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SYSTEMATIC IMPROVEMENT OF PROVINCIAL ROADS

Government Addresses Circular Letter to Municipal Bodies Throughout Saskatchewan, With a View to Co-operation in Dealing With Main Highways—Proposal to Organize Regular Road Gangs

The following important communication setting forth the policy proposed to be followed by the Department of Public Works in dealing with the building of a system of main roads throughout the province has been addressed to city, town and local improvement district councils and village overseers.

REGINA, Sask., Dec. 23, 1906.

SIR:—We are preparing our estimates for next year's public works, and in connection with the grading of roads, we are desirous of adhering, as closely as possible, to the roads that will eventually form the main lines of the province. Even adhering to the main road proposition you will understand that it will be impossible for us to make all the needed good roads at once, owing to the fact that so many roads require our attention. We therefore hope that the various local councils will assist us, so far as they are able, in making some of the minor repairs to these roads, and co-operate with us in improving the roads, which may be considered the more important ones.

In order that we may not be working at cross purposes, we have considered it advisable to ascertain, as nearly as possible, which are or will be the main roads, and would be obliged if you will indicate on the enclosed township diagram those which you, as a council, consider the most important within your district, or if you would suggest a road outside of your district, as a main road in which the residents are particularly interested. I would appreciate advice as to its location.

We propose asking for similar information from all the local councils, and after consulting the various village overseers and town councils, we hope to be able to lay down a system of main roads throughout the country on which we can expend what monies we can spare for this purpose, and have a commencement made on the main lines of traffic, that can be taken up and carried to completion by the municipal organizations which must sooner or later take control of such matters, leaving the Provincial Government to attend to the larger works with which the local councils are unable to cope.

If in suggesting a main road, you will consider the convenience of the districts on each side of you and endeavor to choose a road with which other districts, towns and villages will co-operate, it will make the selection easy, but if there is a variety of opinions it will be necessary for us to have a thorough examination made by an officer of the department, and a final selection from the different ones suggested.

You will understand that it will hardly be possible for us to attempt to improve all roads that are selected this year. We intend, however, to work on the worst places of the most used ones so far as the monies provided for this purpose will go.

We propose organizing road gangs on the same principle as our bridge gangs. We worked at present, a competent foreman being placed in charge, who will be employed for a whole season. He will be furnished with tools and implements and instructed to engage a permanent force sufficient to carry on the work independent of local labor, but will be supplied with additional tools in order that he may give work to any local labor that may come to the place of operation. We have found this course almost absolutely necessary, owing to the difficulty we have experienced this year in securing tools and labor locally when the foreman to whom we had entrusted the work were at leisure to oversee it.

You will assist us very much by presenting this letter to the first meeting of your council, and endeavor to have a reply sent to us before February 15, in order that the question may be thoroughly considered and a decision arrived at in good time for the commencement of work in early spring. Your obedient servant,

F. J. ROBINSON,
Deputy Commissioner.

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POPE'S ACTION ENDORSED

French Episcopate Will Maintain Status Quo in Regard to Worship

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The French Episcopate, whose meeting ended yesterday, emphatically reaffirmed the refusal of the Pope to accept the terms of the Church and State Separation Bill, and decided to maintain the status quo on the main question of worship.

ONE OF MONTREAL'S FORGOTTEN HERES

John Jordan Saved Hundreds of Lives and Holds Royal Humane Society Medal.

In one of a row of stately though somewhat ancient houses, situated behind Molson's brewery, and commanding a fine view of the rushing waters he loves so well, lives John Jordan, the old boatman and lifesaver. Yet this hero, who has saved over a hundred people from drowning is no recipient of a fat pension from a grateful government.

Old friends long since under the sod, few know that such a person exists in their midst, and there he sits, day by day, gazing over the wind-swept waters, with the consolation for his risks in the shape of a silver medal, and parchment from the Royal Humane Society for saving the life of one, Lieut. Carpenter, R.A.

Yet he would not part with these reminders of bygone days, and his dull eyes can still send forth a gleam as the parchment is read to him, and he remembers something unquenchable, as a recent illness has left him broken, and his eighty years rest none too lightly on his bent shoulders.

Ireland was his birthplace, but he remembers the green isle not, for when but a child he was brought to Montreal. No wharves then graced the water front, and the boatman's life was an adventurous one. Perhaps this is why he chose the vocation. When but a schoolboy, he would leave his lessons and running down to the river would select a boat and row about to his heart's content. Naturally, when the tedious hours in a staid schoolroom were unnecessary, he obtained boats of his own, and soon his skill with the oars was much talked of. The water seemed to be his home, and swimming a second nature, or a sixth sense. Soon these powers were to be put to the test. He was given the sole rights of ferryman to the island with the British soldiers, and in the winter time acted as guide across the ice.

How He Won the Medal.

