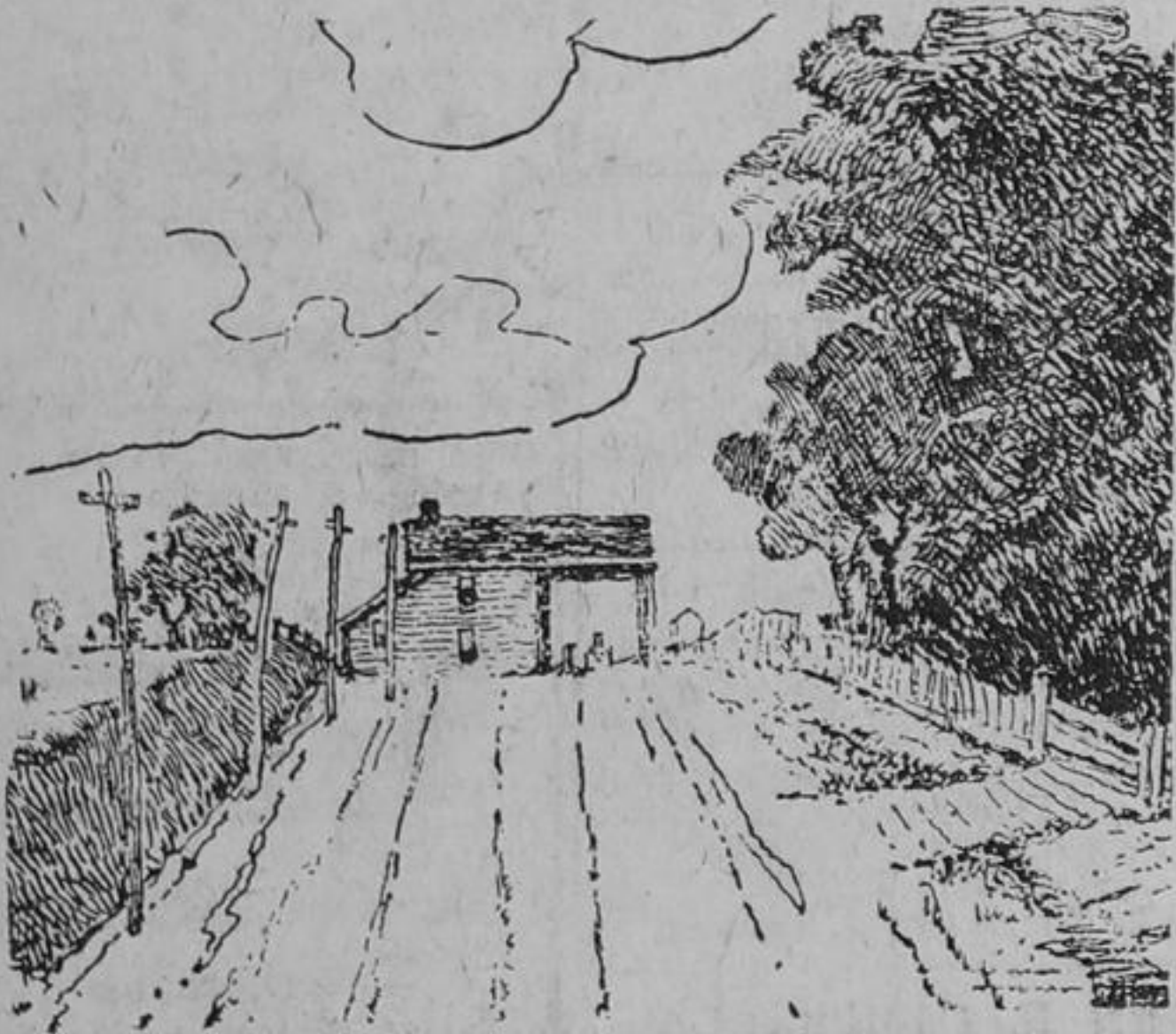


YORK PIONEER AND PRESENT BY E. A. JAMES

TOLL ROADS OF YORK Article 14

While the idea of paying directly for the use of a highway is repugnant to most road users of to-day, it was welcomed in the early days of York as a probable cure for the impassable road conditions resulting from lack of funds and facilities on the part of the settlers to cope with the increasing traffic, and from indifferent and incapable supervision of road work.



Toll-Gate No. 2 Yonge Street, Located at the South Limit of Hogg Hill, Now the Limits of the City of Toronto.

The first toll-roads in Ontario were located in the County of York. In 1833, under a board of five trustees, Yonge Street, the Kingston Road, and Dundas Street were improved with funds, secured as Government loans of four thousand pounds, two thousand pounds, and fifteen hundred pounds respectively. These loans were to be repaid, with interest, out of toll revenues.

