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## "New county proposal" —

### Osgoode eyes Russell

Osgoode Township has suggested formation of a "New Carleton County", a rural unit split away from the existing Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton.

In addition to the rural portion of Ottawa-Carleton, such a unit could also include Russell Township, Osgoode has proposed in a brief to Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough. "The benefits to our township of nine years of regional government have yet to be clear to us," the brief states.

The contention in some quarters the township enjoys better roads thanks to regionalization is hardly convincing, says the brief which is a response to the report of the Ottawa-Carleton Review Commission headed by Dr. Henry Mayo.

"The present regional roads system in our township has not yet reached the standards which would have been met before now under the old Carleton County long-range plans."

The brief proposes division of the Regional Municipality into two areas of local government, essentially along urban-rural lines.

The new urban unit would include Ottawa, Rockcliffe, Vanier and other major growth areas. The rural unit - New Carleton County - would include the remaining area with the possible addition of Russell.

Rural municipalities want to maintain ties with Ottawa-Carleton if they get the go-ahead to form a new county, Osgoode emphasizes in its brief.

"The people of the new Carleton County have always looked towards Ottawa for employment and services and this special orientation must be recognized."

Osgoode doesn't want to be regarded "merely as custodians of the rural countryside to be used only to provide space for the recreation needs of city-dwellers and reserves of agricultural land and mineral aggregate supplies for the future."

The brief suggests that a restructuring study be undertaken to determine the relationship between the Ottawa-Carleton urban centre and the proposed new county.

### Darcy says no

Russell Township will not be merged with Ottawa-Carleton as proposed in Dr. Henry Mayo's review of Regional Government.

Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough has announced he's not prepared to accept the proposal.

In an interview from his Toronto office, J. Albert Belanger, Conservative MLA for Prescott-Russell, told the Castor Review he was very happy with the decision.

"Russell is one of the major townships in Prescott-Russell and its removal would have been a drastic blow to the counties' financial position," Mr. Belanger said.

The MLA added the decision would make it easier for Russell to preserve its bilingual character.

## "Suds shop opens" —

### French sold short

A complaint from a Russell Township resident has led to a motion from council urging Brewers Retail to implement full bilingualism at its new Embrun outlet.

The motion, passed at a recent meeting, requests that staff at the outlet be fluent in both official languages and that signs posted at the store be in French and English.

Deputy Reeve Albert Bourdeau presented the motion for council endorsement after hearing from a Francophone resident upset because a clerk at the store could speak only English.

"We don't think it's too much to ask for a business located in a

bilingual community to be equipped to deal in both languages", Mr. Bourdeau told the Castor Review.

Ray Smith, manager of Brewers' Ottawa area operation, said the agency has no specific bilingualism policy.

"We do try to line up people who can speak French for our stores in French areas," Mr. Smith indicated. "But we can't guarantee there won't be some days when only unilingual English clerks are on duty."

Mr. Smith pointed out the manager of the Embrun outlet, Russ Mayotte, is bilingual. He added that whenever extra help is

required, local residents will probably be believed who will likely be bilingual.

The price list is in French and English in all stores and some other notices are bilingual, he noted.

"I've heard some people say the Brewers Retail sign on the front of our outlets should be translated to "Magasin de Biere" but that would be pretty hard to do."

Mr. Smith suggested bilingual service at the Embrun store isn't really a major issue.

"It's pretty easy to make yourself understood when you're ordering a case of beer", he said.



Strike up the band

Members of Russell's brass band posed for this shot in 1910. They are from left to right, back row: Fred Jones, Walter Fitzsimmons, Mr. Young, John Cherry, Henry Tweed, Andy Walker, Robert Long, and an unidentified member. The front row includes

Bill Summerville, Andy Fitzpatrick, Elburn Bryan, and John Duncan MacPhail. The drummer boy is Fred Jones Jr. For the story on Russell's latest musical group, see Page 8.



## Sidewalk Talk

### Old Leader rich in History but radios still cheaper

by Mark Van Dusen

From the countless treasures of Bill Louck's barber shop, a priceless gem: a July 21, 1927, copy of the Russell Leader, the village's newspaper.

To those taking up the torch fueled by the Leader, it's no less a gift than the Dead Sea Scrolls.

And peeling back the yellowed, stained parchment-like pages after 50 years is no less a thrill than uncovering the strata of a lost civilization to an archeologist, no less a fish-bowl view of our past.

But one need venture no further than the front page to identify with Dr. Louis B. Leaky, eminent discoverer of skeletons in Man's closet.

Yes, Felton, like Troy, did exist. Proof is a social note announcing Russell resident Miss Velma Fetterly's visit to Mrs. Arbutnot at the bustling settlement four miles south of Russell.

Mrs. Steele, your reminder in the last issue that your husband ran a drug store in Russell in the early days, is doubly driven home. "Does not merely stun, but actually kills," blares J. Lloyd Steele's drug store ad for Whiz Fly Fume.

This curious filler sheds some light on the technology, agriculture and humor of the day: "Scientists have invented a silencer for artillery, but there is now a broad field for new endeavour in inventing a silencer for the milk cows, so that we can sleep in peace on Sunday mornings."

The brittle pages protest noisily as they surrender their time-bound secrets.

Sabatini's Scaramouche thrusts his foil faintly above the latest instalment of the adventure story. The future seems cloudy for the swabuckler as the tale continues: To escape hanging on the charge of sedition.

But any question of uncertainty is ruled out for users of E. B. Eddy "Dreadnought" toilet tissue.

Motorcycles are in vogue with Harley-Davidson boasting "the greatest little machine that has been made."

British influence prevails in the full page of national and international news but there is a hint the sun is already setting on the Empire. "Canada, in spite of her youth, can supply many valuable lessons to the old land," quotes a reprint from the Edmonton Journal.

Creators and his band and Frivolities of 1927 (mostly girls is specified in small print) highlights the Ottawa Ex.

R. W. Atkinson, harness and collar maker, urges customers to "treat the old bus to a new top."

McArthur-Warner Ltd.'s "Great 10 Days Sale" features ladies' dresses for \$2.39, men's suits for \$9.98 and Ladies' high boots for \$2.39. "Terms - Cash or Produce."

The women's page is devoted to four female contestants' preparations to swim Lake Ontario, to sewing a frock and making fancy sandwiches.

A news item proclaims 1927 as the greatest year in the history of aviation: "One great achievement seems to merge into another with a rapidity that is well-nigh astounding."

Dr. Williams Pink Pills are prescribed for weak, listless girls, Firestone touts gum-dipped tires and Bayer feels compelled to say aspirin does not affect the heart."

Readers can send away for a free book on treatment for pain, bleeding and odor from cancer.

A classified ad offers 10 purebred Yorkshire pigs "about ready to wean" at \$4.25 each and a Westinghouse radio, "four tube set, complete with all accessories except batteries and loud speaker. Good as new, \$35."

Knowing that you can but a decent radio today for half as much, alone made exploring the old paper rewarding.



## Season's Greetings

The Castor Review staff and advertizers would like to take this opportunity to wish readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would also like to thank those who have already subscribed to the paper and once again invite new subscriptions. The rate is \$3 for 12 issues.

This issue includes a Christmas section on Page 5 with a greeting and reminiscences from John Diefenbaker.

Because of the holidays, the next issue will be delayed by one week to Friday, Jan. 13. The copy and advertizing deadline for that issue will be Friday, Jan. 6.