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CHIEF ENGINEER TELLS OF THE VALUE OF GOOD ROADS

The big motor show at the Armory experienced another successful day yesterday, when nearly as many persons passed the gates as on the opening day. The exhibitors reported a satisfactory number of sales and seemed well pleased with their success so far. Last evening the crowd was kept in good spirits by stirring selections by an orchestra and twice during the evening Miss Blenda Thompson was heard to good advantage in "I Passed By Your Window" and later she sang "Give me the Open Road." Both numbers were heartily applauded. The tea room, conducted by the Fundy Chapter of the I. O. D. E., reported good patronage. The Chapter has a small room off the armory pretty decorated and an efficient committee is at hand at all times to serve dainty refreshments. In addition to the tea room, the Chapter has a stand near the upper end of the big floor, where soft drinks, candy and flowers may be purchased. The feature last evening was a timely and interesting address by Burton M. Hill, Chief Engineer of the provincial public works department, on "The Value of Good Roads."

In beginning his address Mr. Hill congratulated the organization responsible for putting on the big show. Continuing, Mr. Hill said that, since the advent of the automobile in the province, the good roads movement had grown. Previous to that time the province had good roads for horse travel, as the soil was naturally adapted for good earth roads. However, the wooden culverts in use at that time were soon destroyed by the automobiles; the same also applied to the wooden plank roads in bridges. It became necessary to build permanent bridges and replace small wooden culverts with others of concrete. In 1908, there were 100 automobiles registered in the province; in 1912 there were 700; in 1916 there were 2800 and last year the number had increased to 14,000. Mr. Hill quoted these figures to give the audience some idea of what the department had to cope with in making the roads fit for automobile travel.

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As the number of cars increased, he said, the government did not at first realize the road destruction which they were causing, but continued to increase the grant each year. Finally they found that it was necessary to change their policy. So, continued Mr. Hill, this province has 15,000 miles of road to reconstruct, almost as much mileage as the whole Canadian Pacific system. When the good roads movement developed, road building became systematized. Continuing his story, Mr. Hill gave the new classification which was adopted for the roads. First, the trunk roads, extending the length and breadth of the province. One from St. Stephen, through St. John and Moncton to Nova Scotia border; another from the border through Shediac and Newcastle to Quebec, and still another through the St. John Valley. Across country, the trunk road was mapped from St. Stephen to Fredericton. Second, the secondary roads, running through the main farming districts, and distributing traffic to the main roads and thirdly, the by-roads. He said that the plan for the trunk roads was an improved gravel surface, with permanent foundation and concrete culverts. He also told of what portion of the mileage had been completed.

Mr. Hill went on to show that the maintenance of all the roads in this province devolved upon the department of public works. In the United States, only state roads were kept up by a similar department, with a much greater appropriation. But, he declared, in spite of this fact, the by-roads in the States did not compare with those in New Brunswick.

The improved gravel road was one of the best to drive on, Mr. Hill declared. Concrete roads were out of the question at the present time. But, he pointed out, improved gravel roads were the foundation of permanent construction.

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and work done now never would be wasted. He then explained that the trunk roads must be somewhat wider than the other types, on account of the heavier traffic and quoted statistics to show that during the last summer on a certain section of road, one car passed over the road every second.

The speaker then explained the Federal Aid movement and showed how it was helping the province. By this plan, the federal government paid forty per cent of the cost of construction of certain roads and the province paid the remainder.

Turning to the advantages of good roads, Mr. Hill referred to the tourist traffic which they brought. He showed how this traffic helped this business in some way. Another advantage referred to was the ability of the farmer to move his product to better advantage to himself.

In concluding his address, Mr. Hill made a strong appeal to every loyal citizen of the province to become a good roads booster. He brought in, at this point, the reasons why cars should stay off the roads at this season of the year and after a heavy rain. He appealed,

he said, to every person, because it was necessary to have the loyal co-operation of every person if the good roads programme was to be a success. From the applause which greeted Mr. Hill when he concluded, it was evident that the audience last night agreed heartily with his remarks.

SPLENDID GIFT FOR THE MUSEUM

Fortunate as the Natural History Society has been in receiving gifts for the collections in the museum, it has seldom received a more valuable or more welcome donation than the collection of 185 mounted birds presented last night by A. Gordon Leavitt, who is probably the most noted authority on bird life in the province today. The birds represented eighty-eight species and most of them were captured, treated and mounted by Mr. Leavitt himself and, as William McIntosh, the curator of the museum, said in expressing the thanks of the society, each bird in the collection represented many hours of weary tramping and many days of patient labor.

