
ARBITRATION OVER A PARALLEL ROAD

EXPROPRIATION BY NORTH TOR- ONTO OF MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY LAND.

The project of building a road through Mount Pleasant Cemetery to connect North Toronto with the city proper is now being arbitrated before P. H. Drayton, K.C. After the preliminary appointment, early this week, the arbitration was postponed until next month owing to the illness of Mr. C. H. Ritchie, K.C., solicitor for the Cemetery Trust.

While the municipality of North Toronto is most interested in the expropriation of enough land to complete the much-desired road, the northern and southern extensions of which were built last year, the township of York is the corporation with which the Cemetery Company has to deal. North Toronto will pay the greater part of the award when it is decided upon by the arbitrators, because that municipality, with the possible exception of the city itself, will profit most by the construction of a road running parallel to Yonge street opening up the eastern district.

About two acres of land will have to be expropriated from the Cemetery Company to allow for the road. Mr. A. J. Brown, Mayor of North Toronto, in conversation with The Globe yesterday, said that after the amount to be paid for the land has been determined by the arbitrator he would strongly favor placing the matter before the people of his town in the form of a by-law, and secure, as soon as possible, their approval or disapproval of constructing a highway at the cost named. When asked how much the land would cost, Mr. Brown said it was impossible for him to set a value for it, but he added that property just south of the cemetery had been sold not long ago at \$5,000 per acre. In Mr. Brown's opinion the early construction of this road would be a great help to the city of Toronto and to North Toronto, even if annexation should not be considered, in getting adequate street car service north of the railway tracks.