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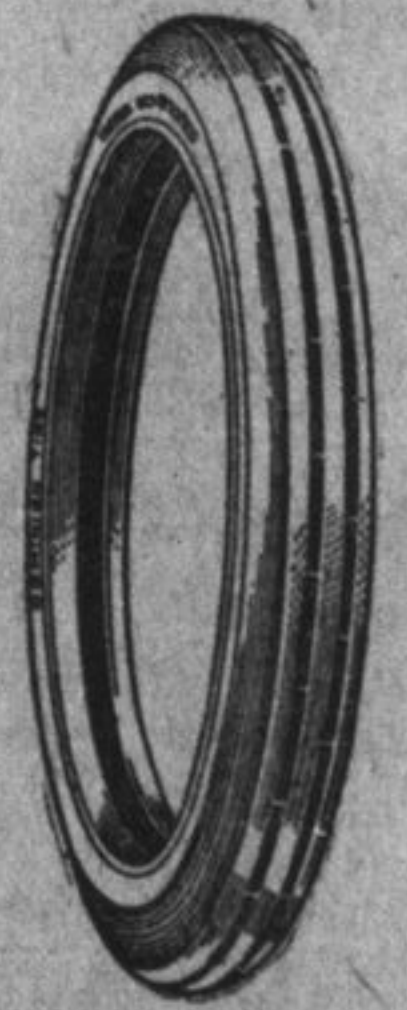
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COMPLAINT AGAINST SUBURBAN ROAD AREA COMMISSION.

Made by the Reeve of Kingston Township—Bedford Township Enters the Good Roads Scheme. When the request of the Suburban Area Road Commission, asking for \$48,000 for this year's work in Kingston and Pittsburg townships was read to the County Council on Thursday afternoon, Councillor Clarke, reeve of Kingston township, made a sharp attack upon the commission for exceeding the amount of money voted to it last year. He referred to the minutes to show that \$15,000 had been voted, and it was stated in the resolution that not over \$20,000, including the Ontario Government grant, was to be expended. Instead, the commission had expended over \$26,000. Was this additional amount to be charged to the township of Kingston or would the County Council have to provide for it, he asked. It was not fair to Kingston township to saddle it with an expenditure which was not provided for, and Councillor Clarke held that the commission had no right to exceed the amount voted to it. His township was now taxed forty mills on the dollar, and he did not feel like going back to his constituents and telling them that they must pay still more for road work that was not authorized. He thought something should be done to bring the commission to time.

Councillor Clarke also claimed that there had been extravagance in the road building. A cheaper structure would have met the requirements. He also declared that some of the men who worked on the roads just put in the time, working only about three hours a day. Tab had been kept upon some of the workers and the people of his township were very much dissatisfied with the work of the Suburban Road Area Commission.

Road Superintendent Fair was asked to make some explanations with regard to the suburban area work. He stated that last year \$70,000 was expended altogether on road work in the five front townships. He had to depend upon foremen to see that the men worked, as he could not be responsible. Notwithstanding that there might have been idling at the work, his reports on the various road jobs showed that the work had been done cheaper by hand than it could have been done under contract. The commission found it impossible to do the work properly unless some more road machinery was provided.

After some further discussion it was decided to refer the points raised by Councillor Clarke to the Good Roads Committee for adjustment. The commissioners will be asked to appear before the committee and make explanations as to why they exceeded the grant given them. The council adopted the request of the Good Roads Committee fixing \$70,915 as the amount to be expended upon good roads this year. Of this amount the Ontario Government pays over \$30,000.

Councillor Patterson, the energetic young reeve from Bedford township, presented a petition from his council asking the Ontario Government to make the main Bedford road a county provincial road. This request was acceded to. Bedford will thus join the front five townships in the county good roads system. Bedford's example may be followed by some of the other northern townships.

J. G. Elliott addressed the council and asked that it send representatives to the Ontario Educational Association's annual convention in Toronto in April. He assured the council that the interests of the rural schools could be furthered by taking part in the deliberations of this vigorous association. The matter will be dealt with by the committee on education of which Councillor Halliday is chairman.

Inspector M. R. Reid asked the council to appoint an attendance officer. This matter was also referred to the education committee. A deputation was present from the Orphans' Home and asked for a grant this year of \$500. Consideration of the request was promised.

Mrs. J. J. Laskie, who has the contract for supplying bread to the jail, asked council to increase her tender price awarded last November, as the price of flour had so increased that she was losing money on the contract. The property committee will deal with the matter.

On motion of Councillor Halliday a committee was appointed to consider the question of a county memorial to the men and boys of Frontenac who fell in the great war, and to report at the June session.

