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1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

We were requested by Mr. Kearney of W. H. Dillon and Company Limited to conduct a subsurface investigation at the site of the new bridge or culvert structure crossing the Carp River. Preliminary study had indicated that the total span of about 40 feet could be divided into two or three bays and that the bottom of the bridge footings were desired at about 5 feet below the stream bottom; the bottom of a box culvert structure could be about 3 feet below the stream bottom. The elevation of the stream bottom had been determined by W. H. Dillon Company Limited as about elevation 92.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Foundation Types

Either a bridge structure using footings on the clay soils at about elevation 87 or a box culvert structure with a slab on the clay soil at about elevation 89 would be technically feasible. The choice between these two types of foundation can therefore be made on which provides the most economical overall structure.

Foundation conditions at the location of centre piers will need to be confirmed by inspection during construction as being similar to those at the abutments near the River edges where the test borings were carried out.

2.2 Soil Bearing Values

A bearing value of 2,000 pounds per square foot can be recommended for use with footings or box culvert slab at elevation 89 or elevation 87 provided the natural clay soils are used and are not disturbed by construction operations.

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Since soil strengths decrease below elevation 87, foundations of the structure should not be lowered without discussing revised bearing values.

## 2.3 Construction Preparations

Since the clay soils are sensitive to disturbance, that is they lose almost all their strength when reworked or remoulded, it will be necessary to specify protection of these soils at footing level. This protection can be provided by requiring hand excavation of the last 6 inches of soil followed immediately by the placing of about 3 inches of lean concrete as a working surface slab. The protection slab can be placed in small increments if necessary.

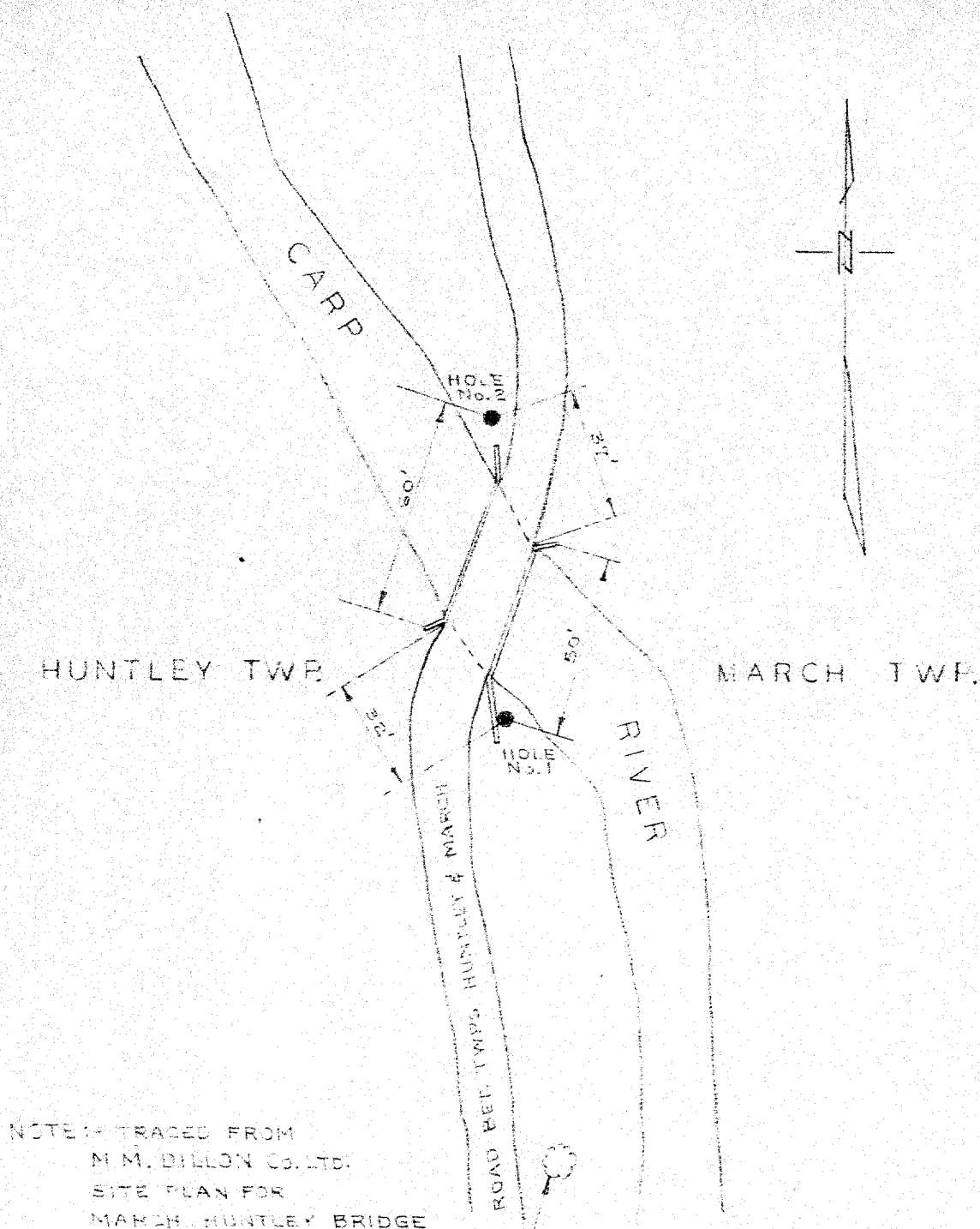
During construction it will also be necessary for the Supervising Authority to examine subsurface conditions carefully to guard against variations in subsoil conditions from those encountered at the locations tested by borholes. This requirement is particularly important if any piers are to be placed in the river bed and where the erosion of the clay and subsequent deposition of loose alluvial soils could be possible.

