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Conservation Plays Ever-Increasing Role in Development of Metro

The next ten years will see the gradual completion of the massive \$38-million flood control and water conservation scheme which will ring Metro Toronto and region with a network of dams and reservoirs and eliminate disastrous floods such as Hurricane Hazel brought in 1954. This is the program in which Stouffville has a share.

Dr. G. Ross Lord, P. Eng., chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, told the Authority's sixth annual meeting here that construction of the first of 16 flood control dams will be carried out this year and in 1963. He said final engineering is near completion on the dam—the Clairville Dam and Reservoir—to be located on the west branch of the Humber river about five miles west of Woodbridge.

He noted that acquisition of the majority of properties for construction of the Millne reservoir at Markham Village has been completed; preliminary studies of reservoir sites are underway on Duffin Creek, the Don river and on the east and west branches of the Humber. Final engineering has also been completed on the \$300,000 Woodbridge flood control channel which he described as having high priority since it is being carried out in conjunction with the highway relocation project now underway at Woodbridge.

Construction of another phase of the \$4,000,000 Black Creek channelization program—this portion extending from Scarlett road to Rockcliffe Blvd.—will be carried out this Spring, he said.

Dr. Lord noted that the population forecast for the Metro region of 4,000,000 people by the year 2,000 points up the importance of acquiring conservation areas and flood plain lands as open space decreases in the area.

During its five years, the Authority has acquired some 3,200 acres of flood plain lands located mainly along the Humber, Don, and Rouge rivers and the Highland Creek.

A number of flood control projects have already been completed by the Authority including construction of weirs, channel improvements and construction of its first dam on the upper reaches of the Black Creek, which operated successfully during the Spring flood periods.

Dr. Lord referred to stream pollution and said that much still needs to be done in the region. He pointed out that the

Authority is dependent for action in cases of serious pollution upon the Ontario Water Resources Commission. He added it was apparent that the OWRC was sympathetic to the Authority's overall objective on eliminating regional stream pollution.

During 1961, the Authority's tree planting program on private area lands totalled more than 535,000 trees with a five year total of more than 1,644,000. Reforestation on its own nine conservation areas last year totalled nearly 200,000, with a five-year aggregate of nearly 500,000.

In referring to the development of conservation areas, Dr. Lord noted that this has led to "an ever-increasing acceptance by the public." There are now 4,200 acres of conservation area lands administered by the Authority, and last year, 860,000 persons visited the areas.

Dr. Lord also noted the progress on completion of the Pioneer Village in northwest Metro Toronto which is being established by the Authority as a typical 19th century crossroads community. The Village now comprises some 12 buildings and the Authority is planning to acquire and restore on the Village site the old Montgomery Inn now located on Dundas St. in Islington. Attendance at the Village has grown from 32,000 in 1959 to 99,000 in 1961, including 16,000 school children.

Reference was also made to the recently-established Conservation Foundation set up by the Authority as a means of receiving tax-free donations and bequests for the purpose of furthering conservation projects.

Dr. Lord said the Foundation had already received promises of support for construction and

furnishing of a Conservation School planned for the Albion Hills conservation area. It is presently raising funds for the removal and restoration of the Montgomery Inn.

"The Foundation promises to provide an important body through which citizens, industries and organizations may make contributions, both large and small, to assist in the general work of conservation," he said.

Seek One Voice For Canada's Farmers

The first move is now being taken by the Federation of Agriculture aimed at bringing the Federation and the Farmers' Union closer together in order that organized farmers in Canada can speak with one united voice.

A study by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture of the organizational problems that exist in Canada in relations between the Federation and Farmers' Unions is being undertaken on instructions of a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Federation.

This initial enquiry by the National Office of the CFA into the causes of such disunity as exists in the farm movement is being made as a first preparatory step. The National Office will report to the Committee.

The Committee is charged by the Board of Directors with studying the problem and holding discussions with the National Farmers' Union aimed at achieving provincial and national unity in farm organization in Canada. This action is being taken as a result of a resolution passed by unanimous vote at the Annual Meeting of Delegates of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in the latter part of January.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture resolution asked that steps be taken "to bring agriculture in Canada under one united and stronger organization to speak with one voice, not two". An amendment to this resolution, designed to strengthen it and calling for definite action, was passed which authorized the Board of the CFA to work with the National Farmers' Union "in studying the possibility of ways and means being found to provide opportunity for Farm Unions to participate in the CFA on the national level, either through the respective provincial Federations or directly".

