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A PLEA FOR GOOD COUNTY ROADS

Reports reach this office that teams and motorcars are frequently "stuck" fast on the Breslau road, which is the leading artery between here and Guelph. Vehicles pulling each other out of the mud are common occurrences. What a commentary on the present way of building county and township roads!

Mention has been made of the fact that Waterloo county expended last year \$48,857 on county roads, of which sum \$11,000 represented repairs on gravel and macadam roads. This larger amount named does not take into account the sum raised by the Statute Labor tax. In earlier times, every farmer performed a certain number of days' work on the roads. Now he pays cash. The average sized farm is called upon to give the equivalent of 15 days' labor, which will represent, say, \$30. The total number of statute labor days could not to-day be ascertained. Obviously it will represent a large sum. County and township road expenditures thus make a large cost. The taxpayers of the county may well ask themselves, What do we get for it?

It should be recalled that the statute labor device is an age-old device. It will be granted, that under it, enough labor and its equivalent, money, has been frittered to have concreted every road in Waterloo County. Had each township laid only a mile of concrete a year this could have been accomplished.

In agriculture, as in manufacturing, Waterloo County is termed one of the banner counties of Canada. It has a rich soil and excellent farmers. Their well-tilled fields, fine homes and good barns denote prosperity.

They are enterprising to a degree. They use modern machinery; are introducing the Hydro service, with which to grind feed, cut fodder, pump water, milk the cows and churn butter. They have telephones and are buying motorcars. They have begun the use of tractors and will soon set up motor presses to carry their products to market and bring home store supplies. Yet they have heretofore backed away from permanent roads.

It may be that they have considered that every dollar the individual farmer contributed towards good roads would be for the public's benefit as well as their own, forgetting that their shares were small and that their neighbors' contributions were also included. The roadways are free to all. Everyone may use any road in any part of the county. Experience in Canada and the States where permanent roads have been constructed, attest that the value of farm lands abutting them have increased to a greater extent than the sum expended by the farmers.

Did this not invariably follow, the saving in wear and tear and in time would warrant the cost of good roads. Note the saving of being able to haul a full load at all seasons of the year instead of from June to October.

Another objection on the part of rural Waterloo has been that permanent roads, when constructed, are mostly used by motorists. These are not exclusively used by motorists. Everyone needing them uses good roads. Following this somewhat selfish course, it will be found that motorcars soon make poor roads worse, ending in greater outlays for repairs of gravel and macadam roads than concrete roads would cost.

When Robert Stevenson invented the steam locomotive, the agriculturists of his country bewailed the probability of their killing the cows along the railway. The steam railway was not halted by this fear. It was too good a thing to bar and as a matter of fact that ancient fear proved groundless. The multiplication of motorcars can no more be checked than was the spread of railway transportation. To-day every district in Canada welcomes a railway.

Instead of bucking the motorcar, wise men in the rural districts are utilizing them. As a matter of fact more farmers own automobiles than do any other class in Ontario. They are getting the habit and profiting by it. They may soon become the leading owners of motorcars.

Motorcars are admittedly hard on old-time roads. The proper thing is not to exclude or hamper their use but to tax them, as is being done to the extent of more than \$1,250,000 per annum, and use the money thus secured to build a class of roads that will withstand motor traffic. Wise old Waterloo, leader in so many directions, should get a quarter section of this pie, while the pie is being handed around.

All the county and township roads cannot be reconstructed in one year nor in ten. But a given number of miles can be laid each year, working toward the goal of good roads for every section of the county.

Taxpayers recognize that gravel and macadam are as out of date as last year's birdsnests and that to continue spending about \$50,000 in making and repairing them is a sheer waste, which might be likened to carrying milk in a paper bag.

Since the obtaining of good roads is a matter of many years, the sidewalks and even some of the county roads will continue to be dressed with gravel. Better construction is here urgently needed. Roads should be crowned and properly drained. Dumping fresh gravel on saucer like roadways and letting the wagons iron it out is a poor way of doing things. When it rains pools of water gather and the horses' feet and wagon tires, along with motorcars, grind the gravel into mud and slush. Helping each other out of mud holes then becomes a necessity in bad weather.