The presentation was made at the regular meeting in the lecture course and, before handing over the beautiful array of birds, Mr. Leavitt described many of them, related something of their habits and peculiarities and gave a candid opinion of those human beings who destroyed birds. James A. Estey was the chairman and he paid a warm tribute to Mr. Leavitt's ability as an ornithologist. A hearty note of thanks was moved to Mr. Leavitt for his interesting address by T. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. McIntosh.

DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL. The Daughters of Israel held their regular meeting last night in the Hebrew school in Carleton street with the pres-

ident, Mrs. Joseph Goldman, in the chair. Miss Inglis, expert tuberculosis nurse, gave an instructive address on health matters and was heartily thanked for her presentation of an important subject. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed splendid work had been done. The total receipts for the year were \$438 and the balance on hand amounted to \$165. Mrs. (Dr.) Weiner was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Sydney Isaac was proposed as a new member. An eloquent appreciation of the late Mrs. Horowitz was read. Mrs. Horowitz died suddenly a short time ago while she was aiding a helpless sister in the city who had no one of her own people to care for her. She had been doing work of pledge cards again brought to the attention of the

of Israel and it was felt that her place could not be filled.

GIVES \$100 TO ALLIANCE

A grant of \$100 was voted to the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance by the W. C. T. U. at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The work of the two organizations is closely allied and the W. C. T. U. has many times contributed to the support of the Alliance. Mrs. David Hipwell, the president, was in the chair and as the meeting was the first in the month there were special devotions led by Mrs. Mary Seymour. The benediction work of pledge cards was again brought to the attention of the

union and it was decided to procure 100 of the W. C. T. U. pledge cards and also a supply of Sunday school pledge cards for distribution. A letter from Rev. Thomas Marshall protested against any attempt on the part of the government to raise revenue through the sale of liquor and the sentiment of this letter was heartily approved by the meeting.

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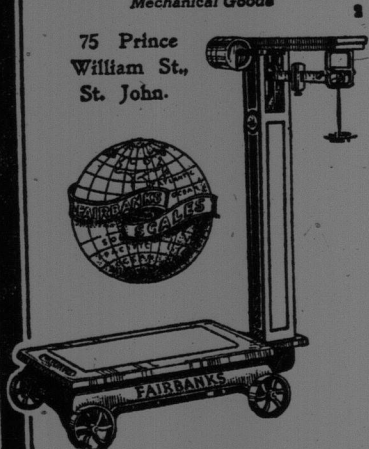
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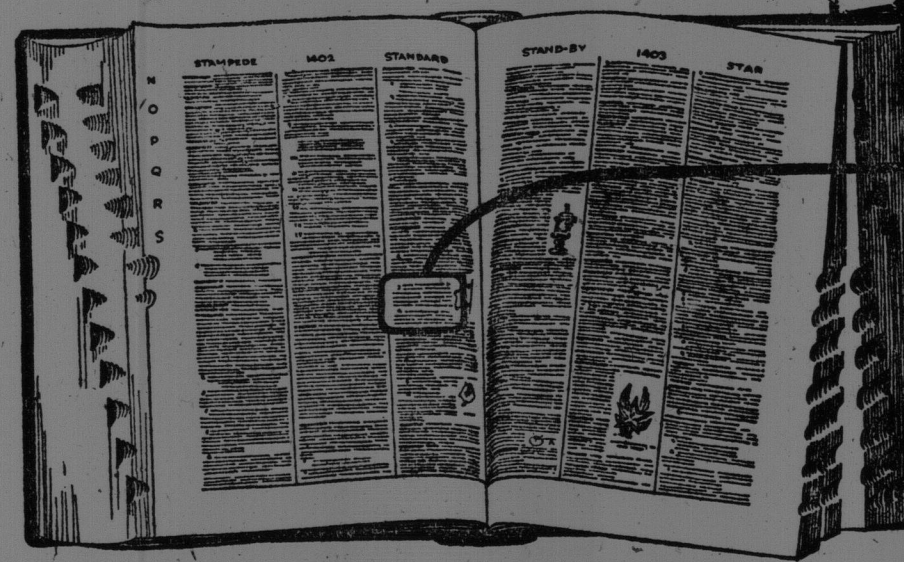
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