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COUNTY LOSES COURT CASE

Last Friday Mr. Justice McEvoy handed down his decision re the METROPOLITAN RADIAL in the action brought on by the County of York to compel the City of Toronto to continue the operation of the line. The court has ruled against the County and that the much discussed agreement did not compel the operation of the road after the thirty five year period which has expired.

The court case though costly to the taxpayers of York County has cleared the air. It has definitely established that the County had no rights in the Metropolitan. The members of the County Council did not know this and apparently were unable to find out from those who should have been able to tell them.

The County Council of some thirty years ago which boasted among its numbers Richmond Hill's talented representative Mr. W. H. Pugsley was largely responsible for the construction of the line in the face of many difficulties. As we hear of the difficulties overcome by these pioneers in County transportation it is discouraging to see the work of their labors cast aside in the ABANDONMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN. At that time there was an agreement which protected the County's interests and gave the County control of at least the franchise which stretches from one end of the County to the other. York County's interests in this line should still have been protected and what the people would like to know now is, HOW, WHEN, WHY, and BY WHOM were York County's protecting interest in the Transportation system given away.

CARS SHOULD RUN ON YONGE STREET WITHOUT MORE DELAY

The judgment recently handed down in the METROPOLITAN RADIAL ABANDONMENT case was against the County of York.

That the costly negotiations and court actions of the County should be longer delayed by any appeal to another court would appear to be a waste of time and money. The County and its advisors have utterly failed in accomplishing anything in the way of saving the Metropolitan or in securing anything to take its place. The County should now admit its failure and stand aside and let the municipalities of North York Township, Vaughan and Markham and Richmond Hill go ahead with the solving of their own problems. The people of this district with no uncertain voice have expressed faith in a car service and a willingness to assume responsibility for its purchase and operation. The County of York should place no stumbling block in the way of these municipalities.

The delay has already been costly to the residents of this district. Let the municipalities of North York township, Markham, Vaughan, and Richmond Hill proceed with all speed with the proposal endorsed by the people to buy the line as far as Richmond Hill and operate a CAR SERVICE.

THE CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE IN NORTH YORK

It is somewhat of a surprise that the Conservative convention held in Newmarket on Monday chose Col. T. H. Lennox to again be the standard bearer of the party in the coming elections. There were rumors of other candidates and it would not have been any surprise to the general public had Col. Lennox's association with the METROPOLITAN RADIAL abandonment cost him the official nomination this time. The aspirations of other candidates and the admitted hesitancy of Mr. Lennox in recent weeks in expressing his willingness to accept the nomination were undoubtedly largely due to the radial situation. However the party managers no doubt base their hopes for success on the assumption that when election time comes people have short memories.

The abandonment of the METROPOLITAN RADIAL which the County of York has unsuccessfully contested was one of the most vital problems concerning the great mass of the people which has confronted the riding of North York in recent years. In that controversy Col. Lennox had an opportunity to render a notable service to the County of York and to the riding of North York which on different occasions has honored him by election to parliament. It cannot be said of North York that has been anything but very kind to Col. Lennox during his extended career in public life and it would naturally have been expected, that in such a crisis as the abandonment of the METROPOLITAN RADIAL Col. Lennox would have thrust to the four winds any other consideration or associations past, present or future and would have been found fighting to the last ditch for the people of North York. However we find instead that Col. Lennox during the early negotiations occupied a dual position for which on at least one occasion before the City of Toronto Board of Control he spoke in words of apology. Later on when the real test came of the rights which supposedly belonged to the County Col. Lennox deserted the ship entirely and the people's case was presented by another solicitor called in at the last moment.

Speaking before the Board of Control of the City of Toronto on Tuesday, December 10th at one of the many conferences regarding the METROPOLITAN Mr. Lennox in referring to his association with the City of Toronto said "I'm in a peculiar position and must be careful what I say." At that time in this column we suggested that the County Council should relieve him of his embarrassment if he felt that way about York County, because in our opinion the man who would represent North York and the people of York County concerning the METROPOLITAN RADIAL should have no

misgivings as to his position, should not be ashamed of the cause he represented and by virtue of other associations should not have to be "careful what he says."