It seems to us that the best way to eliminate poor roads is first to build good ones in much-travelled sections. Concrete roads are good missionaries. Motorists, who at bottom may be said to be paying for new roadways would be within their rights in insisting that no further money should be wasted, through the building of county or provincial highways of gravel and macadam. Let the problem be tackled by degrees. A concrete roadway from here to Preston would be a good thing to undertake as an example this year.

WANTED: A SHELTER AT GALT

It is pleasing to note that Manager Kirkwood of the Grand Valley Railway appreciates the patronage given the G. P. & H. by our citizens and its increase of late, through placing a car in service to make connection with the early eastbound C. P. R. train at Galt.

In view of his enterprise in this matter, it is desired to draw his attention to a provision, which if made, would please many patrons of the road. It is

to provide a shelter for passengers, while waiting at the C. P. R. bridge for a G. P. & H. car to convey them northward.

Frequently it is necessary to wait ten or fifteen minutes for the car to arrive. In the cold winter months and wet spring and autumn months, this is always disagreeable and is often dangerous for persons in indifferently good health.

A reply might be made that passenger can take to the C. P. R. station, some fifty or seventy-five yards distant. This would delay the departure of the car, particularly since it runs through a cut and arriving passengers have to descend a stairway.

It would not be a difficult nor costly matter to provide a shelter, convenient to the G. P. & H. track. That patrons of the road would appreciate it, goes without saying.

BY THE WAY

"Well I'll be trucked!" said the Watermelon.

Before you again dust off your lawnmower, this city will have received another industry.

On Tuesday evening 300 English people left Toronto for England. After several years of residence in Canada, their spokesman said they longed for the old English ways, habits and personal freedom.

Extracts of Exchange

HOW THE STATES FOSTER EXPORT TRADE

Industrial group organization for the development of foreign trade is proceeding rapidly in the United States. Already over eighty export associations have been formed under the Webb-Pomene law. Among the principle commodities represented by these organizations are: Steel, copper, lumber, textiles, automobiles, machinery, raw cotton, sugar, magnesia, paper, tanning materials, phosphates, oils. One association will limit its foreign trade to clothes-pins. The Government's billion dollar fund for financing foreign trade will be available soon to exporters through loans from the War Finance Corporation. Regulations now being prepared by the Corporation to cover advances will provide for the lending of sums up to \$50,000,000 to any individual firm, corporation, or export association, probably at 5 1/2 per cent. interest for a maximum of 5 years on adequate collateral. Scores of informal applications for information or for advances have been received from individual exporting firms or representatives of the export associations organized under the Webb law.

PREDICTS A FEDERAL ELECTION

Farmers' Sun: The Canadian Council of Agriculture, which has just been in session in Winnipeg, had under consideration the question of the best mode or political action to enforce the farmers' demands. It acknowledged an insistent demand of the provincial members for definite political action and in response it recommended the provincial associations to take immediate and energetic action to secure the election to parliament of representatives of the farmers' cause. That is a decision prompted, it may be assumed, by the influence of the farmers in the present parliament, which delays the budget from day to day, while Mr. White bargains concessions to secure the support of his government. The Council is apparently convinced that in the matter of the tariff these concessions will be material. To strengthen the resolution of the farm representatives, the Council urges the Dominion Government, during the present session, to remove the seven and a half per cent. war tariff and to make a substantial reduction of the general tariff in the manner suggested in the farmers' platform. There is no sign of a weakening of the farmers' demands, and it is understood that nothing will be accepted in the stead of tariff reform. That is, the demand made in some quarters for a fixed price of wheat is not supported. All the indications are to the effect that Mr. White will concede as little as he can, and that as soon as practicable there will be a general election on issues raised to elect a parliament in which the protectionist influence will be supreme.

FROM LANDS FAR AWAY

For the first time a Methodist Episcopal district conference was held recently in Baluchistan. Chinese merchants in Tahiti have subscribed a fund for establishing an orphan asylum for the children whose parents were influenza victims.

