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Control of the Road Loan.

We offer no excuse for the frequent references which are made in this column to our need of roads and better roads, because we are convinced that until this country has made the same efforts in that direction as our neighbours we cannot expect to take step for step with them in the march of progress.

Practically the whole of the knowledge that most of us possess about our country is confined to the rugged coast line, which gives little indication of the wonderful beauty and the unlimited opportunities for development that lie within its crusty exterior. These attractions are inaccessible to the lover of nature and to the pioneer unless and until roads suitable for vehicular traffic penetrate these, at present, waste lands. A journey across the country by the railway line does not impress one favourably, because in the first place the route for the greater part follows the "bad lands," and because whatever forest growth was to be observed in the early days has long since been destroyed by devastating fires. To find the attractions mentioned it is necessary to visit our river valleys and the arms which extend inland, for miles from the bottoms of the bays. There we are indeed in God's country.

These areas must be made accessible and the only possible way to bring them within reach is by means of roads and bridges. The Legislature has authorized the expenditure of \$2,000,000 to provide these utilities, and we have the promise of the Leaders of the Government that the money will be so controlled that neither the importunities of district representatives nor the cajolery or threats of the chairmen of the Road Boards will be permitted to divert it from the purpose for which it is intended. It does not require a wide knowledge of the practice which has been followed in the past to appreciate the strenuous opposition which such a policy will arouse. We trust, however, that the Government will not waver in its decision, or give any consideration to demands which do not dovetail into the plans decided upon by the commission to which the work will be deputed.

We advocated such a policy previous to the introduction of the loan bill, because we felt that so long as road monies were allowed to be frittered away as they had been in the past the Island never could expect to possess roads deserving of the name. Now that the suggestion is an accomplished fact, we are determined, that so far as we can help to prevent it, this loan will not flow away through useless channels, or be robbed of its energy owing to the amount of friction to which it might be subjected in reaching its goal.

The press is perhaps in a better position to help a watchful eye on such matters than any other institution, and with all the papers co-operating, they can jealously guard that fund and make it accomplish the object, which it is unquestionably the desire of all that it should.

The Western Star in its last

issue refers to this very case, and voices the fear that the Government may not get beyond the Avalon Peninsula in their policy. That is by no means, so far as we can learn, their intention, and it certainly does not commend itself to our view. The West offers to the tourist and to the agriculturalist opportunities which are far greater in many ways than those of any other section of the country, and unless they are fully developed side by side with those of the East, both must eventually suffer in the end. This is one country; our interests are the same, and a policy which savoured of discrimination to the detriment of any one part would be deserving of the strongest condemnation. We can assure our Western contemporary that in the Telegram it will always find a staunch ally in a fight against any such suggestion.

The Care of Our Bonnie Babies

In the Baby column which we publish each Saturday appears to-day timely advice on the practical means of preventing what is generally known as summer complaint. It is all too common throughout the country, and there is a tendency to treat it as inevitable during this period of the year. The fact that vigorous measures have been taken elsewhere to combat this disease must impress everyone that it is by no means a complaint to be disregarded, and the success which has followed these efforts indicate clearly that it could be practically eliminated here by the adoption of similar precautions. We are glad of the opportunity to call attention to this timely advice.

Community Singing

DEMONSTRATION AT CASINO.

Community singing has become popular overnight in St. John's. The Casino last night was filled by people of all classes who were eager to see for themselves the idea of community singing. On entering the hall each person was presented with a programme on which were printed the words of thirty songs, including such old favorites as "Old Black Joe," "Annie Laurie," "Mother Machree" and various others. Promptly at 8.30 the curtain rose and Mr. Richmond Barton, playgroup director, appeared on the stage and in a short address outlined the idea of community singing. He said it was very popular in the cities of the United States and Canada and hoped that it would become so here and be continued in the future. Mr. Charles Hutton very ably presided at the piano. The programme opened with the singing of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" and each number was sung three or four times each section of the audience singing in its turn and then the whole audience singing it. Altogether last night's sing was quite a success and Mr. Barton deserves great praise for introducing it into this country. We hope to see it continued this summer and the next and not be permitted to die out. It is Mr. Barton's intention to hold another sing in Bannerman Park next Friday evening, details of which will be made known later. Considerable annoyance was caused last night by children in the gallery, who after each number were consoled by being taken to the balcony and then to the stage and had to be called to order on several occasions. The sing concluded at 10 p.m. with the National Anthem.

Cape Broyle

Garden Party

The annual garden party at Cape Broyle takes place to-morrow and it is anticipated a large number of people from the city will take in the event. Intended patrons are reminded that a train leaves the railway station at 2 p.m. and returning leave Cape Broyle at 10.30 p.m. The committee in charge of affairs have made ample preparations to cater to all so that the weather only is required to make the day enjoyable.

