

CEMETERY TRUST OFFERS A PARK TO THE CITY

IN RETURN WANTS ITS WAY RE- GARDING MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD.

Twelve acres of beautiful park land fronting on St. Clair avenue and adjoining Prospect Cemetery, estimated as worth \$10,000 per acre, were yesterday offered to the city of Toronto by the Cemetery Trust.

In exchange, the Cemetery Trust wants the city to agree to divert the proposed parallel road from North Toronto to the centre of the city so that it will skirt the eastern boundary of Mount Pleasant Cemetery, instead of cutting through the centre of the cemetery in accordance with the present proposed location plans.

It is pointed out that the proposed new location would not greatly lengthen the route, and would limit the number of bridges to one—that over the Rosedale Ravine.

The direct route through the Mount Pleasant Cemetery as at present proposed involves the construction of two bridges, one over the old Belt Line railway, north of the cemetery, and a second over the Rosedale Ravine.

The cost of the bridge over the Belt Line railway would approximate \$75,000.

With the new route adopted that amount would be saved, and in addition the city would be given a \$120,000 park property fronting on St. Clair avenue.

Thus the municipality would receive \$195,000 in consideration for diverting the new north and south road through Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The Cemetery Trust would benefit by reason of the fact that it owns considerable property immediately east of the proposed new north and south road, the value of which would be materially increased if the bargain was effected. Also possible damages to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery property on account of the proposed present road being constructed would be eliminated.

The matter will be taken up by Council at an early meeting.