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## Editorial

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## Our pulpite are oor work clothes. Each

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ROAD MAKERS
The condition of the highways of the Province should be a matter The condition of the highawy of the Province should be a materl enjoy the delight of rolling along these roads either in auto or carriage
yet we know that the roads form a true asset to the life of the com-
yet we know that the roads lorm a rue asset munity Nova Scotia by the improvement of its main thoroughfares in
Non recent yearas has greatly added to its resources, and any endeavor to
aid in the good work should have our support. It must be recognized aid in the good work should have our support. and if in some way a sense of individual responsibility for the up, keeping of our roaads could be impressed upon every citizen it would
be a great gain. It is ohe of the barriers in the way of progress today
that we have the habit of looking for governments to do a great many things which should be done by the individual and our road policy
is such that we expect the government to do it all. But why should is such that we expect the government to do it all. But why should we not take enoughe cersies, if a sidewalk becomes covered with ashes
lift a hand. In the or snow, or is obstructed in any way, the owner of the property in
front of which the sidewalk runs feels it to be a duty to take broom
隹 or shovel and engage in some mountry the property owner in front
principle surely out through the cose
of whose land the highway runs might occasionally remove a stone or two, or fill in a cavity, or remove a barrier. We are not suggesting
that responsibility be transferred from government to private owner, but only that we take er.oush interest in our highways to aid just a little in a practical way in their upkeep. There are many cases where
a few moments work with a crow bar, a shovel or a pick would have a few moments work with a crow bar, a shovel or a pick would have
saved many dollars to the owner of a conveyance. It might not be
out of place to suggest that owners of automobiles who travel much over certain pieces of road which need slight repair might occasionally place a shovel in the back seat and spend a few moments in physical
exercise, without the lose of any dignity. All over the country there are spots where the werk of a very few moments on a road would Passing down the street in a city the other day a little man about
Pen the the sidewalk into the gutter. He was a road maker. And in city and in country we can
show the same spirit. Be a road maker!

## OVER THE BACK FENCE

We have often wondered why women stand talking in their
back yards, each hand thrust up the other sleeve when they know the water in the dishpan is getting cold and the milk ought to be put thay do it must the same, and the men would do it if they were women,
Man would say that if he were going to stay out in the cold he would put on his hat and coat. . Woman would, too, if she went through the
performance with malice aforethought. But the woman is always going into the house the very next minute. She doesn't, however
even though she believes she will, and come to think of tit, a talk over he back fence would never happen if she deliberately planned it and
wrapped herself up to keep warm during the performance. A woman
She ust stops as she carries never does it deliberately. She just stops as she carries gut the po to her neighbor, who is sweeping her back steps. Then each moves
a little closer until only the fence is between them Each insists that
she is very busy and must go in immediately, and each one tries to she is very busy and must go in immediately, and each one tries to
wrap herself in her apron or her sleeves and each talks and talk. done, to say nothing about when it commences, the back fence philosophy ranges widely, settling many minute problems that vex man-
kind and discussing the more difficult problems of woman's welfare The experienced housekeeper tells the newly-wed how to manage
 should not like them ine more difficult problems to settle than husbands, and they reme hours of comparison and discussion. In the end they are decided in as many different ways as there are women, and are always ready
to be brought into discussion again. No, wonten are not shivering our city or whether Germany will eventually pay the reparations to
France. They are taking care of the real question of life-domestic politices and
bless 'em.

OUR TREATMENT OF PRISONERS The Acadian has in season and out during the past few years of some provision being made for a more business-like treatment of
persons guilty of minor offences and sentenced to imprisonment. tary and ill kept quarters, for months without work of any unsani at the public expense appeals to us as decidedly unwise. Viewed either from the standpoint of the offender or the community such a pro In another place in this
delivered before the Rotary Cluber, of pualifax, by the Warden of the Dorchester Penitentiary, who apparently has made this subject a speciah stuay, We commend it to our readers and particularly those not but feel that under existing conditions the money now expended
in the administration of this department of our municipal affairs is in the administration of th
practically wasted or worse.

A TIME TO KNOCK
In a local church last Sunday the minister referred in a very sug estive man citizens. It is not intenanding consideration on discuss these in detail but merely to point out thet we regard the
incident as a hopeful one. Some time ago in another church another is hearers to "boost and not knock" as knocking and admonisher there is also a time to knock and when lawlessness is allowed to con-
tinue unnoticed the latter procedure ought to be productive of good tinue unnoticed the latter procedure ought to be producti
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