Highland Games Dance

The committee in charge of the Highland Games, intend holding a dance on Wednesday night after the games in the Great Hall, the St. Andrew's Orchestra will furnish the music, and have a programme of the very latest dance music and enjoyable evening to assure all who attend. Tickets at popular prices may be had from members of the "Committee" or at the door.

Local-Made Brick Test

Some badly needed repairs to the Museum building were begun this morning. Since its erection about 15 years ago, the walls which are composed mostly of American pressed brick have been crumbling. Bad local bricks have been used in this as well as other buildings in the city, much unnecessary expense would have been avoided. In such erections as the Standard, Angel Engineering, and the Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd., the local brick have withstood the severe climate for years without showing any signs of disintegration.

Magistrates Court

Two drunks and disorderlies were discharged.

A driver of a motor bus was summoned before court charged with not stopping his bus at the Cross Roads while passengers were alighting from a street car. A fine of \$5.00 was imposed. Judge Morris intimated that in future he would deal severely with those who do not observe this section of the Traffic Regulations.

Big Picture at Majestic

"DRUMS OF FATE" AND "NEXT CORNER"

The movie patrons of the Majestic Theatre will be delighted with the features next week particulars of which will appear in Monday's Telegram. "Drums of Fate" and "Next Corner," are the titles and the public are assured first class productions.

Caplin Cove Fire

Mrs. Cram and Puddister beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of eight bed quilts collected by Mrs. Ed. Dwyer of Lake View, Harbour Main, towards the relief of the Caplin Cove fire sufferers. Amount acknowledged \$381.80 L. N. & P. Assoc. of Fashion 5.00 G. F. K. 2.00 \$388.80

Personal

Dr. F. A. Jones, Dentist, is a passenger sailing by S. S. Sylvia to-day for Montreal and Toronto. An enjoyable party was held at Mr. John Campbell's Bungalow last night to give a farewell to Miss Marjorie Campbell, who is leaving by the Sylvia to-day to resume her studies at Wellesley Hospital, New York. The party was also made the occasion of welcoming Miss Fisher, daughter of Dr. Fisher, of the West Coast, who is spending a vacation with her aunt. Mrs. Wilbur Devendorf, of Asheville, North Carolina, who, with her two children was visiting Sir John Croable, left for home on the Sylvia. Miss Vera Croable also went by the Sylvia on a visit to the United States and Canada.

Convenient Premises

The premises taken over by the Customs from Edens Estate for use as a warehouse and bond store is giving great satisfaction to the trade in general. Its proximity to the Customs House and the large floor space available is a great convenience and its acquisition was a move in the right direction.

Shipping.

S. S. Canadian Sapper was scheduled to leave Charlottetown on Thursday and is due here to-day or to-morrow. S. S. Sachem sails from Halifax on the 26th inst for this port. S. S. Digby leaves Liverpool to-day for here. S. S. Sabie I. is leaving Boston on 26th inst. S. S. Rosalind leaves New York to-day for this port. Schr. Helen Vair 4 days from Halifax has arrived in port with a cargo oil. Schr. Bonavista 31 days from Ferroe Islands has arrived to T. H. Carter & Co. in ballast.

McMurdo's Store News

When the Doctor prescribes he expects the drugist to fill the prescription with pure drugs. There is no part of our business which does not receive its full share of attention. The quality of our drugs and medicines is not surpassed. Our prescription department is our special pride and none but qualified dispensers fill prescriptions. Kruschen Salt 75c. Box 10c. Box 25c. Box 50c. Box 100c. Box 200c. Box 300c. Box 400c. Box 500c. Box 600c. Box 700c. Box 800c. Box 900c. Box 1000c. Box 1100c. Box 1200c. Box 1300c. Box 1400c. Box 1500c. Box 1600c. Box 1700c. Box 1800c. Box 1900c. Box 2000c. Box 2100c. Box 2200c. Box 2300c. Box 2400c. Box 2500c. Box 2600c. Box 2700c. Box 2800c. Box 2900c. Box 3000c. Box 3100c. Box 3200c. Box 3300c. Box 3400c. Box 3500c. Box 3600c. Box 3700c. Box 3800c. Box 3900c. Box 4000c. Box 4100c. Box 4200c. Box 4300c. Box 4400c. Box 4500c. Box 4600c. Box 4700c. Box 4800c. Box 4900c. Box 5000c. Box 5100c. Box 5200c. Box 5300c. Box 5400c. Box 5500c. Box 5600c. 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