ANOTHER LOT

Of Slightly Damaged Blankets on Sale at Corrigan's. We received another lot of slightly damaged blankets, white and grey, large double-bed size. On sale while they last, \$2.98 and \$3.49.—Corrigan's.

Books and Magazines Needed. No doubt many readers of the Whig have books and magazines that they have read and found interesting. At the military hospitals there is constant need for such books and magazines for the use of the patients. At this moment Sydenham Hospital needs them badly. If those of our readers who can spare books and magazines of real interest will kindly leave them at the Whig office, whence they can be sent out to the hospital, they will be doing the patients a great kindness.

Colds and Grippe Prevalent. The city is full of colds and grippe. The moderate weather of Tuesday, followed by cold again on Wednesday, did the trick, and scores of people were laid aside on Thursday and today. The Whig office, along with many other business houses, has suffered in a marked curtailment in their staffs.

SUBMITTED TO THE CIVIC FINANCE COMMITTEE

Which Promises to Give It Favorable Consideration—Meeting of the Board on Thursday Evening. A meeting of the Public Library board and the citizens' committee took place in the council chamber, Thursday evening. The plans for the proposed reconstruction of the building offered by G. Y. Chown were discussed, and a letter from the Synod of Ontario regarding the land the building stand on, was read. The value of the land was placed at \$10,000 and could be purchased with the building. The plans are beautifully drawn and the design chosen will give a splendid library. There are two stories for books and reading rooms, and the upper, or third story is an assembly hall. A sub-committee consisting of Rev. W. T. G. Brown, T. J. Rigney, and R. E. Richardson, was appointed to wait upon the finance committee of the city council and place the proposals and the plans of the library board before them. Later Mr. Rigney reported that the finance committee promised to give the matter its most favorable consideration. He explained that according to Mr. Chown's terms the matter was one that was to be dealt with by the city council. It was for the council to either accept or reject the offer. He thought that in view of the generosity of the gift it was one that the council should not afford to reject, but would be disposed to meet the conditions of the gift by making the provision required.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Employment Situation. Kingston, Jan. 28.—(To the Editor): Your editorial of Saturday on the "Employment Situation in Kingston" will be read with interest. Many are of the opinion that the last paragraph sums up the situation fairly. Men flocked here in hundreds to find employment making munitions. Hundreds of soldiers who received their discharge here brought their wives and families, thinking they would find employment. The militia officers in charge of the offices here for finding employment would be well advised to consider that Kingston is a city of only about twenty thousand population, and as times are only normal here at present it cannot be considered a Mecca for employment for all who choose to flock here. Farmers in this part of Ontario bounded by Brockville, Renfrew, Trenton, Belleville and Napanee are asking for help in offering good wages. Several men have gone to these towns and of themselves found employment and housing accommodation. Aid, Cohen has given employment to quite a few out of the city. Kingston cannot be expected to furnish employment for all who come here, and the employers of labor are doing what they can to keep business moving.

Yours truly, —F. MILLS.

The Critic.

My father says the paper that he reads ain't put up right. He finds a lot of fault, he does, perusing it at night. He says there ain't a single thing in it worth while to read, and that it doesn't print the kind of stuff that people need. He tosses it aside and says it's strictly "on the bum." But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come. He reads about the weddings and he snorts like all got out. He reads the social doin's with a most derisive snort. He says they make the papers for the wimmen folks alone. He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan. He says of information it don't contain a crumb. But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come. He's always first to grab it and he reads it plumb clear through. He doesn't miss an item or a want ad—that is true. He says: "They don't know what we want, them durm newspaper guys; I'm going to take a day some time and go and put them wise. Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb." But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come. —Exchange.

Col. J. T. Clarke Decorated. Col. John Thomas Clarke, M.D., a native of Foxboro, has been honored by King George for his services in the great war. William Clarke, Foxboro, has received word of the distinction. Col. Clarke has come to his brother, Col. Clarke is now entitled to the letters C.B.E. after his name, for he has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. His brother, Charles G. Clarke, resides in Kingston.

A Very Bad Fire. The extensive dairy farms, dairy cattle, horses and farm implements belonging to G. A. B. Gay, along the Grand Trunk line, immediately north of the city, in the second concession of Sidney, were destroyed by fire on Thursday. Of the extensive dairy of thirty-nine cows and the working force of nine horses, not one cow or horse was saved. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

New Hotel For Halifax. Halifax, Jan. 29.—William Duff, M.P., of the Nova Scotia World's Fair executive, announced that a proposal for erecting a two-million dollar hotel in Halifax was assuming concrete form and that the success of the proposition now depended upon the support extended by citizens of Halifax. He declared that the persons promoting the hotel were prepared to spend approximately \$1,500,000, provided that Halifax citizens subscribed another \$500,000. The ads are the voice of the stores—a voice worth listening to!

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