

CANADIAN GOOD ROADS CONGRESS.

The Fifth Congress of the Canadian Good Roads Association will be held this year in Hamilton, May 7, 8, 9, 10, under the presidency of Mr. J. A. Duchastel, City Engineer of Outremont, P.Q., and for which the following programme has been arranged.

TUESDAY, MAY 7th.

Congress called to order by the President.
 Addresses: Hon. Findlay MacDiarmid, Minister of Public Works and Highways, Province of Ontario.
 W. A. McLean, Deputy Minister of Highways, Province of Ontario.
 B. Michaud, Deputy Minister of Highways, Province of Quebec.
 Very Rev. Monsignor J. M. Mahony, Hamilton.
 Rev. Canon Daw, Hamilton.
 Address of welcome, Chas. G. Booker, Mayor, City of Hamilton.
 Address of welcome on behalf of the Canadian Good Roads Association by Mr. S. L. Squire.
 Address: Mr. C. R. Wheelock, President, Ontario Good Roads Association.
 Address: R. T. Kelley, President Hamilton Board of Trade, L. B. Howland, President Canadian Automobile Association, M. J. Overell, President, Hamilton Automobile Club.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th.

Appointment of Resolution and Legislation Committees.
 "Who Should Pay for the Road."
 Paper: Mr. C. R. Wheelock, President Ontario Good Roads Association.
 Discussion: H. Bertram, Toronto, Hamilton Highway Commission, Orangeville, Ont.
 "The Efficiency of the Highway in the Present Transportation Difficulties."
 Paper: Col. Wm. D. Sohler, Chairman, Massachusetts Highway Commission.
 Discussion:
 Annual Meeting Canadian Automobile Association.
 Address: F. Howard Annis Whitby, Ont.
 "How the Good Roads of France are Helping Win the War."
 Paper: Lt.-Col. W. G. McKendrick, D.S.O., Director of Roads of British Army.
 Discussion:
 "English and American Practice in the Construction of Tar Surfaces and Pavements."
 Paper: Arthur H. Blanchard, Consulting Highway Engineer, New York City.
 Discussion:

THURSDAY, MAY 9th.
Asphalt Pavements."

Paper: C. A. Mullen, Director Paving Department, The Milton L. Hersey Co., Limited.
 Discussion:
 "The Most Important Consideration Entering into Road Construction—Drainage."
 Paper: James H. MacDonald, Ex-State Highway Commissioner of Connecticut.
 Discussion:
 "What the Motorists can do to help the road movement and relieve the transportation congestion."
 Address: L. B. Howland, President, Canadian Automobile Association.
 "Result of Tests with Various Types of Pavements."
 Paper: W. H. Connell, Consulting Engineer, Philadelphia.
 Discussion:
 "Concrete Roads."
 Paper: A. Lalonde, C.E., Asst. Engineer, City of Outremont.
 Discussion:
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FRIDAY, MAY 10th.

"The Hot Mix Method of Bituminous Construction Using an Asphaltic Binder."
 Paper: E. Drinkwater, Municipal and Highway Engineer, St. Lambert, P.Q.
 Discussion:

THE GUILD LIFE OF ENGLAND.

The most striking example of the old guild life of the United Kingdom (with the exception of the Livery Companies of London) is the town of Preston, in Lancashire. Here certain old Guild customs survive in all their splendor. The festival was first celebrated in the year 1329 and every twenty years since then it has been repeated, save on two occasions—once during the Wars of the Roses, and again during the troubles of the Reformation period. When the date at which the celebration is due approaches, the Mayor issues a proclamation announcing that the Guild merchant for the borough of Preston will be duly opened on the first Monday after the Decollation of St. John the Baptist. All persons claiming to have any right to freedom or other franchise of the same borough, by ancestry, prescription or purchase, are then to appear in person or by their proxies, to claim and make out their rights. Otherwise, according to ancient and immemorial usage, they will forfeit the same. A court is formed by the mayor, the three senior aldermen of the Guild, and the clerk. Before this court, those who desire to be enrolled as freemen of the Guild must appear and make good their claims. To be recognized as such freemen was in the olden time a valuable privilege; to-day it is an honorable distinction. The trading fraternities gather early in the morning, and, accompanied by the noblemen and gentlemen of the county of Lancashire, proceed to the parish church. The service over, a grand procession is formed and the companies, with the insignia of the respective trades, join in a parade through the town. First in order come the tanners, skimmers, curriers and glovers; then follow the weavers and spinners, the cordwainers, carpenters, butchers, vintners, tailors, plasterers, smiths, gardeners, printers and bookbinders. Friendly societies are next marshalled, and the Lady Mayoress heads a great company of ladies of the leading families of the town and county. During the entire fortnight in which the festival is maintained, banquets, and wardens of the companies wait upon the Guild Mayor—balls, plays, concerts and other forms of entertainment succeed each other without intermission. Lastly, the masters in the Guildhall and their Guild orders are sealed and regularly entered in the books. Proclamation is then made, the name of each resident burgess is called over, and the Grand Seneschal affixes the corporation seal upon the Guild-book, and holding it up, says: "This is your law." The sergeants then make proclamation in these words: This Grand Guild Merchant's Court is adjourned for twenty years, until a new Guild Merchant's Court be held and duly proclaimed.—R. V., in "Gazette."

JOHNNY GET YOUR HOE.

Mr. A. Barnstead, organizing secretary of the National Committee on Food Resources of Nova Scotia, has sent the following, which was composed by Mr. George E. Graham, manager of the D.A.R., a subsidiary company of the C.P.R., and was sung with good effect at a public meeting held recently at Kentville, N.S.:

Johnny get your hoe, get you hoe, get your hoe,
 Make your garden grow, make it grow, make it grow,
 Plant your seeds from sea to sea,
 Let them work for liberty,
 Hurry right away, don't delay, start to-day,
 Forward to the land with a right willing hand,
 So we'll help defeat the Hun,
 Now we've got him on the run.

Over there, over there, over there,
 Send the food, send the food, over there,
 For our brave boys need it, our brave boys need it,
 The calls are coming everywhere,
 So observe and preserve
 Save the food, save the food, and conserve,
 So we'll help win the cause of freedom,
 And we'll plant, save and send, till it's over, over there.

"Abatement of the Dust Nuisance."

Paper: E. R. Gray, City Engineer, Hamilton.
 Discussion:
 "Roads for the Common People—Gravel and Macadam."
 Paper: Paul D. Sargent, Chief Engineer State Highway Commission, Augusta, Me.