

YORK PIONEER AND PRESENT

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ARTICLE 18

Steps Leading To The Formation Of The York Roads Commission

At the June session of 1910, Mr. Geo. S. Henry moved and Mr. Pugsley seconded a motion that Messrs. W. Annie, J. Nigh Longhouse, John Gardhouse, R. J. Bull, the mover and seconder, be a committee empowered to draft a schedule of highways for a County Road System in the part of the county within the riding of East and West York.



Original Road System as Covered by Agreement Between Toronto and South York and as it existed when North York came into the System

This committee secured legislation authorizing the Council of the County of York to adopt a County Road System for that portion of the County included in the Electoral districts of East and West York and for issuing debentures assessable on that portion of the County, only exempting the municipalities that compose the Electoral District of North York. The Committee drafted a schedule of leading roads in this section of the County, which roads afterwards comprised the original County Road System.

At a joint meeting of the above Committee and representatives of the Council of the City of Toronto, the Toronto Board of Trade and the Ontario Motor League, the following resolutions were passed:

"Moved by Reeve Geo. S. Henry, seconded by W. J. Gage, that this joint Committee representing the City of Toronto, the County of York, the Board of Trade and the Ontario Motor League recommend that the City of Toronto and the County of York each contribute one-third the cost of constructing permanent roadways within the County of York, the remaining one-third to be contributed by the Provincial Government under the conditions of the Statutes in relation to the improvement of highways".

"Moved by Reeve R.J. Bull, seconded by W.G. Tretheway, that the City of Toronto and County of York strongly recommend the vote of a grant of \$100,000 to be set apart for the purpose of improving the highways mentioned in the resolution so that the work can be commenced at the earliest possible date."

"Moved by W. J. Gage, seconded by Reeve W. D. Annis, that this joint Committee recommend that the County of York, the City of Toronto and the Provincial Government each appoint a representative who would practically constitute a commission to have charge and supervision of the expenditure of moneys given by the different municipalities and the Government in connection with the improvement of highways."

In January, 1911, a by-law was submitted to the electors of the City of Toronto to raise the \$100,000 recommended as the city's share of the project, which by-law was carried by a substantial majority.

Early in 1911 the County Council of the County of York passed by-laws; to designate the roads to be improved; to raise \$100,000, as the County's share by the issuing of debentures; to confirm the agreement with the City of Toronto whereby the city and the county were each to bear one-third of the expense of construction, the remaining one-third to be borne by the Government; to relieve the municipalities lying in North York from liability for the cost of the new roads, and to appoint a Commissioner to act with the Commissioners appointed by the city and the Government.

NEXT WEEK—The Board of Highway Commissioners for York 1911—1916.

Women's Institute Plans For a Busy Season

A Hallowe'en Party Arranged for October 28th

At the regular meeting of the Women's Institute which took place at the residence of Mrs. A. Plewman, Yonge Street, last Thursday afternoon there was a large attendance of members to hear the speaker of the day Rev. Mr. McIntosh who gave an account of "A summer in Quebec" which will be found in another column of this issue, and to discuss the final details of the season's activities.

After hearing the report of the program committee convenor Mrs. Harry Endean, it was decided to at once proceed with the printing of the programs after the arrangements had been concluded with proposed speakers. The program as adopted will include house meetings and a series of joint public meetings with the Home and School Club Council. These will be held every alternate month in the High School Gymnasium at 8 p.m. and at each one some aspect of national life in Canada will be dealt with. At the November meeting which will be held on the 23rd of the month Miss Grace Hunter, B. A. and L. B., a practicing lawyer will speak on "Some of the Laws relating to Women and Children" with particular reference to those dealing with Marriage, Desertion, Divorce and Guardianship of Children. This meeting will be open to the public.

Money raising plans which were discussed included a Cafeteria supper and Costume dance and entertainment on Hallowe'en in the Masonic Hall, a Dickens Play put on by the Dickens players from Toronto in early December and a Tag Day in April or May, all of the proceeds from each affair to go to the Institute Library Fund.

The president Mrs. A. A. Perry pointed out that a substantial sum of money was needed to assist the library which needs cataloguing, re-arranging, weeding out, and a general renovating. In answer to an objection made by a member that it would be useless to hand over such funds as were raised to the Library Board to spend as they saw fit, it was stated by the chair that the money would be kept until the end of the year, would then be voted for a specific purpose to the library and a portion of it at least, might well be devoted to buying special books for the children, to having a children's reading room and to an attempt, however small, to provide, by volunteering help, if need be a Story Hour for the children and an attendant with time to advise the children in the selection of books.

After a brisk discussion of the whole Library situation the Meeting decided to proceed with the Hallowe'en celebration and committees were struck off for Entertainment, Publicity, and Program. The refreshment committee consists of the standing committee with Mrs. Mylks, convenor, Mrs. H. Innes, Mrs. L. Patterson Mrs. John Palmer and the following ladies added, Mrs. W. Mortson, Mrs. W. Scott and Mrs. H. Morris.

The Entertainment committee under the convenorship of the president Mrs. L. Clement, Mrs. H. B. Stirling, Mrs. R. Langstaff, Mrs. Thompson, Miss O. Switzer and Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Harry Endean and Mrs. Mortson were named to look after the Costume prizes and arrangements were outlined for posters and general publicity.

The Hallowe'en supper and dance will take place on Thursday the 28th in the Masonic Hall and a most attractive Cafeteria Supper, followed by an equally attractive musical program and a dance with orchestra are being arranged for by these committees.

Other business dealt with by the meeting included action on a report submitted by Mrs. W. H. Mylks regarding the needs of the orphanage to the north of the village where, it was indicated contributions of canned fruit or fresh vegetables are constantly needed and will be gratefully received. Mrs. Mylks later volunteered to receive any contributions which might be made if the Institute decided to take action in this matter and made a suggestion that people might well be asked to make this little offering as a special Thanksgiving contribution to an institution doing an admirable work right at our doors. It was decided to ask the Institute members to donate supplies for the orphanage. These may be sent any

time in the next ten days or two weeks to the home of Mrs. Mylks on Yonge Street near the old High School.

With regard to the Free Dental Clinics being provided in this and all other localities in Ontario by the Department of Health of the Provincial Government it was decided to assist by publicity in every way possible and it was left to the president and secretary to get in touch with the school principals, with Drs. Bell and MacIntosh the local dentists whose services are being given for the free clinics in Richmond Hill and to attend to the placing of posters and literature for distribution.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was a solo by Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Grainger after which a social half hour was spent over the tea cups.



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