

CATARAQUI BRIDGE

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THIS OLD STRUCTURE.

Company Formed in 1827—Tolls Authorized in Charter—Those in the Incorporation.

The records go to show that the Cataraqui bridge has a very interesting history.

The Cataraqui Bridge company was formed by an act of parliament, during the reign of George IV, in 1827. The list of incorporators contains some well-known names, including John Marks, John Macaulay, John Kirby, Christopher Alexander Haigman, James B. Forsythe, John S. Cartwright, Robert D. Cartwright, Archdeacon George O'Kell Stuart, James Sampson, Elizabeth Herchmer, Catherine Markland, Archibald McDonald, John Counter, John Jenkins and Edward Forsythe.

The tolls authorized at that time were: Two-horse waggon, seven pence halfpenny; one horse and waggon, six pence; every horse and rider, five pence.

The capital stock is given as \$50,000, of which the city holds \$2,000.

In former years the bridge paid a fairly good dividend, but during the past twenty years, it has only paid

two and three per cent, and sometimes four. The amount of toll collected has decreased, while the cost has increased.

According to the agreement, the government pays an annual rental of \$1,400, for the free passage of the militia. By arrangements made by Pittsburg township every foot passenger was taxed two pence.

The charter provides that there shall be no ferry between Kingston and Bor�크field, and that no bridge shall be erected within one mile of the present bridge.

In former years, the collection of the toll was left to collectors, but now the company is collecting its own toll, because of great dissatisfaction over the matter.

The company have to maintain a drawbridge, and is compelled to operate it for navigation.

It is not generally known that penny toll used to be collected on Cataraqui bridge. Every foot passenger who used the bridge had to pay a penny for crossing. This penny toll remained in existence a great many years. There are also very few who know how the toll for a team of horses came to be seven cents. The fact is that the driver of a horse is still paying the old penny toll. Although the toll for foot passengers was abolished, it was retained in the case of all those who drove vehicles, and to-day penny toll still exists in a measure on Cataraqui bridge.



OLD CATARAQUI BRIDGE.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

May Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

Miss Robson certainly stands alone in the impersonation of eccentric old women. She has created an ideal "Aunt Mary," as no other actress could have done with the same material. There are no dull moments, no ambiguous plot, no problem, simply a very funny story well told and well acted. It comes to the Grand on Thursday, January 19th. The play is in three acts and concerns an aunt of a somewhat harem-scared nephew who is finally expelled from college for thrashing a hack driver, who had insulted him.

MILD TEMPERATURE.

Just One Degree Below Zero at Eight O'Clock This Morning.

The weather was a little milder to-day than the past couple of days. This morning at eight o'clock, the official thermometer showed 1.3 degrees below zero. Monday and Tuesday mornings the thermometer stood between eight and nine degrees below zero.

These are great days for the ice men and the skating rink men. There will be great ice for the Frontenac-Belleville game to-night.

Not Yet Replaced.

The Thousand Island Steamboat company have not yet secured a new boat to fill the place of the steamer Ottawa, destroyed by fire at the wharf at Capt. Vincent. It is understood that the company have a couple of vessels in view which would be most fitted for the trade among the islands.

May be County Warden.

The selection of a county warden seems to be in the hands of the reeves of the rural townships who hold power in the Frontenac council, owing to their outnumbering the reeves of the front. It is said that Reeve A. Miller, of Arden, is likely to be chosen warden.

Work on the "Jessie."

Capt. Hinckley, is at Alexandria Bay, looking after the barge Jessie, which is on the ways—in the water, with about two feet of ice around her. Everything will be made ready for work on her in the spring.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Tungsten Lights for Kingston's Residential Streets.

Kingston, Jan. 17.—(To the Editor)—The writer took occasion some time ago to suggest that in connection with the proposed new street lighting scheme that the tungsten system should be adopted on many of our streets. The Whig did not concur in the idea; nevertheless the fact is that every city of importance is installing this modern illumination. Your correspondent does not advocate tungsten lighting for the business streets, as arc lights for this purpose are quite efficient, but in the residential district, especially where trees abound, as in the case on many of our city streets, arc lights are and will be a failure. The scheme proposed for Kingston is magnetic arcs with an occasional series—tungsten, this necessitates using a 4-ampere arc and it is questionable whether such will be satisfactory. It would be better to dispense with the series tungsten and use 6.6 ampere magnetite or other luminous arc lamp. The writer in his former letters did not refer to series tungsten street lamps, but to the multiple system used in Toronto and other places. The following clause taken from the report of Toronto's Electrical Engineer, will explain the street lighting scheme adopted by that city.