One cold winter's day he was taking a tramp across the white expanse between St. Helen's Island and the mainland, when he noticed one of the garrison officers apparently in the happiest of moods skating on a cleared patch of ice. All of a sudden a shriek rang out on the crisp air, and Jordan turned in time to see the skater disappearing through a yawning crack. Without a moment's hesitation the boatman made

to the rescue, on the way untying his sash, which luckily was of some length. Old Jordan knows nothing whatever after this, but it is enough to say that several months after, the medal and parchment came to him from England, and what is most curious is that the trophies were brought to this city by the first steamship to come up the St. Lawrence from the other side.

Among the Moving Ice.

At another time Jordan and a companion were guiding a large party of soldiers across to the island, and they were hurrying, as a shove was expected at any moment. The men had not accomplished more than half the distance when the worst happened. With an awful grinding and tearing the ice under them began to move. The men were panic-stricken, and but for the cool clear-sightedness of the guide would have rushed to their deaths. As it was the other guide made a bolt for safety. Not so the older man. Placing himself at the head of the frightened group, he ordered them to keep together and follow him.

The ice moved! It shook, and then with a final roar started on its downward journey, and a great cry went up, as the soldiers between the wild-eyed men and the hard rapidly widened. All the same they obeyed the short, masterly orders of the experienced guide. Running to safer platforms, dodging, heaving, threatening soldiers of ice, the Irishman was in his element. On the banks of the St. Lawrence the officers, the company followed the fortunes of their "Tommy" with their eyes, and shouted encouraging but useless advice. Still down the river went the improvised raft until Boucherville was reached and the ice closed in near the mainland. Standing as near the edge as possible, John the guide bade his self-imposed charges to follow him and left to stationery ice. All the soldiers followed and so not a life was lost. And all owing to the coolness of that one man.

So grateful were the men and officers for the priceless services rendered that they organized a banquet in the hero's honor, pressing into his reluctant palm a small roll of bills. A story that appeared in the Star of June, 1896, tells how Jordan, not for the first time, saved four men from drowning. The four had been indulging in a little quarrel in a boat. The craft was not built for war purposes, and it naturally tipped over, precipitating the wranglers in the water. Without a moment's hesitation, in plunged Jordan and in imminent danger of being himself pulled under by the struggling men, he rescued the quartette. The rescued parties, instead of

thanking their rescuer, walked off still quarrelling.

Stopped Would-Be Suicides.

At another time, the old boatman prevented two young men from committing suicide, one of whom struggled desperately to disengage the helping hand of the life-saver. What is peculiar about this latter is that a policeman was given credit for the act.

In recent years Jordan saved the lives of two young men, one of them a brother of J. C. Walsh, M.P. In his prime, the "longshoreman" held the belt as champion swimmer, and has won medals and cups for rowing. But three years ago, he swam three miles down the river, with his sturdy son. An effort was made to interest the authorities at Ottawa in his case, and his collection of newspaper clippings was sent there. Not only did the Government fail to notice him, but also kept the clippings, and the mariner is much cut up over their seeming heartlessness.

Even the Lachine Rapids hold no terrors for this hardened boatman, and it is said he is the only man that ever shot the dangerous place in a small boat.

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EARTHQUAKE DOES GREAT DAMAGE AT KINGSTON

According to One Report 400 Persons Were Killed in the Jamaica Capital, and the City Practically Wiped Out by Fire Which Followed—London Receives a More Reassuring Message—The Shocks Continue

White Victims Few.

No estimate of the loss of life from official sources has come through, but the negro troops in the camp hospital appear to have been in the centre of the visitation, as no less than 40 were killed there alone. There were isolated fatalities among the Europeans at Kingston, but apparently the aggregate of the white victims is small.

The distance between the buildings known to have been destroyed is taken to indicate that the total loss of property will be great.

According to latest dispatches, eight earthquake shocks continue to be felt at Kingston. The West India Committee of the Admiralty and the concerns having interests in Jamaica are taking all the steps possible to alleviate the distress of Kingston.

1,000 Reported Killed.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Jan. 16.—Reports received here from Jamaica say that it is estimated that 1,000 persons have been killed by the earthquake and fire, and that 90,000 persons are homeless. The damage to Kingston alone is placed at \$10,000,000.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 16.—Later advice received here from Jamaica declare that people have been warned to keep away from Kingston. The stretch there is described as awful. There is no fodder for animals, famine is imminent, money is useless. The banks have been burned, but are supposed to be safe. The misery on all sides is indescribable. Rich and poor alike are homeless. Provisions of all kinds are urgently needed. Loss of life is very great, but exact numbers are not yet known. The dead are being buried under smoldering ruins.

Negroes Looting.

The mercantile community suffered most heavily, warehouses falling in many places. Many professional men are dead or injured. The negroes are looting. Ghastly scenes are being witnessed. All the shops have been destroyed and buildings in and around Kingston are in ruins. Very few of them are safe to live in.

The Governor and his party are safe. It is reported that an extinct volcano in the parish of Portland is showing signs of activity, but this has not been verified. No news has yet been received from other parts of the island of Jamaica, all communication being very difficult.

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