In the legislation which united the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, in 1841, provision was made for the purchase of toll roads by local municipalities. In 1845 legislation was passed authorizing the Government of Canada to collect tolls on its own account. Under these two acts, Yonge Street was placed under control of the Government, and Dundas Street, the Kingston Road and the Lake Shore Road passed to the jurisdiction of the County.

On April the 4th, 1865, the United Counties of York and Peel bought from the Canadian Government the York Roads, Yonge Street, Dundas Street and Kingston Road for the sum of \$72,500.00.

At the first sale of the gates by tender following their purchase the County sold the right to collect tolls for the sums set out.

YONGE STREET			
Gate No.	Name	Upset Price	Sold for
1	Edward Crown	\$5500	\$7600
2	G. D. James	3500	4300
3	Henry Richards	1200	1445
4	Robert McLean	700	850
5	Aaron Playter	400	680
6	Thomas Sullivan	300	500
			\$15275.00
KINGSTON ROAD			
1	P. G. Foley	4500	4700
2	G. D. James	1600	1625
3	Mr. Gordon	700	710
4	George Hale	360	370
			7405.00
DUNDAS STREET			
1	G. D. James	4000	4025
2	G. D. James	1700	2172
3	William Huggill	800	810
4	Charles Hunt	300	300
			7310.00
LAKE SHORE			
1	G. D. James	800	825
			825.00
Total			\$30815.00

"Realizing a total as is here shown of thirty thousand eight hundred and fifteen dollars, which the Commission believe must prove very satisfactory to the Council."

For nearly fifty years toll-roads were accepted as the best method of providing suitable thoroughfares on the main roads. Public opinion gradually turned in the direction of a desire to have the roads free to all travellers; the condition to which many of them had deteriorated under local management, having, no doubt much to do with the formation of public sentiment. In 1891 and each succeeding year, efforts were made in the County Council of York to abolish the collection of tolls on York roads on condition that the City of Toronto cease to collect market fees other than cattle market fees. An agreement with the city to this effect was consummated in 1896.

In 1890 the County Council passed a By-law allowing the following charges on toll-roads, which schedule of charges remained in force until the removal of tolls:

- Two horse vehicle, loaded 10 cents.
- Two horse vehicle, without load 7 cents.
- (Vehicle considered unloaded if carrying less than 600 pounds).
- One horse vehicle, loaded 7 cents.
- One horse vehicle, without load 5 cents.
- (Vehicle considered unloaded if carrying less than 300 pounds).
- Saddle horse with rider 4 cents.
- Horses or cattle, each 2 cents.
- Sheep, pigs or goats, each 1 cent.

The advantage of large wheels and wide tires, as reducing the wear on the road surface, were early recognized, as shown in a clause of the foregoing by-law reducing the tolls on two-horse vehicles with wheels 36 inches or more in diameter, and with tires not less than 4 inches in width, to five cents and three cents for loaded and unloaded vehicles respectively.

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Prize Winners at the North York Flower Show

The third annual exhibition of the North York Horticultural Society was held in the Municipal Building, Willowdale, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, when an especially high order of flowers and vegetables were on display. The prize winners are to be congratulated on the excellent bloom, the judging of which was done by Mr. Thos. Iverson of Thornhill.

The ladies of the Society served refreshments during the afternoon and evening and music was provided by several of the members and their friends. Mr. Stanley MacBeth of Toronto delighted the audience with several popular airs played on the accordion and the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D'Urbano of Snowden Ave., Toronto, Toronto and Norma, rendered several delightful piano solos and duets.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—

Class 1—Cut Flowers and Potted Plants

5 Best white Asters, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Sparrow; 5 Best pink asters, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Domleo; 5 best lavender asters, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Draper; 5 best purple asters, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Sparrow; Collection of 25 asters, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Sparrow; Collection of annuals, Mrs. Jarrett, Miss N. A. Brown, Mrs. Sparrow; Collection of Coleus, Mrs. Summers; Clarkia, D. W. Mitchell, Wm. Elmer, N. A. Brown; Cosmos, Mrs. Sparrow, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Domleo; Dahlias, Mrs. Grubbe, Mr. Ward, Mrs. D. Ross; Geraniums, Mrs. Summers; Collection of 12 Gladioli, A. W. Galbraith; 3 white gladioli, Mrs. Allsopp, Jno. McKenzie; 3 Pink Gladioli, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Jarrett; 3 red gladioli, Mrs. Wheeler; Mignonette, Mrs. R. G. Grubbe, Miss N. A. Brown; Calendula, A. W. Galbraith, D. W. Mitchell; African Marigold, Mrs. Sparrow, Miss N. A. Brown; Petunias, Mrs. Summers, Jno. McKenzie; Snap dragon, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Summers; Scabiosa, Mrs. Summers, D. W. Mitchell; Collection of sweet peas, A. W. Galbraith; Collection of potted plants Mrs. Summers; Collection of perennials, D. W. Mitchell, N. A. Brown; Collection of Pansies, A. W. Galbraith, Mrs. Allsopp; Phlox Drum-

mond, D. W. Mitchell, J. Brewster; Perennial Phlox, J. Brewster, D. W. Mitchell; Poppies, D. W. Mitchell, Miss N. A. Brown; Collection of Verbenas, J. Brewster, Miss N. A. Brown; Zinnias, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Summers; Gaillardia, Mrs. Domleo; Salpiglossis, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Summers; Salvia, Mrs. Draper, Miss N. A. Brown; Collection of roses, D. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Jarrett.