### 3. PILE INVESTIGATION

Two boreholes were made on the River banks in the locations shown on plate 1. Two inch thin walled tube samples were recovered in the cohesive soil layers and borehole vane tests were performed between the sample intervals to aid in estimating the soil shear strength. Ground water levels were observed during the field program.

All samples were visually reclassified at our laboratory and water content tests performed to aid in estimating the construction behaviour of the materials. A group of small scale penetrometer tests were made in the undisturbed and the remoulded state for each tube sample, the appearance of one sample (2-5) leads us to believe that the penetrometer results on the sample should not be considered representative due to the possibility of sample disturbance.

The findings in the test holes are shown in detail on plates 2 and 3 but can be generalized as consisting of about 6 feet of fill soils underlain by stiff clay to a depth of about 15 feet then underlain by medium to soft sensitive clay to a depth of at least 29 feet. Groundwater levels were within a few feet of the existing surface at the time of the investigation and these can be expected to rise to the ground surface during wet seasons of the year. Surface flooding of the future bridge area is also to be expected from the appearance of the site.



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BOREHOLE LOCATIONS  
HUNTLEY & MARCH TOWNSHIP  
BRIDGE

SCALE 1" = 40'

PLATE 1

HUNTLEY, MARCH TOWNLINE  
CAMP RIVER BRIDGE

HOLE NO.

150' + SOUTH OF BRIDGE.

