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ADVANTAGE OF THE HIGH-
WAY ACT EXPLAINED

In its True Economy and Business Methods are embodied—Immediate and Substantial Benefit to the Farmer and the Province—Explanation of Different Sections, which will prove of general interest to all.

The following letter in explanation of the new Highway Act, from St. John Bliss, Secretary of the County of York, to the Hon. J. P. F. P., is of general interest to all who are interested in the improvement of the roads of the province. It is extremely clear in its reference to the "betting and gambling" charge delivered by the Bishop made in his reference to the Highway Act. It is extremely clear in its reference to the "betting and gambling" charge delivered by the Bishop made in his reference to the Highway Act. It is extremely clear in its reference to the "betting and gambling" charge delivered by the Bishop made in his reference to the Highway Act.

When a road tax assessment list is delivered to a Commissioner he should be charged in the account book with the total amount of taxes assessed in the list, so that when the returns are made to the Board, he may see at a glance the amount of taxes assessed in each district, and the amount of taxes actually collected. The Board has ascertained the amount of cash available for the parishes, and should apportion the amount among the districts and notify each Commissioner of the amount to be expended in his district. In making this apportionment the Board will take into consideration the amount of the present year's assessment in the district, as well as the extent and condition of the roads.

When the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner he should give an order on the treasurer of the Board for the amount due, and the treasurer should take a receipt on the order, when it is paid. It will save trouble and insure accuracy if each Commissioner would send a small book with stubs and notes on the stub the particulars of each order given by him. In the same way each surveyor by using a receipt book with stubs can keep an accurate record of all taxes "worked out" or paid to him "in cash."

By observing these suggestions much trouble will be avoided and the necessary returns will be a very simple matter. Sec. 4.—(5) Two members of the Board constitute a quorum; the chairman should be at least 12. I entirely agree with this opinion. There are very many of the younger men of the province who are assessed on a very low valuation, if at all. They are interested in having good roads and should not be, and I believe are not, unwilling to pay a reasonable poll tax to help maintain the highways.

Sec. 9.—Any ratepayer, resident in the county, may "work out" his road tax by himself or a substitute satisfactory to the surveyor, at a rate to be fixed by the county council. Should the council not fix such rate, then such ratepayer shall be allowed to "work out" his road tax. Sec. 10.—Assessors have power to release, refund or reduce road taxes.

Sec. 11.—A person over or under age may be relieved from poll tax on proof of his age to satisfaction of assessors. Sec. 12.—Assessors to include road tax in annual Parish Assessment Roll. Sec. 13.—(1) Road taxes of non-residents of county to be collected by the collector of rates and paid to the Highway Board.

Sec. 14.—Irregularity shall not affect validity of assessment list; protection of officials; right to certiorari taken away. Sec. 15.—The assessors shall furnish a list of ratepayers, resident in each district, showing amount assessed against each, (Form B). The Commissioner from this list shall make up a list of ratepayers resident in each sub-district, showing amount of each individual's road tax (Form C) and deliver such list to the surveyor of the sub-district, and at the same time instruct such surveyor when and where to begin work on such sub-district.

CARLETON
CO. COUNCIL
IN SESSION

Woodstock, June 16.—The semi-annual meeting of the County Council was held at the court house, Upper Woodstock, yesterday, with Warden Shaw in the chair and the following Councillors present: Aberdeen—D. H. Lamont, E. S. Gilmore, Brighton—C. J. Connolly, Allen Bradley, Kent—John Keenan, John E. Kinney, Northampton—Alex. Brown, H. A. Phillips, Peel—Wm. Tompkins, E. W. McVilvie, Richmond—Alex. Bell, John M. Hay, Simonds—O. Shaw, W. E. Rideout, Wakefield—F. B. Shaw, A. G. Bell, Wilmet—J. F. Williams, R. B. King, Woodstock—F. B. Bull, John Fleming.

At two o'clock the consideration of the bills was commenced and that business was concluded in one hour. The morning was devoted to routine business, reading the minutes and receiving reports. Sec. 22.—The Commissioner shall collect all arrears in same manner as other rates and taxes are collected, and shall have same powers as a collector of rates.

