

GOOD ROADS IN CANADA.

Up to August 4th agreements had been entered into between the various provinces of Canada and the Dominion government calling for the construction of approximately 2,823 miles of improved highways under the Canadian Highway Improvement, or "Federal Aid" Act. The cost of this mileage will be \$19,151,000. The Dominion aid already appropriated in connection with this program amounts to \$7,700,000. Projects for the improvement, ultimately, of 17,951 miles of highways have been approved. Manitoba's program, which includes 4,000 miles, is the largest, while that of Prince Edward Island, which embraces 850 miles, is the smallest. Ontario plans to spend nearly four times the money expended by Manitoba but will build less than half her road mileage. The mileage to be constructed in each province is as follows: Prince Edward Island, 850 miles; Nova Scotia, 1,297; New Brunswick, 1,595; Quebec, 1,433; Ontario, 1,824.7; Manitoba, 4,000; Saskatchewan, 2,500; Alberta, 2,475 and British Columbia, 1,977.

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So long as casual labor broods in squalid lairs in sunless streets and ugly dwellings are its only habitation, we shall continue to turn out nervous manikins instead of enduring men. Motherhood, childhood, youth, society, and the race demand the demolition of the soul-destroying slum. The mean street produces mean men, the lean and tired women and the unclean children.

"Plan the town if you like; but in doing it do not forget that you have got to spread the people. Make wide roads, but do not narrow the tenements behind. Dignify the city by all means, but not at the expense of the health of the home and the family life."

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The mileage of public highways in Great Britain is approximately as follows: England and Wales, 151,472; Scotland, 24,816; Ireland, 58,334, making a total of 234,622 miles. At a cost estimate of \$5,000 per mile for an average width of 18 feet, and \$2,500 per mile for bridges, cuts and embankments, these highways must have cost at least \$1,750,000,000.

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