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County Roads By-Law.

The following facts concerning the County Roads By-Law have been submitted for the electors by Mr. J. H. Ramsden, Clerk of the County of York:

The By-Law has been submitted to the Township Councils within the County for their approval and they appear to be about equally divided on the issue.

It will be submitted to the electors of the County for their approval or disapproval on January 4, 1904.

The question submitted will be: "Are you in favor of a County Road System?"

If a majority vote for the system, the By-Law will come into force as it is, in all respects, except that the dissenting Townships may have the roads designated re-arranged by a Board of Arbitrators.

Freeholders and tenants holding thirty year leases, only, will be entitled to vote.

If it comes into force, the proposal is to issue County debentures for about \$150,000, to extend over thirty years. This would entitle the County to draw \$30,000 from the Provincial Fund, at the lowest estimate, which would reduce the amount required to \$120,000. To repay these debentures, principal and interest, would require a rate of 1 1/2 of a mill on the dollar, or say, about fourteen cents on an assessment of \$1,000.

The expenditure of this money in the purchase of stone and payment of labor, in the County, would be beneficial.

County roads would reduce, rather than increase, the taxes for road purposes.

Each Municipality would have expended on County Roads, within its limits, the full amount of its taxes contributed for County Road purposes with the additional amount that would be expended of the Provincial Fund.

It would secure to each township, at least one good leading road to a town or village and connected in a uniform manner with another good leading road to another town or village.

It would enable the County to purchase a complete outfit of up-to-date road making machinery which costs from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Townships would escape the liability for damages for accidents on such roads.

The Townships of North Gwillimbury and Georgina and the towns and villages within the County, would have returned to them yearly, the amounts they contribute towards paying the debentures and maintaining the roads, which could be expended on their own roads under the supervision of their own councils.

Several Counties in the Province have already adopted County Roads Systems, and are well pleased with the results.

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preciation of your services as our teacher in the past. You have held that position for a number of years, and have succeeded in making your services a success. Though at times you have met with difficulties and discouragements in your work, you have always been at your post and devoted as much time to the younger scholars as to the older ones. We hope that you may be long spared to be amongst us. We feel that we would indeed be ungrateful if we did not show in a more substantial way than by mere words that we are indebted to you for teaching us. We therefore ask you to accept this purse of gold as a slight token of our esteem for you.

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Both recipients were taken completely by surprise, and expressed their thanks for these tokens of regard.

Upon closing school Mr. McCormack received many beautiful presents from his pupils, all of whom regret very much having to part with him. Among the articles received were a set of military brushes, handkerchief box, stationery, perfume, and ink stand. We hope that the happy relations existing between Mr. McCormack and his pupils and ex-pupils may always continue.

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WIND!

Can you tell me O wind why you sigh? Is the world so surrounded with woe,

That thou bringest a funeral dirge?

From thy travels wherever you go?

Have you been past the homes of our poor?

Are sorrows there so thickly spread?

I have, and have sighed while I heard Their children all crying for bread.

Have you been past the homes of our great?

Whom we fancy such strangers to grieve?

I have, and did sigh as I passed,

For I found there were ghosts in each room.

Did you see those bright youths in their haunts?

In appearance so happy and gay?

I did, and I saw them return,

And sighed for they carried dismay,

Have you been past the lovers' retreat?

Where pledges lie thick everywhere;

I have, but could never touch one,

They seemed so much lighter than air.

Have you passed by the fields of our dead?

Who there in such peacefulness lie;

I have, and have sighed for the fools,

Who still a supremacy cry.

Were you there when the tempest passed?

Sweeping homes that were covered with smiles;

I went past at a terrible speed,

And sighed as I swept through the piles.

Oh! wind you have more than a task;

Can you tell if you'll ever be through?

'Tis my work, and I'd have to sigh on,

Till all things are made perfect and new.