Sec. 23.—Subject to the direction of the Highway Board, the Commissioner shall collect the amount of money to be expended in his district; the Commissioner should have necessary work done to the amount of money available (he should not over-expend). He should, when work is completed to his satisfaction, give orders on the Sec-treasurer of the Highway Board for the amounts payable—keeping an accurate account of same.

Sec. 24.—Each commissioner shall, at the end of each month, make a return (Form G.), in duplicate to the board, under oath of all moneys expended. A Detailed Statement. Each highway board shall, on or before the 1st day of November, transmit to the county council, and also to the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, a detailed statement, (a) of all receipts and expenditure for and on the highways, (b) of the number of miles of highways and of the number and kind of bridges in the parish (c) an inventory of all machinery and tools owned by the board, which statements shall be audited by the board and published with other county accounts.

Sec. 25.—This return should show from what source the receipts of the board are derived (a) from the road taxes, (b) county treasurer, (c) Board of Public Works. This should also show how much labor was done in lieu of taxes; how much by contract and how much by day's labor; and how much has been expended in culverts and on bridges. Sec. 26.—No member of Highway Board shall, under penalty, have any pecuniary interest in any contract for work under contract.

Sec. 27.—All road taxes heretofore assessed under the provisions of any previous act shall be collectible by the collector of rates of the parish, and when collected by him, shall be paid to the county treasurer, who shall under section 102, pay same to the Highway Board of the parish. Sec. 28.—Refers to advances by county council in early part of season before taxes collected. How made; proceeds to be in election; to be used to serve free by his colleague.

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SEN. PERLEY
ON WESTERN
CROP OUTLOOK

To the Editor of the Standard: During my eastern trip since Parliament prorogued nearly every person met anxiously inquired as to the crop conditions in the west. Of course not having come direct from the west, it was impossible to give any reliable information, but since my return on Tuesday, I have made a personal visit to the farm and from what I saw there and learned from farmers I have met living in adjoining districts, I am more than pleased to report in the most favorable and encouraging manner. We are having ideal growing weather. Plenty of moisture and hot sunny days, the land is like a hot bed and the growth is marvelous. Every farmer is in good cheer, and the prospect in Saskatchewan from what I have seen and heard, never was more promising at this season of the year than now. I never before was more hopeful or pleased with the crop prospects than now.

What Can Be Done. As regards to what one man can do I may add that my son on the part of Perley Farm that he is working himself, with five men each driving four good horses and a fifth man for general use such as milking the cows, feeding the pigs, etc., and drawing seed to the field with a pair of young horses, has ploughed with the five teams 150 acres of oats and barley and seeded 1200 acres with wheat in all 12500 acres and between now and haying time will break and sow 500 acres for next year. In harvesting six binders drawn 3 horses each will cut and bind the 12500 acres, and 8 extra hands for two months will stock the sheaves and get the straw. In conclusion I may add many farmers have done as well as I have above stated, and very many not half as well, and some have made a miserable failure; but the fault has been in themselves, and not the country. I am within the mark when I say three-fifths of those who have come to this country to make a living by farming never turned a furrow, harvested a horse, or planted a hill of potatoes. How is it possible for such persons to succeed? It is wonderful that many of them have done as well as they have. On Perley Farm this year there is at least 2800 acres in crop and 13 men did it all, including seeding, harrowing, and some ploughing, and are now preparing for next year.

Normal Return. His returns, or profits would return on the quantity produced and the prices obtained. He could reasonably expect to have twenty bushels of wheat per acre on 170 acres, at 70c. per bushel and that has been the average price for years; besides 30 acres for oats and vegetables for his own use. In conclusion I may add many farmers have done as well as I have above stated, and very many not half as well, and some have made a miserable failure; but the fault has been in themselves, and not the country. I am within the mark when I say three-fifths of those who have come to this country to make a living by farming never turned a furrow, harvested a horse, or planted a hill of potatoes. How is it possible for such persons to succeed? It is wonderful that many of them have done as well as they have. On Perley Farm this year there is at least 2800 acres in crop and 13 men did it all, including seeding, harrowing, and some ploughing, and are now preparing for next year.

W. D. PERLEY.
Wolsely, Sask., June 11th, 1909.
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