That the Conservative Party has chosen as its standard bearer one who played so conspicuous and yet so inglorious a role in the METROPOLITAN RADIAL matter is to be regretted. Not that we aspire to choose the conservative candidate or presume to even advise the North York Conservative Association but it is thought provoking and peculiar if even party nominations are to be rewards for such lack of public service. Possibly the personal qualities of Mr. Lennox induced his party friends to overlook his failure to measure up to his opportunities of standing on the side of the people of North York, but the electorate must remember that if election to public office is accorded on such principles it is very little encouragement for sincerity in public life.

DOCTOR PRAISES PRESS

In the opinion of Dr. Bloodgood, eminent cancer specialist of Johns Hopkins University, the newspapers of the country are performing a splendid public service through the publication of health information.

He declares that due to the spread of sound information concerning the teeth, excessive use of stimulants and tobacco, 70 per cent. of the patients threatened with cancer now seek medical aid in time to save themselves from actual infection. Before the newspapers aided in disseminating health information, less than 3 per cent. sought medical aid in time.

The old idea that a doctor should not give out information to the press, because of an ancient code of ethics, was criticised by Dr. Bloodgood, who believes that the public should be told in plain language whatever of benefit the medical man has to tell. Stressing the importance of attention to the teeth, the doctor said:

"Let the press continue its work. Let it advise every man and woman over 40 to have their teeth X-rayed twice a year. Bad teeth are the most common cause of breakdown."

Through preventive measures the span of human life has been materially lengthened during the past few years and it is gratifying to newspapermen to have the commendation of such a high authority for their part in bringing about this important result.

HEALTH FAD SKEPTICS

The subject of how to live long is always of interest, which perhaps accounts for the eagerness of the average mortal to seize upon various methods which are recommended for promoting health and longevity, such as doing daily exercise to radio music and the like.

In spite of all the propaganda on the subject, however, there are many who are skeptical regarding the real benefits of strenuous physical activity. One of these wrote a letter to a Cleveland newspaper, pointing out that Walter Camp, famed athlete and originator of the "daily dozen," died at 65 while he, the writer, had never taken any kind of exercise to speak of and was still in excellent health, although a great-grandfather. He added that "the longest-lived people are the physically lazy but mentally alert."

Commenting on the letter, William Feather, a well-known editor, declares that several years ago he adopted a vigorous health program, including vegetarianism, cold baths and the daily dozen, with this result:

"Acute indigestion led to the abandonment of vegetarianism on doctor's orders. Another doctor recommended discontinuance of cold baths. The daily dozen are still pursued, but faith in them has been shaken by the untimely death of their inventor."

Still, we may find many who swear by the health fads and feel that their lives have been saved thereby. As the proverb has it, "What is food for some is black poison to others."

YOU ARE WELCOME

(Vernon News)

"You are welcome to use this as a news item, I am taking it for granted it is not necessary for me to appeal to your spirit of co-operation in this matter."

Oh, what a lovely world! This is what the editor says probably a dozen times a day, as one after another they pour in. Requests for free publicity, for what the importunists believe to be worthy causes, would fill every page of every newspaper which was ever printed if editors were not mean-spirited, bad tempered, selfish individuals, who believe that when their readers pay their subscriptions they are entitled to receive value, and who therefore resist at least a certain number of the wheedling, brow-beating, or subtle requests for free publicity to which they are eternally subjected.

How much nicer a place to live in this world will be when persons, who would not think of going into a grocery store and asking a merchant to take goods from his shelf to give to them so that they could dispense them to the poor and needy, will reckon that newspaper space is the goods on the newspaper shelf, and that when they are asking for free space they might also ask the man who made the pen and the ink or the typewriter they write with, or the paper and the envelopes on which they write to give them free, because they are used for a worthy purpose.

It may be that the road to the hot place is paved with good intentions, but there would be no paving if these good intentions were limited to those who have resolved that they will be consistent, and that when they ask the editor for free space they will give their services freely and will ask all others supplying any article to do the same.

SCHOOL REPORT

REPORT OF NEWTONBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR MAY EXAMINATIONS

Senior First — Class A—Sam Kelly, Ruth Wardle, Doreen Maynard, Shirley Dalziel, Grant Courtney, Patsy Foreman, Edward Page, Edwina Hosty, Isobel Hicks, Audrey Booth, Ronnie Johnstone, June Halliwell, George Saywell, Dorothy Turner, Robert Mericle, Delva Conner, Louise Hosty, Nancy Coull, Margaret Gwillim, John McCrone, Annis Colton (absent.)

