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THE HIGHWAY ACT.

During the Budget debate at the last session of the House of Assembly, Hon. J. P. Burchill said he had no criticism to offer of the Highway Act, and he had never heard any complaints about it in Northumberland County. When the Independent member for Northumberland gave utterance to this statement the Highway Act of the Hazen government had been in force during only one season, but enough had been seen of its operations to freely justify his remark.

The Pugsley-Robinson administration had, after years of studied neglect of the roads, passed a Highway Act that was hateful to the people of the province generally. It had removed all local control and centralized the management of the roads in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works at Fredericton. The people who paid the taxes had not a word to say with regard to their expenditure. It was taxation without representation. The system of statute labor was abolished, and the people were obliged to pay their taxes in cash. Under this act the state of the highways rapidly went from bad to worse, and when the Hazen government came into office in April 1908, it found the province with the worst roads it had known for half a century and with bridges that were falling down in all directions.

The present government faced the problem thus presented to it with promptness and energy. By an honest collection of provincial revenues it has been able to spend large sums of money in building new bridges and repairing old ones, and from every county in the province reports are heard to the effect that never in its history were its public works so well attended to as they are under the direction of the present efficient Chief Commissioner, Hon. John Morrissey.

The present Highway Act, which has been in force since the spring of 1909, has stood the test of time and falsified the criticisms levelled against it. It was founded on proper principles. It vested the management of the roads in every parish in the hands of a highway board, the majority of which consisted of the county councillors. Thus the people of every parish were given direct control over the road expenditures. It also restored statute labor with results that have proved most beneficial in many localities. In some road districts nearly the whole of this work has been performed by statute labor, and a local pride in having good roads has been developed with the result that more work has been performed than is required by law.

The moneys voted to the different road boards by the legislature are not paid until the work has been performed, vouchers rendered to the Public Works Department, and accounts audited by the Auditor General. This system ensures an honest expenditure of road moneys which is in strong contrast to the grafting and hoodluming which existed under the old government, whose system was an incentive to dishonesty. In many cases under the previous regime not one half of the moneys was actually expended on the roads, and in many more cases returns were not made to the department, showing how the moneys were expended.

During the last session of the legislature no amendment to the Highway Act was moved by any member of the opposition, and if they had honestly expressed their opinions, as Mr. Burchill did, they would have said that there was no complaint about it in the counties which they represented.

The criticism of the act today is simply factious. The Telegraph, acting no doubt under instructions from its masters, the dredging grafters, has been indulging in statements concerning it that are purely imaginary and are incapable of being supported by any evidence. If every road in New Brunswick was thoroughly drained and paved, the Telegraph, which is maintained out of the dredging graft, would still assert that they were in a deplorable condition. Such criticism would be in harmony with its general attitude towards the local administration.

It is admitted on all sides that the Highway Act is working well and that the roads have not been in such good condition for many years past. Owners of motor cars state that the main roads such as those leading from St. John to Fredericton, and Woodstock, and Moncton, and up the North Shore, have not been in such good order for many years, and that they are in better condition than roads in the State of Maine and Nova Scotia. This improvement is by no means confined to the main roads for those in the back settlements, and more sparsely settled districts, have also profited very greatly by the operations of the Highway Act, and this has been brought about in spite of the fact that the weather during the spring and summer has been most unfavorable for road making and road preservation.

Given another year of the Highway Act and favorable weather for road making next spring, and New Brunswick will have the best roads in the life-time of the present generation. The only parishes in which the act is not giving satisfaction are those whose councillors are opponents of the government and, being desirous of discrediting it in the eyes of the electors, are not properly discharging the duties which the law imposes upon them.

"THE UPLIFTER."

Halifax, like St. John, has to contend with an apathetic spirit on the part of its citizens, and is adopting the publicity method to stir them up and urge them to get busy. A society of "uplifters" has been founded, the members of which, as its name implies, are doing their level best to boost their city and keep it in the public eye. The secretary of the society, through

the columns of the Halifax Herald, gives his readers a daily bulletin—something for them to think over and act upon. Recently he took the remark of a well known citizen who was arguing that "one man couldn't do very much for his city," and told the story of a man, and a clergyman at that, in the town of Shelburne, who might well be taken as an example to follow by some of St. John's "well known citizens" who are content to sit still and let the other fellow do the boosting. Here it is:—

Listen. Down in Shelburne lives the Rev. D. V. Warner; he's a parson, not a merchant; he isn't a member of the local board of trade; he isn't interested in any hotel business, or the tourist traffic, or any steamship line or railroad company; he's just a parson. Now in Shelburne they once had a board of trade—it started with an hurrah, fireworks, brass bands and bushels of enthusiasm; well, it hasn't ended yet perhaps, but nobody knows down in Shelburne whether it has gone to sleep or whether it has gone out of business—retired from active life, so to speak.

