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**THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE COULD HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE IN RADIAL CONTROVERSY**

The long months of unnecessary delay in settling the question of a car service on Yonge Street has reached the point where it is serious. The handling of the whole matter resembles a tragedy of errors and the action of the County Council early this week, when the members were unable to come to a decision regarding the appeal on the recent court decision emphasizes the lack of real leadership which has characterized negotiations.

It is hoped that at the present session the County Council will decide to withdraw the appeal which has been entered and which means weeks more delay. Whatever the protestations of the County Council may be, or whatever their decision this week, the County legislators must be judged on their record. So far the County Council's activities to protect the people's transportation service have consisted of a lot of empty gestures, grand stand plays, a lot of talk, numberless committee meetings, conferences and meetings which all represent a large expenditure of the people's money. The cost of the radial negotiations to date will not make very encouraging reading to the taxpayers of the County. The people of the North Yonge Street are concerned about securing an ADEQUATE CAR SERVICE which will give the district a fair chance to grow, develop and prosper. The County Council has so far contributed nothing only delay and expense which the taxpayers must bear.

When the abandonment of the METROPOLITAN RADIAL was first hinted the citizens of the North Yonge Street District anxious to avert such a catastrophe called a mass meeting in Richmond Hill. The citizens showed a keen interest in the subject and the meeting was largely attended. Men prominent in all walks of life were in attendance and voiced their views and offered suggestions and manifested a willingness to assist in every possible way to secure a continuance of the car service. One result of the meeting was the appointment of a CITIZENS COMMITTEE to co-operate with the County Council in arriving at a solution and determining a course of action. But the County Council which was well represented at that meeting did not seem prone to accept the assistance of the CITIZENS COMMITTEE. It has been hinted that the County Council felt the appointment of the citizens' committee somewhat of a reflection on their ability and that the members felt themselves quite capable of handling the question. Whatever the reason or explanation the fact is that THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE WAS NEVER CALLED TOGETHER OR WAS NEVER CONSULTED FROM THAT DAY TO THIS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

A feature of the meeting was the uncertainty in the minds of County Councillors present as to the "agreement" which was supposed to protect the rights of York County. It is significant that at this date somewhat over a year after, the same degree of uncertainty seems to exist in the minds of the same County Councillors. One suggestion at the Public Meeting was that the County should dispense with the services of T. H. Lennox who was known to be associated with the T. T. C. and secure the services of the best legal talent available, to determine and advise regarding the rights of the people in the METROPOLITAN. However the citizens committee was sidetracked by the County Committee, in fact was never called or consulted, and it is now a matter of record that the County Committee continued through long months of negotiations with the advice of the County Solicitor Mr. Lennox until the County on his advice became involved in litigation. In the court action Mr. Lennox would not act for York County because of his association as counsel with the Toronto Transportation Commission, and Mr. Gideon Grant had charge of the case. In this phase of the METROPOLITAN RADIAL question it would appear that the suggestion of the citizens to have employed other legal advice at the start would have been good business for the County of York. It might have saved thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money and it might even have avoided the abandonment of the Radial.

The Citizens Committee would probably have been able to ascertain whether or not the County of York was in possession of an agreement which compelled the City of Toronto to operate the radial. If the members of the committee could not understand the agreement themselves they would very likely have retained a solicitor who could have told them. The County Council which was so satisfied with its own ability to handle the METROPOLITAN RADIAL question has apparently not yet found out this fact. On Monday of this week after hours of chatter the members adjourned without coming to a decision whether or not to allow the appeal to stand against the recent unfavorable judgment of Mr. Justice McEvoy. The members of the County Council are quite apparently at sea as far as the Metropolitan Radial question is concerned. Instead of acting like a self respecting governing body with confidence in themselves and supported by the best legal advice the members are floundering around in waters of uncertainty.