Portion of Roy Address To Pickering Tp. Council

Mr. Reeve, Members of Township Council, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Before I voice or table my protest concerning the Assessment Commissioner, I wish to have a point clarified with Mr. Reeve Scott. It concerns our respective stands, not only to relieve any tension created by certain publicity but to assist in the quiet performance of this petition.

Let us say that I have no desire to enter into any controversy which may suggest any ill feeling or animosity toward anyone. What I have come here for, together with other indignant taxpayers, is to place our complaints in common, frankly and above board on matters of serious importance to all taxpayers who are clamoring to high heaven for nothing else than the fair play of a decent administration to their law-abiding citizens and who are anxious to see justice implemented and maintained in our community.

I am sure you will not view our efforts in any other way but with a sense of duty, that you will take heed to our protest and in so doing equally justify your position as the elected representatives of the people, in a manner worthy of competent and honest administrators.

On that basis alone, we have come here to protest against certain abuses, imperfections and inequities imposed on the taxpayer by the Assessment Commissioner who, in our opinion, is usurping his duties and assuming undue importance with a peculiar disposition to self-aggrandizement, vanity and obvious arrogance.

He appears to have created a virtual dictatorship which has amply proven to be dangerous and most objectionable to all of us taxpayers.

He has implemented a system apparently all his own, whereby the spirit of public regard, common courtesy or any semblance of common humility to his fellowman is conspicuous by its absence.

He has failed to co-operate with those who have quietly protested and has assumed an apparent intransigent attitude compatible with that of a megalomaniac intoxicated with the power and spirit of grandeur.

Commissioner Goslin has been the most expensive official Pickering Township ever had. He has given and is giving us no end of trouble in return.

He has created discord amongst all taxpayers; he has engendered hundreds of law-suits and appeals which are costing the taxpayer untold unnecessary expense and distress.

What will it be with the average unprepared layman and unsuspecting taxpayer who is practically rendered helpless at the first crack of the Commissioner's whip?

Is it any wonder that taxpayers are complaining with such vehemence as: "I was treated like a dog at the Court of Revision." "How am I going to live?" "May God help you for helping us poor people." "It's men like Mr. Goslin who make people poor," etc., etc.

Commissioner Goslin prefers to embarrass a taxpayer without any compunction, rather than to extend to him the civil courtesies and latitude due to the highest as well as to the lowest by civil servants, in this land of liberty and democracy.

He does not reply to letters written to the Municipality to alleviate or avoid any difficulties. On the contrary, he sets to aggravate them, creating thereby legal calamity, expense and disunion amongst all people and making himself unnecessarily obnoxious, glorifying tyranny and despotism.

"He rides on the horses of princes while princes have to walk as servants". He arrogates unto himself the apparent view that he is not subordinate to the Municipality and thereby makes the Municipality subordinate to him. He is apparently a law unto himself.

In one of these notions, he cost the Township some \$27,000 in legal fees for nothing but the apparent reason of showing the County Assessor who was the smartest—and really found out. All this at the expense of the taxpayers who have to supply that \$27,000 to kindle his vanity, yet not a word seems to have been heard by the Township Council in protest or censure!

Mr. Goslin has completely disrupted the peace of the Pickering Township. Some wish to break away into Metropolitan Toronto; others want to separate from South Pickering while South Pickering wants to separate from the North.

Everybody wants to get rid of the Commissioner, yet the Township Council does not wake up to the necessity of getting rid of him before he completely wrecks the Township and gets rid of the Council itself at the next elections.

He has made everyone who pays taxes unhappy. If there is anyone ostensibly satisfied, it is simply because he has been led to believe his taxes are not levied as high as his neighbor's.

So absurd is the Goslin idea of assessment that some farms cannot even be rented for as much as they are taxed. His system appears self-arrogated, arbitrary and injurious to the greatest number. It is fundamentally wrong in principle, discriminative in practice, and ultra-vires in Law, not to say against the principles of human rights and the spirit of the Magna Carta.

It certainly is a sorry day for our society when a small township commissioner can put a price on anybody's head just because he is living, earning his living wherever he can, under the absurd pretext of "property assessment" as though man were a mere chattel or someone's property to tax procurers.

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