That was before Warner came on the scene—as a parson. Warner looked about and saw how things were going—or rather, were not going—and he got busy. He didn't call the citizens together and announce anything. He didn't organize committees and appoint the leading citizens presidents and vice-presidents and—figureheads; he didn't nominate a secretary at an expensive salary—that wasn't Warner's way.

He went down town with a pencil and a pad of notepaper and called on all the merchants and said he thought it would be a good thing to get up a little booklet advertising Shelburne. The wise ones shook their heads: "It wouldn't go; it had been tried; etc." Warner's enthusiasm wasn't abated; by the end of the day he had enough to make the booklet a sure thing.

That little printed pamphlet of sixteen pages set Shelburne thinking. It told them they had a beautiful town, admirably situated for tourist traffic—they looked the book over, of course—and threw it aside.

Warner then had some notepaper printed, headed "Shelburne Tourist Association, D. V. Warner, secretary," represents the most desirable section of the south shore of Nova Scotia, adapted by nature to every form of summer and autumn recreation—rowing, sailing, bathing, fishing, camping, hunting, etc." "The Shelburne Tourist Association" was Warner.

Armed with this notepaper he sent his Shelburne booklets broadcast all over the New England States and left them to soak in—and his work had its effect, for people began inquiring about Shelburne and Warner had letters to answer and was getting busier every day.

Other things followed—assistance was needed for more publicity. Warner went after the railway company and a New England steamship company and sat in their offices until he had convinced them. A direct steamship line, a modern summer hotel, tourist parties and other desirable acquisitions were sought after. He hasn't got them all, but he's after them; and in spite of some people is making progress. That's what one man (a parson) did in a few short months.

"What is there in it for him?" you ask. A most natural question with some people, we know. For Warner, not one cent—the account is the other way. He's an uplifter.

SEVEN QUESTIONS AT ISSUE.

The questions at issue at the Hague in the fisheries case between Great Britain and Canada on the one side, and the United States on the other, have now been narrowed down to seven. Judging from the leisurely way in which the tribunal is proceeding there will be a long wait before they are answered. The court only sits four hours a day.

The points to be decided are as follows:—
 1.—Must regulations made by Great Britain, Canada or Newfoundland be subject to the consent of the United States? The American contention is that the treaty of 1818 limited British sovereignty by forming an international "servitude."

2.—Have Americans, in fishing on the treaty coasts, the right to employ persons not inhabitants of the United States? Americans have been filling up skeleton crews by hiring Newfoundlanders, which is contrary to the Newfoundland laws.

3.—Can Great Britain require Americans to report at the Imperial custom houses and pay lighthouse and harbor dues?

4.—Can Great Britain restrict Americans in certain matters relating to shelter, repairs and supplies of wood and water?

5.—What is a "bay?"—the shortest and most difficult question on the list. American fishers must keep beyond the three-mile limit, but what are their rights in a bay whose entrance is a little over six miles wide? There are geographical bays and there are legal bays.

6.—Have the Americans identical rights in Newfoundland and in Labrador? The wording of the treaty is ambiguous.

7.—Are American fishing boats entitled to the commercial privileges on the treaty coasts allowed to American trading vessels generally?

Among the addresses which have already been delivered Sir Robert Finlay's lasted two weeks, Mr. Turner's took eight days to present, and Sir William Robson's just a day less. Mr. Root is now engaging the attention of the commission. The outcome of the arbitration proceedings should have a two-fold result. Besides settling a long-standing controversy, it should establish the moral authority and future usefulness of the Hague tribunal.

TELEPHONING FROM A MOVING TRAIN.

A successful trial of a system of wireless telephoning from a moving train was recently made in England over a stretch of four miles between Horley and Three Bridges on the Brighton Railway. Hitherto the great difficulty has been to avoid the induction caused by the telegraph wires, which in the Old Country follow the railway tracks, but that has been obviated by placing a band or bridge of wire entirely round the carriage containing the apparatus. It is claimed that the system can be applied to any length of line at a cost of \$50 a mile, no matter how many wires are in the neighborhood.

The experiment was made during the run of a fast train, and conversation is reported to have been held as clearly and easily as if the train had been stationary and connected by a line of wire. One apparatus was placed in the brake van, while the other was in the signalman's box at Three Bridges. Although the train was running at a speed of forty miles no trouble was experienced in giving and receiving messages. The distinguishing feature of the new discovery is that no contact is needed between the moving train and the stationary wire, the electric waves passing from the carriage to the ground wires through an open air space of 18 inches.

The Winnipeg Free Press figures that the redistribution following the next census will give the West about forty-three members instead of twenty-seven as at present.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is having an unhappy time in the West. The Prime Minister's free trade chickens are coming home to roost.

It is time the Dominion government announced what aid it is prepared to give to Campbellton.