It would have been nothing more than courtesy to the ratepayers of the North Yonge Street District for the County Committee to have consulted the CITIZENS COMMITTEE appointed by the people at a public meeting. We believe that the members of that committee, and others outside the County Council and its chosen set of advisors would have been pleased of the opportunity of "sitting in" on the negotiations and tendering every possible assistance to solve the Yonge Street transportation problem. We believe had the CITIZENS COMMITTEE been consulted they would have brought as much intelligence and diplomacy to bear on the question as has thus far been displayed by those who spurned their offered aid. The wish of the ratepayers to have a CITIZENS COMMITTEE act for them regarding the Metropolitan should not have been ignored and their assistance if accepted should have saved the ratepayers thousands of dollars and avoided the long months of unnecessary delay

**EXAMINATION TIME**

These are rather anxious days for young people, though days, also, full of pleasurable anticipation. Soon will come the long summer holidays, with all their delights; in the meantime, however, the end of the school year approaches, bringing with it the examinations, on the result of which so much depends. Those who are unprepared are naturally the reverse of happy; they have neglected their opportunities and find it impossible to make up, at the last moment, for lost time. They are dreading failure, and the humiliations which go with it. On the other hand, those who have done their best throughout the year, conscientiously applying themselves to their studies, can face the issue confidently; they are ready and hopeful of success. It is too late now for the idle suddenly to get busy; for the inattentive to turn their minds to their work; for the frivolous to become serious. Nothing but regret remains to them; but there is one thing they can do, and if they learn the lesson from their present disappointment, the situation is not beyond remedy. They can make up their minds to do better next year; to act differently and to plan more wisely.

Success, in most things, depends upon constant effort. The daily allotment of time and energy to a set task is bound to see that task satisfactorily accomplished sooner or later, if one wishes to master a school subject, whatever it may be—arithmetic, spelling, history, geography, art, science, languages, or anything else—all that is necessary is to keep steadily at it. Every day has its new lesson; knowledge grows with absolute certainty, if we keep on adding fresh information to our store. The important thing is to begin the year right and continue right, allowing nothing to interfere with the good resolutions and never turning aside from a set purpose. Then, when the end of the school year comes, and the test is applied, feelings of satisfaction, instead of worry, are the rich reward. Moreover, the daily discipline, the obedience and attention, have become established habits, and that is even more valuable than the gaining of diplomas and scholarships.

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**AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT**

The announcement of the appointment of the Hon. Dugald Carmichael as one of the commissioners to administer the new War Veterans' Allowance Act has been received with great gratification by his comrades and by the citizens of Canada.

In every respect the appointment is an excellent one. Col. Carmichael has proved himself a splendid soldier. Rising from the ranks, he won promotion after promotion and for his gallant service in the Great War received the decorations of D.S.O. and Bar and M.C. and Bar. At all times Col. Carmichael—since as well as during the war—was close by in touch with his men and gave them his comradeship as well as his keenest sympathy and support.

By his experience he is particularly well fitted to see that the claims of the veterans receive adequate consideration and at the same time his shrewd common sense and his Scotch carefulness will see to it that ex-soldiers do not get away with improper claims. Outside military circles, Col. Carmichael has had considerable experience in administrative affairs, having been a provincial cabinet minister and a member of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. Both the Government and Col. Carmichael are to be heartily congratulated upon his appointment.

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The members of the York County Council should decide to withdraw any obstacles now in the way of a speedy carrying out of the expressed will of the people in this district regarding the METROPOLITAN RADIAL. The electors of the municipalities of North York, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill voted by an overwhelming majority that they want a car service on Yonge Street and are willing to assume responsibility for its purchase and operation. The delay has already been a very serious matter for every ratepayer in the North Yonge Street district.

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In the light recent developments in the METROPOLITAN RADIAL case it would appear that the CITIZENS COMMITTEE appointed by the ratepayers could have been of some assistance to the County Committee in handling the problem. The CITIZENS COMMITTEE was never consulted.

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Had wiser counsel prevailed in the handling of the Metropolitan Radial case the car service on at least a portion of the line need never have been abandoned. If negotiation, and straightforward business consideration had characterized the early conferences between the County and the City the expense and delay of litigation would have been saved.

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Col. Lennox as a candidate seeking election in this riding stands condemned and discredited by his conduct regarding the METROPOLITAN ABANDONMENT. A man who breaks faith with the people cannot expect the people to do otherwise than pass judgment on his stewardship. Broken faith like a broken promise is just another liability for any man in public life.

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In the matter of the RADIAL ABANDONMENT Col. Lennox should have heeded the biblical exhortation "YOU CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS."

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North Yonge Street wants a car service.

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The calm which characterized the first week following the announcement of a general election has broken and the storm of political oratory will continue with ever increasing velocity from now until July 28th.

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The Dunning budget has been hailed by leading men of all political association in the Motherland as a step in the right direction towards a better understanding commercially not alone with the British Isles but with other parts of Empire.

