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To Improve Dundas Street.

On Monday the Hamilton Spectator had a report, over a column, of a meeting held in Trafalgar township hall on Saturday evening, at which nearly 100 farmers were present. The object of the meeting was to discuss the question of having Dundas Street made into a good road from the town line to the Sixteen hill. This, it was said, would give a good road all the way to Toronto, as the county of Peel was to do its part on the road, from Erindale to the eastern limit of Trafalgar.

Walter Harland Smith was the first speaker. He read a letter from Dr. Nixon, M.L.A., regretting that he was unable to attend the meeting, but stating that he would be willing to help all he could at the House in getting the good road. Mr. Smith wanted to see how many present were in favor of the road along Dundas street, and asked the farmers to help to build the road by work, or by money. He felt sure that Trafalgar township should have a roller, and it was up to the township council to buy a new one, so the roads could all be rolled. Every farmer along Dundas street would be benefitted by having a good road to Toronto. The speaker said if the farmers wait until the county councils build the road, it will be years before anything is done, for the council has so many other roads to attend to first, and Dundas street must be done this season. When the farmers are willing to help to build the road, surely the township council will not fail to have the road fixed at once. The speaker intends to go to the government and ask for a special grant when the road is started.

Councillor Herbert Inglehart followed. He was in favor of the proposed road, a new road roller would be needed, and the Government would pay one-third of its price. He promised to support the road proposed in the council.

Councillor Dr. Johnstone thought if the ratepayers that live on Dundas street want the road built this spring that they should be willing to help to give something towards the building of the road. He said that Reeve Ford had told him that the county council intended to build the part of the road next year, and the reeve was willing to wait until then, but the speaker thought a new roller should be purchased and the work commenced at once. The farmers could give five days hoeing gravel, which would be equal to $2.00. The council has so many bridges and culverts to repair this year that the support and help of all the farmers around will be needed to get this road built this season.

Over $1,000 was given on notes by the farmers at the meeting towards the new road.

Messrs. Robt. Cockburn, H. Lyons, H. Brown and R. Conover were appointed a committee to call upon the balance of the farmers who were not present at the meeting, and get them to give notes to help the road, and then they were to present the same at the township council meeting next afternoon and ask them to purchase a good roller.

A motion was passed that all farmers who could get teams should attend a deputation to the county council on April 17 at Milton, and demand from the council that they should help with this road. It is expected that about 200 will be present with the deputation.

The meeting adjourned until Saturday evening, April 12 when plans will be made to attend the county council meeting at Milton.

The deputation on April 17th will find the county council some needy for lack of resolutions. The road talk of the speakers on Saturday evening was good, but what is needed is a little of the money expended on good roads in Halton and other counties in the township. Reeve Ford now says that if the farmers had shown that they were in earnest by turning out in large numbers to the meeting that they could have expected the council would have expended a good sum on the road this year. Dollars talk more than words. The council generally is in favor of good roads, but they want to see the farmers show that they are in earnest before they will be induced to spend much money on roads. The road question is now before the people of Ontario, and if the farmers of Halton want a good road built this season,