

COUNTY APPLAUDS TORONTO'S ACTION

Taking Over of Lake Shore Line is Approved.

RESOLUTION IS CARRIED

Question of Building New Wing to
Industrial Home Laid Over Un-
til Next Session.

The York County Council yesterday afternoon passed a resolution emphatically endorsing the action taken by the City Council of Toronto toward the municipalization of that portion of the Lake Shore Division of the York Radial System lying between Sunnyside and the Humber River, as evidenced by the city's serving of notice of its intention to take over the line on the expiry of the present franchise. The resolution was moved by Councillor Henry, Reeve of York Township, and was carried after brief discussion, all practically in favor of the motion.

The draft bill laid over from the last session of the Ontario Legislature, regulating the character and size of county bridges, was laid before the Council for an expression of opinion. Councillor Henry moved that while the Legislature should be urged to clearly define the duties and powers of County Councils in respect to county bridges, it was inadvisable to compel the counties to assume all bridges of a given length, irrespective of other circumstances. The motion was carried.

The committee on the County Industrial Home at Newmarket recommended the erection of a new wing to replace the room now used as a smoking-room. The matter was laid over till the January session, as was also the application for a grant to the Society for the Treatment of Inebriates.

A deputation will wait on the County Council to-day to request that the incorporation of Mimico as a village go into effect on December 24 instead of January 1, which falls on a Sunday. Mimico's population registers at about 1,000.

ELBOW ROOM FOR TORONTO.

The World's support of the project to expropriate the property between the City Hall and Osgoode Hall for the joint purposes of a central city square and a site for the new Dominion Government buildings that are becoming an absolute necessity in Toronto is very welcome. There is no big town on this continent that needs elbow room in its downtown quarter so urgently as Toronto does.

When one goes to Montreal and looks at Dominion Square, or to Ottawa and watches the creation of a great group of buildings around the new plaza of the Chateau Laurier, or to Winnipeg, where the spaciousness of Main street is refreshing to the Torontonian who is daily jostled off the sidewalk on Yonge street, the conviction is hammered home that this city is making a fool

of itself by its persistent refusal to create a central open space.

The Globe would like to see the Federal Government and the city act together in the acquisition of a downtown square and a site for the new Federal buildings, because in that way the cost would be less to both than would be the cost of individual action.

The expropriation of all the land between the City Hall and Osgoode Hall and extending north from Queen to Louisa street would give the city and Dominion not only the land now covered by buildings in the area in question, but also the space occupied by the western end of Albert and the southerly end of Elizabeth. It would permit of the setting back of the front of the Federal building to the line of Osgoode Hall. The square that could thus be opened up would be noble in its proportions and afford opportunity for seeing to advantage the fine west front of the City Hall as well as the new Federal buildings. The south side of Queen under the conditions described would become most desirable property. At present it is no credit to Toronto. The Board of Trade should thrust the matter upon the attention of the City Council and the Government at Ottawa. There is but one valuable building on the site, the Manning office block. The property affords Toronto's last opportunity to look like a real city. Are our people big enough to grasp it?