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The Dunning budget points the way to a greater Canada and a greater Empire.

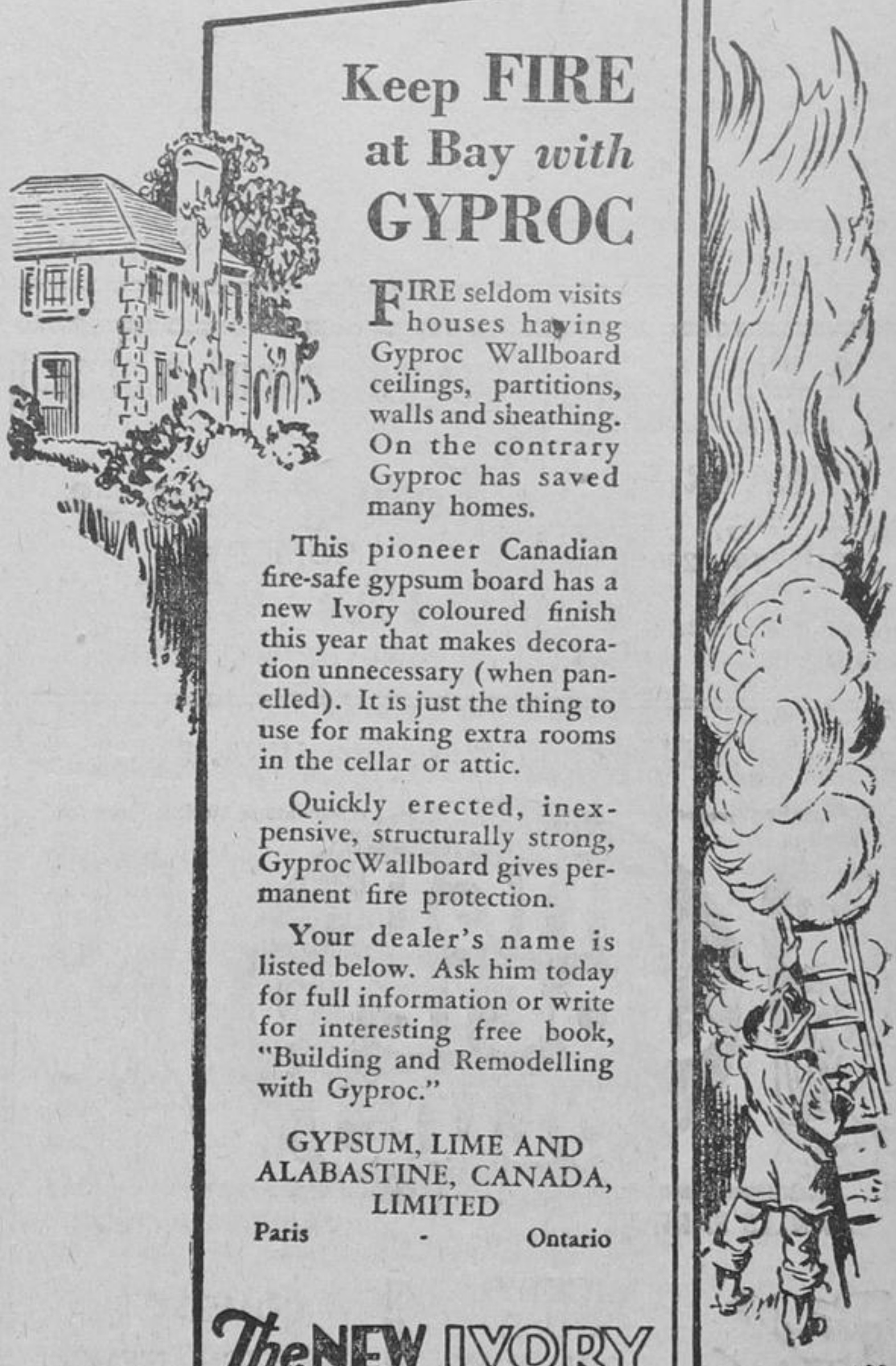
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Men and women in all walks of life in the Motherland are watching with anxious eyes to see the people of Canada endorse with their votes the Empire budget.

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"Whether or not the time is ripe for moulding anew the Empire on something more substantial than sentiment and more logical than force, there can be no longer denial of the fact that the attitude of other nations and groups of nations compels the family of British peoples to draw more closely together for their own individual welfare," observes the Estevan Mercury.

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