Class 2—Vegetables

Beets, R. S. Moore, A. W. Galbraith; Beans, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Wheeler; Carrots, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Jarrett; Cabbage, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Jarrett; Cauliflower, Mrs. Summers, Wm. Elmer; Celery, Mrs. Wheeler; Corn Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Sparrow; Cucumbers, Mrs. Butler, A. W. Galbraith; White onions, Jean McKenzie, Philip McKenzie; Yellow Onions, A. W. Galbraith, Parsnips, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Wheeler; Cobbler Potatoes, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Summers; Any variety of potatoes, Mrs. Spalton, Mrs. Draycott; Collection of potatoes, Wm. Elmer; Pie Pumpkin, Wm. Elmer; Hubbard squash, Mrs. Summers, R. S. Moore; Table tomatoes, A. W. Galbraith, R. S. Moore; Canning Tomatoes, R. S. Moore, Philip McKenzie; Vegetable Marrow, Mrs. Summers, Wm. Elmer.

Class 3—Specials

Best collection of fruits, flowers and vegetables on table 3x6 feet, Mrs. A. L. Privett; 11 quart basket of potatoes, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Spalton; Collection of not less than ten varieties of perennials, D. W. Mitchell; Collection of annuals and perennials in 12 vases, arrangement to be considered, Mrs. Summers, D. W. Mitchell.

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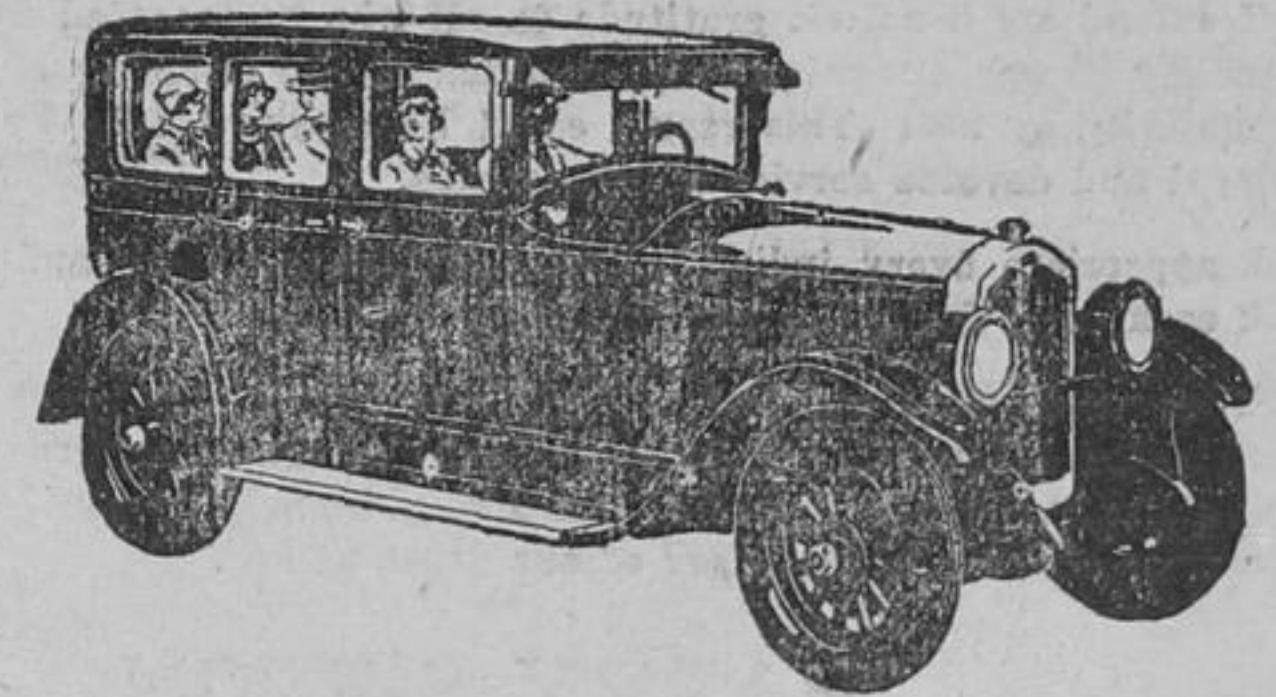
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