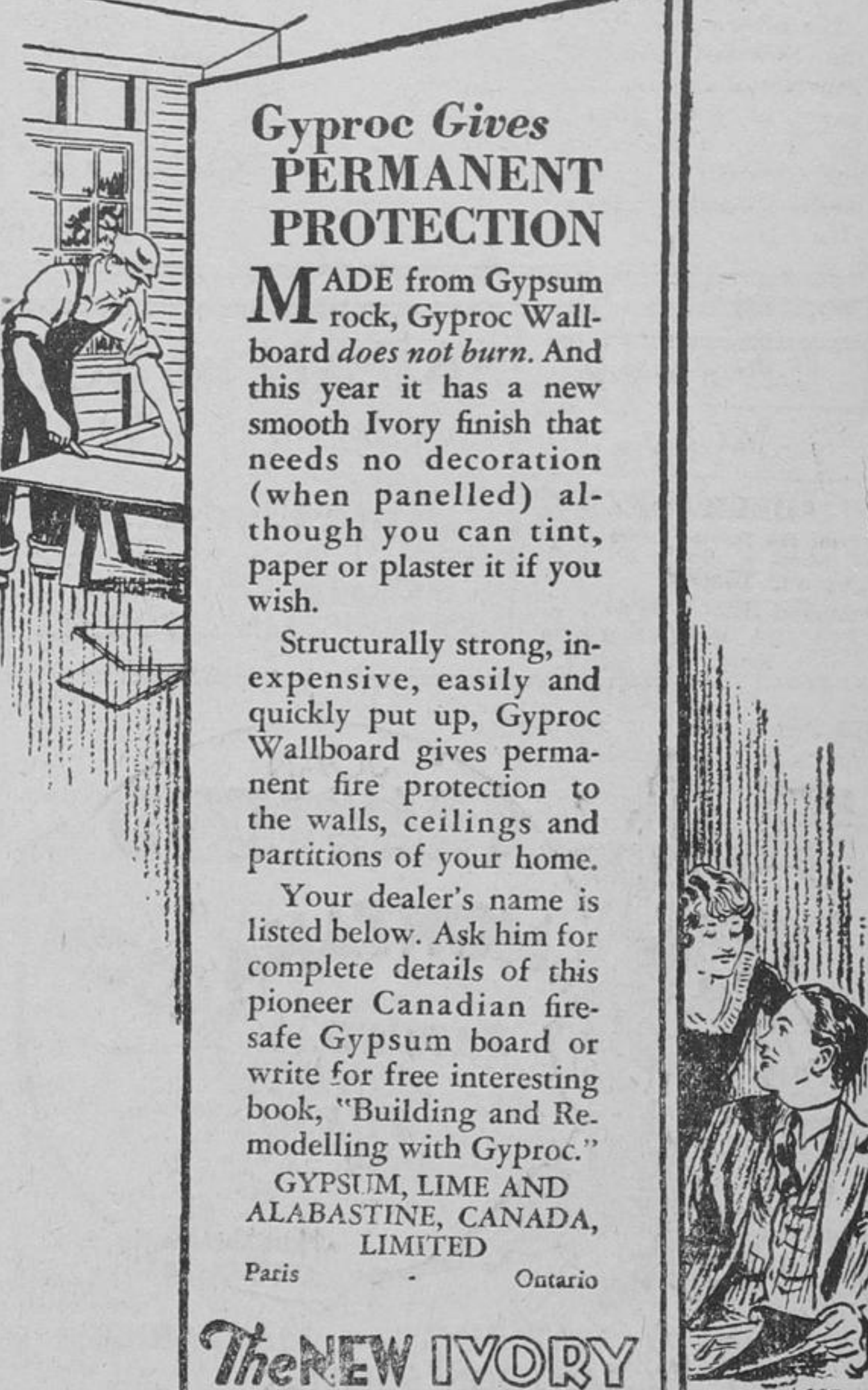
Class B—Dorothy Burt, Doris Colman, Connie Duggan, Lorraine Risebrough, Pearl Wimbis, Jimmy Ferrari, Dorothy Coghill, Dorothy Ollershaw, Carol Trewin, Graham Marshall, Alex. Drury, Herbert Phinnmore. M. JACKSON, teacher

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