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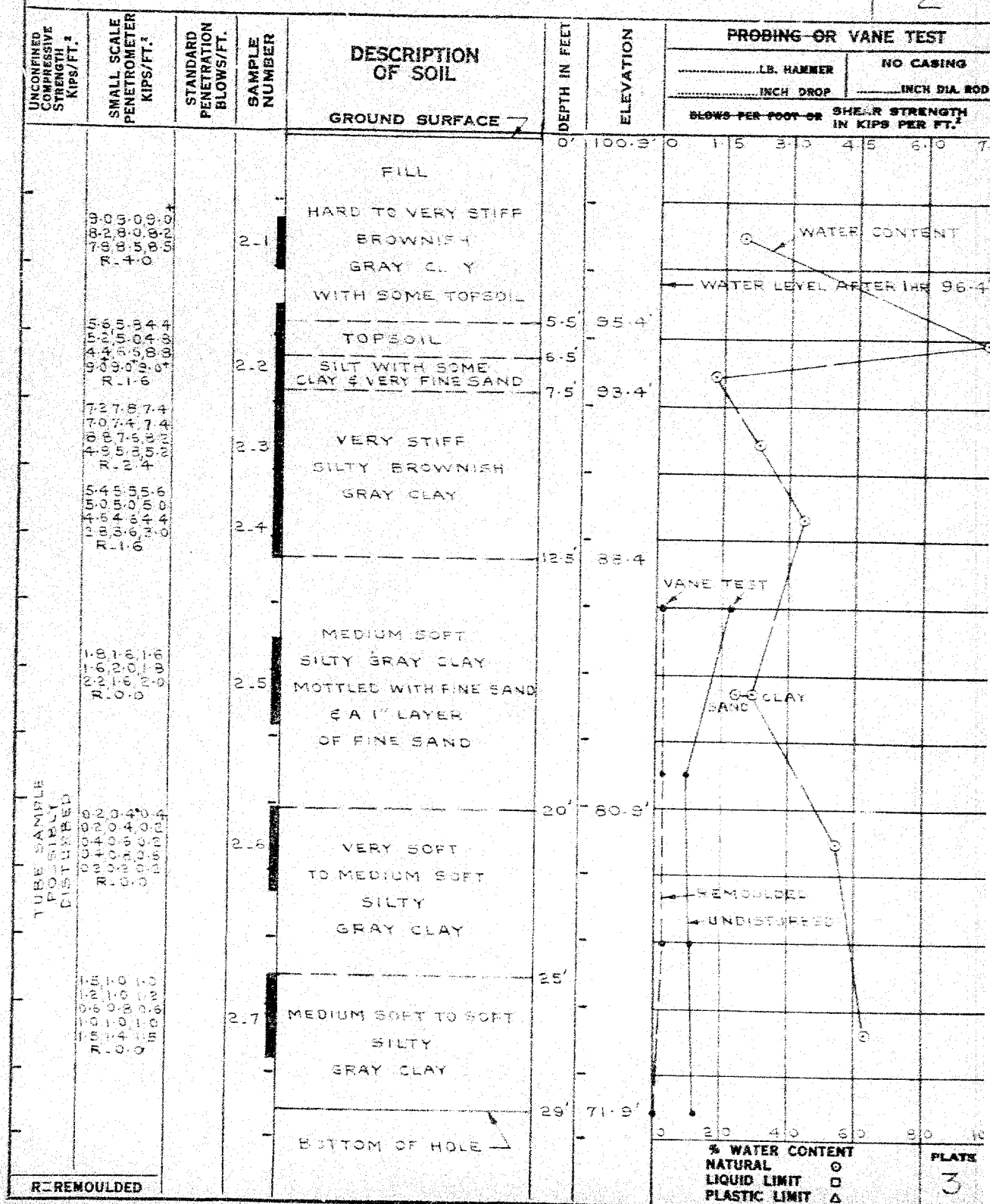
#### SOIL PROFILE AND SUMMARY OF FIELD AND LABORATORY TESTS

HUNTLEY, MARCH TOWNSHIP  
CARP RIVER BRIDGE

ELEVATION OF GROUND SURFACE (ZERO DEPTH) 100.9' DATE MARCH 5, 1964  
REMARKS SEE PLATE No. 2

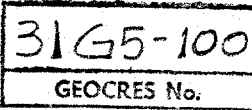
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REPORT ON SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

AT

BRIDGE SITE

CROSSING CARP RIVER

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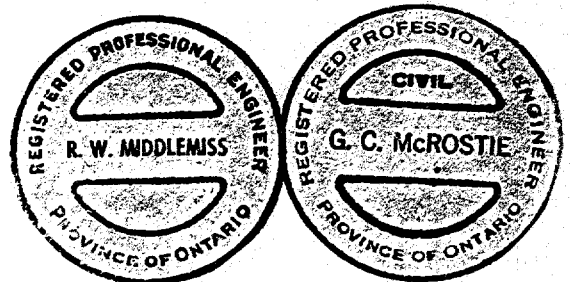
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