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A HEALTHY CHANGE.

It has become the fashion of late years for medical men to recommend an entire change in chronic, and intractable, complaints, and it frequently happens that such a radical change is productive of an incalculable amount of benefit. So with constituencies, a radical, and complete change is sometimes not only required, but is absolutely necessary, but, unlike a tractable patient, constituencies are very apt to be apathetic about the desirability of making such a salutary change, even when recommended by high political authorities. We have in this locality a very fine illustration of the great benefit that such a change is capable of effecting; and one that must be appreciated by the travelling public, and esteemed by them as a proof of the wisdom of such a change.

For many years the road from Bristol to Glassville has been in a most execrable condition, so much so that it was hardly to be matched in the maritime provinces, and all efforts towards an amendment in its condition ended in failure. The late member whose vocation must have caused him to drive over that road very often and, therefore, to experience the misery of such travel, was as powerless to make any improvement, as any ordinary teamster, who struggled through the mire, and over the rocks, that obstructed the roadway. In such a case, a change was necessary, and carried out, and it is a subject for sincere congratulation that the change has been productive of so much general good. Anyone who travels over that road now can hardly fail to institute a comparison between its condition now and what it has been for some years past. We are more immediately concerned in the condition of the roads, in our own locality, but we are assured that what our two popular members have done for us, they have dealt quite as liberally, in other parts of their constituency, where they are as popular in their official capacity, as they have ever been, as private citizens, they have shown unmistakably, that they have the welfare of the people at heart, and have conferred a great boon on the travelling public. We would think the late member must feel considerably chagrined when he drives over the road from Bristol to Glassville, and compares it with what it was, when he misrepresented us in the local parliament.

On the day of publication of our last number, we were favoured with a visit from L. Gordon Glass, Esq. of Montreal, son of the late Rev. C. Gordon Glass, the founder of Glassville. He, (Mr Glass,) was highly pleased with our little city, and its surroundings, he quite expected to see a collection of log houses with small clearings, surrounded by stretches

of the original forest, instead of which, he found a thriving little town with fine stores, and other buildings such as reflect credit upon any community, and well tilled farms, that cannot be excelled by any other part of the country, taking into consideration their age, and the opportunities. He was also well pleased to find that we could boast of a newspaper, to which he became a subscriber, and paid us a few compliments for the public spirit we display, and he hoped that our enterprise would meet with the reward it deserved. It must be peculiarly gratifying to Mr. Glass, to find such a lasting monument to his father's memory as we hope our little city will ever remain.

GLASSVILLE.

It is at all times, a great pleasure to us to chronicle any advancement or progress in our immediate neighbourhood, and, it is a doubly pleasing duty to have this opportunity of calling attention to the great progress Glassville has made in a very few years. It is necessary to bear in mind, the fact that we have no natural highway, in the shape of a navigable river, and no railway, nearer than eight or nine miles; yet, despite this comparative isolation, we can proudly boast of having made phenomenal progress, such as no purely agricultural centre in the county can show. People who have not visited Glassville for a few years must be simply astonished, at the rapid strides we have made. Within five years it has increased in appearance, and importance by having had handsome, and imposing, buildings erected in its thoroughfares, and commerce has increased in due proportion. Only two years ago Mr. John McIntosh, built a large and handsome store, such as any colonial town might be proud of, in the same short time, Mr. F. B. Thomas, has also erected a fine commodious store, which his increasing trade, has recently compelled him to enlarge, Mr. Lamont, has built a fine dwelling house and barn, Mr. Jas. Miller, has lately put up a new barn, and at the present time Mr. James Love, is busily engaged in the erection of a new store, which for size, convenience, and architectural beauty, promises to outshine all other buildings, in this flourishing place. In olden times, it was customary to surround cities, and towns with an almost impregnable wall, with gates to keep out enemies, but in Glassville, there is no precaution taken against that enemy of all "wooden built towns" Fire, nor is there any means of fighting that enemy. The bare thought of such a thing recalls to mind some of the devastating fires we have seen in colonial towns built of similar inflammable materials.

The consequences of a fire are deplorable in the extreme, and we think, that our merchants should endeavour to find some means of combatting this arch enemy, and destroyer, if he should put in an appearance. Don't wait till the foe is inside the city wall. *Verbum sat sapienti.*

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