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Uxbridge Tp. undecided

Apparently Good Roads have little interest to the ratepayers of the Township. With the exception of two or three of the thirty present at the meeting on Monday evening, all either would not commit themselves or were in out and out opposition to the Good Roads scheme. One man in the audience expressed himself very strongly on the matter. After hearing the scheme outlined by Messrs Laidlaw, McLean and Henry he still feared that ruin would follow in the wake of the adoption of the scheme and cited the York Highways Commission as a bad example of County good Roads Commissions. He said that these men (Messrs Laidlaw, McLean and Henry) had come to force the scheme on the Town-ship.

Reeve Wagg, Chairman of the meeting, endeavoured to get an expression of opinion on the matter but only succeeded in getting three to favor it and three to vote against it. There seemed to be a suspicion, openly expressed by some, that the men advocating the adoption of the Good Roads plan were trying to force it upon them.

Uxbridge is the first Township in the County of Ontario that, so far, has not been whole heartedly in favor of road improvement as outlined under the Ontario Highways Act. With this exception, wherever meetings have been, keen interest has been shown and every meeting has formed a branch of the Good Roads Association of the County and passed the following motion viz: "That the Objects of the Association shall be to further the improvement and maintenance of all public roads in the district and in the County of Ontario, and to do all things which will assist in the carrying out of the objects of the Association.

That the branch shall have a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secy., Treasurer and Directors who shall be elected at this meeting and hold office for one year from the date of their election or until their successors have been elected.

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and direct the proceedings thereof according to parliamentary rules. He shall have general supervision of the work of the branch and call meetings from time to time for the consideration and transaction of any business that may be brought before them. In his absence the Vice Chairman shall preside and perform any and all the duties pertaining to the office of Chairman.

The Secy.-Treas. shall keep a record of minutes, conduct correspondence, receive and deposit in some chartered bank, all the funds of the Branch and perform other duties assigned him."

Mr. Laidlaw, the first speaker, introduced the Good Roads scheme, explaining how the movement in Ontario County, got its start. He briefly outlined the plan and expressed his belief that the abundance of gravel and easy drainage would make the cost light. Of what use, he said, are

the Telephone and Daily paper if the roads are not available. The people, he said, should rise to their responsibility in this matter so closely related to the social and economic life of the community.

Mr. McLean stated that twenty three out of thirty-seven counties in Ontario have adopted the Good Roads scheme. Ontario, he said, had got started but had turned back. He expected it to be among the first and not one of the last to get in line. A common misconception, he said, had got abroad that the scheme included all of the roads, whereas the Act included only about fifteen per cent. This improvement will accommodate about eighty per cent of the traffic. The roads to be assumed by the County are those leading from towns and shipping points. In making the roads it is intended to use the materials, as far as possible, found in the locality. The expense he estimated at approximately \$1500 per mile. The process is to be a gradual one.

Mr. Henry could not understand why a county like Ontario should remain out so long. It ought, he said, to be linked up with the York County system. He told how difficult and expensive it is to construct roads in York County on account of lack of gravel. To the patriotic objectors he said that the money granted by the Province for road improvement is already on hand most of it being automobile license fees.

Wilmot Kester Writes from France

Pte. W. H. Kester writing from France to Mr. J. Boadway says: "Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living and enjoying the best of health, only I have wet feet most of the time as my boots are not the best and it has been raining nearly every day for the last couple of weeks. If I ever get back mud will never bother me for we are covered with it nearly all the time.

The country we are in at present was a nice part of France before the war but now the buildings are ruined and the land is pretty well turned up with shell holes. There will be a lot of land that will never be worked after the war and when the Germans come to foot the bill for all the buildings that have been destroyed they will have some bill to pay.

We have the Germans on the go now and it does one's eyes good to see them bringing in German prisoners. Sometimes there are only four or five and at other times hundreds and they all seem glad to be taken.

I never knew how fast I could run until I came out here. Several times I have had occasion to run and if Longboat had been behind me I believe he would have had a hard job to catch me within two hundred yards. Once I



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was on guard at a dump and Fritz began to shell it, so I thought it was time for me to move so I moved at the double. I saw George Martin the night he went into the trenches when he was gassed. When his Battalion came out of the trenches I looked for him but his officer told me he was gassed and since I have heard he got a very bad dose.

He is the only one from Stouffville I have met except George Smith whom I saw on an Ambulance on his way back to England. He told me his tank had gone bad. I forgot to say that I have met Walter Mertens a couple of times.

Library Notes

NEW BOOKS
Juvenile
Countess from Canada

Darling of the School Meade
Gibby of Clamshell Alley Dressed Blue Rose Fairy Book Barring
Emerald Story Book Skinner
Red Cross Girls in British Trenches Vandercook
How Janice Day Won Long
Two Little Women and Treasure House Wells
Governess Lineman
My 14 Months Robinson
Daddy's Bed-Time Stories Bonner

Little Red Doe Hawkins
Just David Porter
Ice Boat No. 2 Quick
Purple Pennant Barbour
Georgina of the Rainbow Johnston

FROM THE TRIBUNE OF 1889

Mr. Thos. Mantel was able to make his appearance out of doors on crutches, of course, for the first time on Friday last.

Mr. Robert Srigley and wife of Newmarket were in town over Sunday the guests of C. Radmore.

Henry Leech of Markham was killed on Friday last at the level crossing on Pape Ave, Toronto.

Willie Urquhart was injured on Thursday by the bursting of the barrel of his shotgun.

Miss Jennie Stouffer has been engaged as teacher in Lemonville public school.

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Observations

Small towns and villages are like individuals, they often develop habits—not always good ones. We know a village—It may be you know it—where public gatherings of any kind are rarely started on time. The citizens have acquired the habit of being late. If the meeting is called for 8 o'clock they say "O, if we get there by 8.30 we will be on hand in plenty of time. It won't start on time." Can you name such a village?

Some time ago a commission was appointed by the Dominion Government to inquire into the all important question, the high cost of living. Three competent men the late C. C. James, Prof. McLean and Mr. Coates were on the Commission and their findings were looked forward to with a great deal of interest. These men spent several months on the subject but up to the present we have seen no report. We are still patiently looking for it.

There seems to be no kick coming concerning the change in the hours of lighting. At the meeting of the Board of Trade held on the last Friday evening of October, four men appeared. It will be remembered by those at the previous meeting that 11.30 was the hour recommended for turning off the lights. Now there are some—the old people and the children—who are not affected by the new light regulation but as for us we like to remain out of bed some nights at least until 11. We are consoling ourselves however with the thought that the lower cost of running will reduce the rates.

While Toronto is experiencing a potato famine, there are, so the Railway Companies tell us, in the neighborhood of one hundred cars standing in the yards held there by the wholesalers for higher prices. The public has been led to believe that potatoes are very scarce; consequently prices have soared so that the wholesaler makes a bigger profit by holding the cars and paying the demurrage. The railroads object because traffic is blocked and they threaten to put an embargo on this sort of thing. Why not the Government take a hand in preventing this sort of thing in war time?

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STRAYED—From Lot 3 Con. 7 Whitechurch, on or about Oct. 31 a black and white yearling steer and a black yearling heifer. Anyone giving information as to their whereabouts will be rewarded. Stanley W. Hastings, Stouffville, Phone 3715.

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