Residential streets, single 100-watt tungsten lamps will be erected on concrete poles 100 feet apart on both sides of the street. These will cost 2,466 cents each per night, or nine dollars each per annum. The power to be supplied from overhead wires, prices quoted include capital charges, cost of renewals, inspection charges and current inspection fees.

The above cost would be in excess of arc lighting but would be much more efficient, and it would be well to adopt some such scheme in the interests of the city and Maclennan park. A row of tungsten lights, for instance, along King street esplanade, would greatly add to the beauty of the city, especially when viewed from the water. Maclennan park on the water front might also be lighted in this way. It is hoped that the light and power committee will take the multiple tungsten lighting into consideration.—FIATLUX.

Attend Robertson Bros' china sale, twenty per cent. off.

APPEAL TO BE MADE

BY THE FRONT TOWNSHIPS OF FRONTENAC.

To be Given Larger Representation on the County Council—Little Townships of the Rear Control the Affairs of Frontenac.

Things have come to such a point in Frontenac county affairs that the larger townships will no longer stand for the existing conditions. Several prominent front township residents declare that the Ontario government must pass legislation whereby, in Frontenac, the townships that pay the bulk of the county taxes shall have the power. At the present time, Frontenac is controlled by the nine or ten reeves of the rear townships, which pay about one quarter of the county taxes. The front townships, Kingston, Pittsburg, Storrington, Loughborough, Wolfe Island, Howe Island, Garden Island and Portsmouth, which pay about three quarters of the rate, are ruled by the representatives of the rear, who, when they combine, can elect a warden and run things generally as they please. The reeves of the rear are very clanish, and when they want a thing, they generally get it. If a rear reeve is not elected warden of Frontenac for 1911, it will be a strange thing.

It is intended to send a good-sized delegation to wait upon the Ontario government with largely signed memorial, asking that legislation be enacted, giving the large townships greater representation on the county council. It is considered scandalous that the township of Pittsburgh with an assessment of over a million dollars should have the same representation as a little rear township with an assessment of only \$30,000. Frontenac is in a peculiar position in this regard, its townships being anything but uniform in population and wealth. Where there are now ten rear township representatives it is considered by the front that there should not be more than half that number at the most.

OBJECT NOT ATTAINED.

Revival Meetings Failed to Draw the Workingmen.

A Kingston clergyman in talking about the semi-annual services held here during the past two weeks said that the object of the meetings had not been attained. It was the men of the city, and particularly the workingmen, that the meetings were specially for, and these had not been reached. He was convinced that different methods would have to be adopted to reach them.

"I believe," said he, "that if the Bijou theatre were enraged and moving pictures of sacred nature given accompanied by good addresses by prominent men of the city, it would have a good effect. On Saturday night I would recommend a closing meeting of the laymen of the city to keep up the interest. To-day, in conversation with the great majority of workingmen, they will tell you that they have more respect for the Salvation Army than for any church. This shows that the workingmen are standing aloof from the churches. I do not say that the churches are wholly to blame, but it is a great measure they can do. I think it is about time some changes were made in the working principles of the different denominations, or our congregations will be decreasing. If you want to reach the workingmen of the city we must put ourselves on their plane and place ourselves in their position."

WORD OF DAUGHTER'S DEATH

At Riding Mountain, Man.—Father Speeding Homeward.

On Tuesday evening Postmaster James Stewart received a telegram from Riding Mountain, Man., announcing the death of the eighteen-year-old daughter of A. H. Scoult, postmaster of that western town. Mr. Scoult had come home, on Monday, to visit old friends, intending to remain a couple of weeks, when he received word of his daughter's dangerous illness, and telling him to hurry home. He left, at noon, Tuesday, and the wire conveying the sad news came as he was speeding on to his Manitobah home. He had left word for Postmaster Stewart to take care of his mail and telegrams, and the latter wired to his family that he was en route home. The deceased young lady was eighteen years of age, and was her father's assistant in the post office.

Dog Was Shot.

The little dog which bit a farmer's horse on the leg had to pay the penalty at the police station when it was shot by one of the constables. The owner of the dog did not come to the station to claim the animal and could not be located.

Goals.

	Won.	Lost.	For.	Against.
Ottawa	4	0	33	17
Wanderers	2	1	14	11
Canadians	2	1	11	7
Quebec	1	4	18	34
Renfrew	1	4	19	21

N.H.A. Standing.

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Harry Asseltine has gone to take a course in the Kingston Business College. Miss Ethel McMullen, Ottawa, is with her friend of last summer, Miss Gertie Cowan, W. J. Abrams, the Bay View, Fourteen Island Lake, octogenarian, is said to be gradually weakening. Miss Grace Burleigh is visiting with the Misses Watson, Pleasant Valley. The Free Methodists are holding a revival. Railroad workers put in the new steel bridge on Sunday, spanning the river at South Verona.

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