

## SOLVING THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.



To solve the problem of transportation between the City of Three Rivers and Shawinigan Falls, a distance of twenty-five miles, an autobus service was recently started which immediately met with success.—The above photo of the autobus, which has a passenger capacity of twenty-five, is published by courtesy of Mr. John MacMillan.

## CITY PLANNING FROM FICTION—(Continued).

1. Ogden Avenue Extension, widening and improvement of Western and Ashland Avenues and Robey Street. This work was authorised last November by a Bond issue vote and is to cost \$56,000,000.

2.—South Water Street Improvement, a market and two-level viaduct, authorised and to cost \$5,000,000.

3.—Michigan Avenue Extension—"the Boulevard link," partially completed and to cost \$16,000,000. To be finished next year.

4.—Roosevelt Road Improvement, partially done, to be finished next year.

5.—West Side Railway Terminal Plans. (a) New Union Passenger Station to cost more than \$50,000,000 and now in process of construction. (b) New Illinois Central Railroad Depot to be started within two years and to cost \$50,000,000.

6.—Widening of Canal Street (with suggested new Port Office).

7.—Kinzie Street Two level Bridge.

8.—Forest Preserve Belt around Chicago new being developed by the Cook County Commissioners, 15,000 acres already acquired.

When Mayor Thompson says: "we have the makings of the utopian city," he does not exaggerate the great possibilities of Chicago, strange as it may seem. The whole future of Western civilisation lies with the future of her cities. Democracy must be handed down as a heritage worthy in every way of our best efforts towards a general and genuine progress. City Planning can do much to open the door of Destiny once we realise that the expenditures of today are the economies of to-morrow. After all as Professor Henry Drummond once said: "To make cities is what we are here for. For the city is strategic; it makes the towns; the towns make the villages; the villages make the country. He who makes the city makes the world. After all, though men make life, it is the cities which make the men. Whether our national life is great or mean, whether our social virtues are mature or stunted, whether our sons are moral or vicious, whether religion is possible or impossible, depends upon the city."

## WHERE LADIES BUILD ROADS

In the 'Old Country' they have women working on the roads. According to a correspondent two members of the fair sex were recently seen driving a steam roller, while a number were using picks, and others were laying tar in quite a business-like way.

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## IRISH STREET PAVING.

The streets in Dublin, in the beginning of 1919, had surfaces roughly as follows:—

Macadam, 60 miles lineal; stone pavement, about 60 miles; asphalt, about 2 miles; wood paving, about 3 miles; concrete, etc., 2 miles.

In Belfast, in 1918, the total mileage of the streets in the city, which was very widely extended in recent years, was 271 miles, made up by 134 miles of pebble-paved carriage-way, 15 miles of sett-paved carriage-way, and 122 miles of macadam carriage-way.