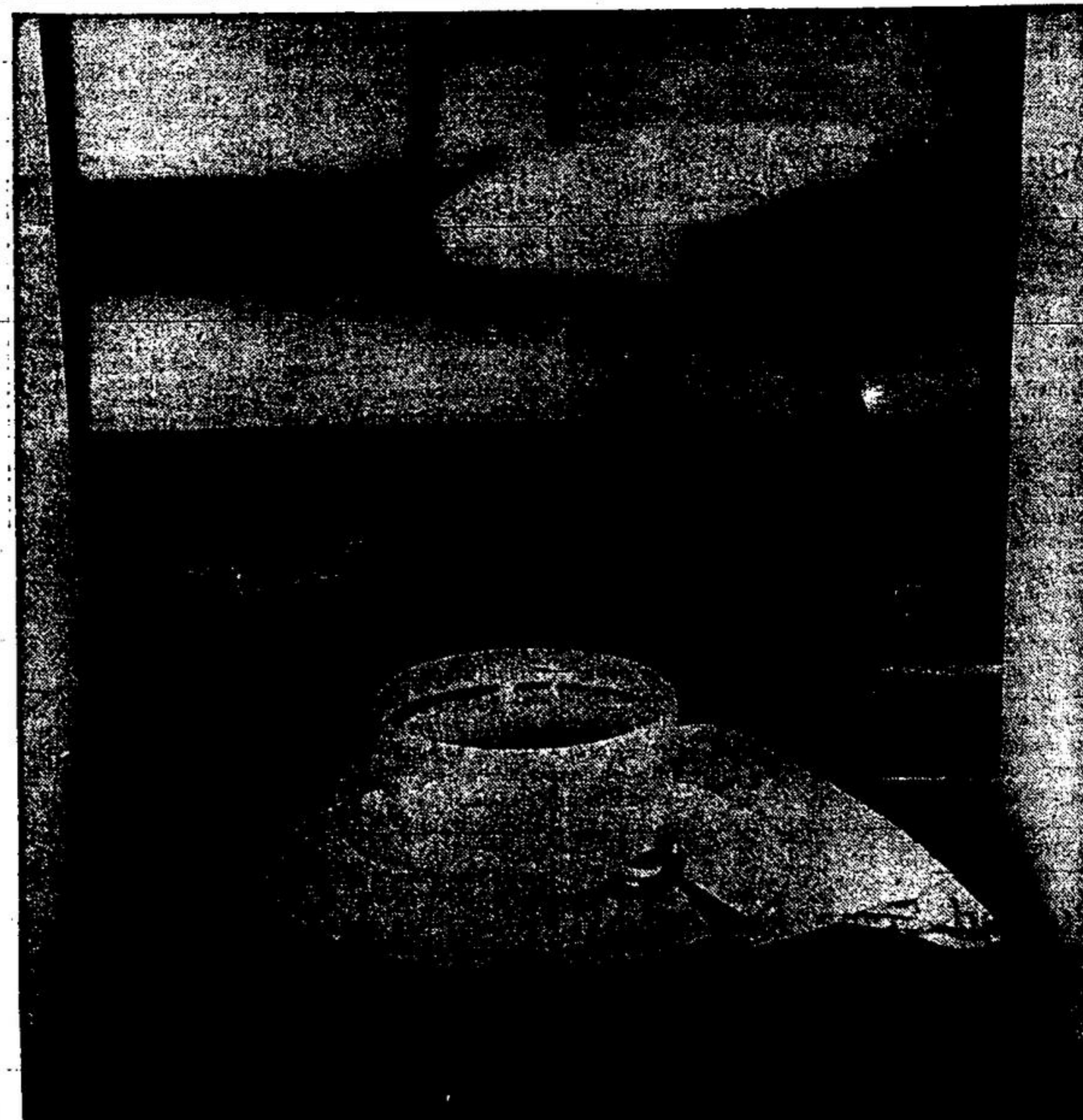
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