Nearly the whole of Korea has been prostrated by the epidemic of influenza. As in America, schools have been closed and business houses have found it difficult to keep open.

One of the encouraging signs of the times in Mexico today is the interest in physical education, as manifested in the promotion of football, baseball, and tennis clubs throughout the country.

During the middle ages the Venetians controlled the sugar trade, bringing the product from Egypt Syria and India. So important was the industry, considered that when in 1429 a Venetian invented a new process of refining sugar he was presented by the government with a sum of money representing an enormous fortune in those days.

San Jose principal city of Costa Rica possesses one of the finest opera houses in the western world, a structure which cost \$1,500,000 to build and equip. The exterior is of white marble, while the interior is furnished in Italian marble and mahogany with a grand stairway modeled after that of the Paris Opera house.

The rickshaw, it is said, was invented by a missionary in Japan, some forty or fifty years ago. From Japan the idea spread to India, China, the Straits Settlements and South Africa, and has had important consequences, since it is estimated there are now more than a million men employed in making, repairing or pulling rickshaws.

The Spanish Government's troubles at Barcelona have been renewed, as a result of the delay in conceding the demand of Catalonia for autonomy. Barcelona began displaying these little bursts of anger early in her history. In 1640 she rose against the tyranny of King Philip and threw herself into the arms of France. Spain recaptured her in 1652; in 1657 she again fell into the possession of France, but was restored to Spain in the same year. In 1842 she revolted against the Queen. She was whipped into subjection by Espartero, rebelled again in 1843, and was again subdued. After Madrid Barcelona is the most populous and important city of Spain. According to tradition, the city was founded by Hercules 400 years before the building of Rome. It was re-established, or, according to more trustworthy accounts, founded by Hamilcar Barca, the father of Hannibal who called it Barcoo. Barcelona is a great port of commerce and also the chief manufacturing centre of Spain.

Andrew J. Peters, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, now mayor of Boston, born at Jamaica Plain, Mass., 47 years ago today.

"Bud" Fisher, celebrated cartoonist and comic artist, born in San Francisco 34 years ago today.

Margaret Anglin, widely celebrated as an actress, born at Ottawa, Ont., 43 years ago today.

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Bridgeport Events

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Mr. David Hellyer of Lions Head spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Haas.

Mr. Joe Ray has left for Port Colborne and will sail the great Lakes for the summer.

The many friends of Pt. Harold Wanklin are very much pleased to see him back again from overseas after having seen active service in France and Belgium. Pte. Wanklin received a Royal good welcome at the home of his uncle, aunt Mr. and Mrs. Fred Humberg. The Annual meeting of the Evangelical Church was held and the

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 officers for the ensuing year elected.
 Rumors are afloat that a number of Kitchener Horse men have leased a portion of land and are about to build a half mile race track this is a slip in the right direction in regards to sport and will fill a long felt want as there are a large number of fast harness horses in our district. Trusting we may hear more about it the project in the near future.
 The many friends of Mrs. Moses Hallman are sorry to hear she is very ill trusting she may have a speedy recovery is the wish of her many friends.
 A musical program will be given in the Evangelical church next Sunday evening under the auspices of the Y.P.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Shantz left for Toronto early this morning.

TO DAY'S EVENTS
 A referendum is to be taken in the Province of Quebec today on the proposal to permit the sale of beer and light wines in the Province.
 In New Zealand a referendum on the liquor issue is to be taken today to determine whether the present licensing system shall be continued or give way to national prohibition.

AVOID COUGHS and COUGHERS!
 Coughs, Croup, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, etc.
SHILOH
 30 DROP-STOPS COUGH HALF TINY FOR CHILDREN
 All mills in the Manchester, England, district spinning American cotton are to shut down today and remain closed for two weeks. The shutdown which affects 100,000 operatives, was decided upon because of bad trade.
 The examination of Mrs. Stanislaw Lypohinski, charged with the murder of Sister Mary John of the Polish convent of Isadore Mich., eleven years ago, is scheduled to be resumed today at Le-hand, Mich.

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