GOOD WISHES

For every leaf the loveliest flower
 Which beauty sighs for from her bow—
 For every star a drop of dew—
 For every sun a sky of blue—
 For every heart, a heart as true—

For every tear by pity shed
 Upon a fellow sufferer's head,
 Oh, may be a crown of glory given.
 Such crowns as saints to gain have striven—
 Such crowns as seraphs wear in heaven.

For all who toil at honest fame,
 A proud, a pure, a deathless name;
 For all who love, who loving bless
 Be life one long, kind, close caress—
 Be life all love, all happiness.
 J. P. BAILEY.

THE THREE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF QUARREL.

So that in the nature of man we find three principal causes of quarrel. First, competition; secondly, diffidence; thirdly, glory.
 The first maketh men invade for gain; the second, for safety; and the third, for reputation. The first use of violence to make themselves masters of other men's persons, wives, children and cattle; the second, to defend them; the third, for trifles, as a word, a smile, a different opinion, and any other sign of undervaluation, either direct in their persons, or by reflection in their kindred, their friends, their nation, their profession, of their name.
 —Hobbes.

GOOD STORIES

Senator Reed Smoot tells a story about a certain type of man which he calls the "other people's business fellow." One of the kind was trying to extract information from an elderly, prosperous looking man who sat next the curious person in the smoking car.
 "Many people work in your office?" he asked.
 "Oh," responded the elderly man, getting up and throwing away his cigar. "I should say, at a rough guess, about two-thirds of them."—Cosmopolitan.

JOSH WISE SAYS.

"One thing a man feels his inferiority is when he hears a circle of women in the middle of a dress making discussion."

Boy—I want a gross of laundry safes.
 Grocer—What's that?
 Boy—Clothespins.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast.
 Yes; especially when the human fills his breast with hops.

He—So you wouldn't like to marry a clergyman?
 She (coolly)—No, but I'd like to have one marry me.

"What is an infernal machine, pa?"
 "An infernal machine, my son, is—er—its own neighbor's lawn mower when he runs it at 5 a. m."

Heck—if you've made all the money you want, why don't you retire?
 Peck—Because then I wouldn't have any excuse for getting away from the house.

Teacher—Which is the shortest month of the year?
 Pupil—August, miss.
 August?
 Yes, miss, it's the last month before school begins.

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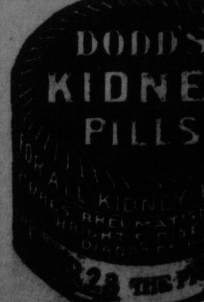
Joseph Hall's House at Maxwell Considerably Damaged in Fire Which Followed—Many Picnics.

DeBec, Aug. 11.—This week has witnessed more than the usual number of social events. On Monday the Jessie Haine and Rose Mission bands united and held their yearly picnic in Hunter's orchard, which was a decided success, much credit for which is due the respective presidents, viz., Mrs. G. Sanderson and Mrs. I. Carson. Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the Baptist W. M. S. held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Alfred Henderson's, Green Road, a picnic tea was served, and a most delightful time spent. Thursday Dr. A. H. and Mrs. Henderson gave a delightful picnic to about seventy-five of their friends. During the afternoon various amusements were indulged in and tea served upon the lawn.

The Presbyterian W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Jas. Atkinson on Thursday afternoon and notwithstanding a counter attraction in the form of a picnic at Dr. Henderson's, a goodly number of ladies was present. At the Methodist church Sunday morning a collection was taken to be devoted to the Campbellton rebuilding fund. The collection amounted to \$33. Dr. C. A. Kirkpatrick of Grand Falls arrived at DeBec by auto Sunday evening, leaving Monday morning for Sussex, where he is at present attending the rifle mch.

Mrs. Charles Clark is very seriously ill. Mrs. Albert Wright is also in a critical condition. Dr. Lawson is in attendance. Mrs. Z. Munro of Benton Ridge and Mr. J. Wright, of Orono have been called here owing to Mrs. Wright's serious illness. Howard Nason made a short visit to his home.

Clara Johnston, the little son of William Johnston is very seriously ill. Quite a serious conflagration occurred at Maxwell when a lamp exploded in an upper room of Joseph Hall's house and considerable damage was done before the fire could be extinguished.



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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickinson of St. John have returned home after spending a two weeks' vacation at DeBec and vicinity.

It is reported that during a severe electrical storm that Jas. Nason, B. and A. operator at Houlton and a native of this place received a severe shock. Edwin Jones, of Bay Field spent Sunday at the parsonage, the guest of Rev. E. and Mrs. Ramsey.

Mrs. Horace Lockwood and Mrs. Geo. Gibson of Woodstock spent Wednesday at DeBec the guests of Mrs. E. S. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkpatrick left Tuesday evening for New York where they will spend some time, the guests of their son, Clifford Kirkpatrick.

Miss Inez Sanderson is visiting at St. Stephen.

Herman Henderson who has recently returned from Germany is visiting relatives at DeBec.

Oliver Hemphill who has recently been appointed immigration agent at DeBec has moved to this village.

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