

GOOD ROADS MUST BE MAINTAINED OR MONEY IS WASTED

Manitoba Municipalities Have Given Concrete Proof of Belief in Good Roads

SHARING THE COST

Towns and Villages Asked to Share Cost With Rural Municipalities

The necessity of spending more money on the maintenance of roads rather than spending money on new roads that could not be maintained, was emphasized by several speakers this morning at the convention of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities. It was stated that it is just a waste of public money if good roads are built and not properly maintained. This morning's session was almost entirely given over to reports from various municipalities of the work being accomplished in the building and maintenance of good roads. Three resolutions were also passed at the close of the morning session.

One of the resolutions dealing with the financial responsibility of towns and villages in sharing with rural municipalities the burden of cost of all roads which are connecting links of Provincial highways, caused considerable discussion. However, it was amended from its original form, and passed unanimously as follows: "Whereas the towns and villages do not participate to the same extent as rural municipalities in the matter of assistance to good roads; Be it resolved that this Union of Municipalities do petition, or otherwise the Government, to so amend the Good Roads Act that towns and villages may share financially on an equal basis with rural municipalities where such roads are connecting links of Provincial highways."

An address was to have been given this morning by Hon. G. A. Grier, Minister of Public Works, but he was unable to be present. Mr. A. McGillivray, Vice-President John Haddow, Reeve P. Couling, of Oakland President A. C. Emmett, of the Manitoba Motor League, Col. C. E. Ivens, Dr. J. W. Armstrong and J. D. Baskerville all delivered short addresses. At the conclusion of this morning's session it was announced that the delegates to the convention would be the guests of the city at a banquet to be given in the Prince Edward Hotel this evening at eight o'clock. Some interesting addresses are looked for.

Good Roads in Manitoba. Mr. A. McGillivray, Highway Commissioner, was the first speaker on the program this morning. He declared that the annual convention of Manitoba Municipalities is a red letter day in the history of His Department. Manitoba people did not need much education with regard to the need of good roads.

Six years ago the Good Roads Act was passed and some splendid work has been done, despite the great world conflict. The work this year alone has exceeded that of the previous three years, and this also in spite of the fact the labor was hard to get, and that there was a financial stringency in the money market.

Mr. McGillivray said that because no amendments were to be made in the Good Roads Act, made it apparent that the Act is suitable to the municipalities. The Department, he said, is willing to co-operate at all times with the municipalities in the carrying out of the Act.

The speaker said that over \$1,000,000 had been spent on good roads in Manitoba. The greater part of this amount had been spent on new roads and not on maintenance. This is a deplorable fact, Mr. McGillivray said. The principle of having good roads for the present is all right, but if the future ratepayers are going to pay for them, then we should build and maintain the roads.

Take Care of Roads

No road can be built that will be permanent, and the speaker declared that it would be far better to build fewer roads and spend more money on the maintenance. He counseled the municipalities to build only as many roads as they could properly maintain. Up until the present time the building and upkeep of the roads had been left to the farmer, and Mr. McGillivray said this is a reason for the non-maintenance of the roads. The farmers had their own work to do, and when good roads and their own work clashed, the good roads were neglected.

The time is coming, he said, when other parties will have to be organized to look after the roads permanently. He further stated that if

both building and maintenance could be kept up, then it was well to proceed with the new roads, but he advised them to go slow. He recommended the use of gravel on the main roads where possible as this type of road is proving the most serviceable in Manitoba.

The First Good Road

The work of the Good Roads Association during the past eleven years was outlined by Vice-President John Haddow. During the early years the Association had been beset by many difficulties, and the first real good done was the Emerson-Winnipeg highway road, now to be known as the Lord Selkirk Highway. Reeve P. Couling of Cornwallis said the good roads surrounding Brandon were a great advance step. He told of the work of the Brandon Good Roads Association, but lack of funds had held back the work somewhat.

To Standardize Markings

President A. C. Emmett of the Manitoba Motor League said the work of the judges in deciding the prize-winning municipalities in good-road building had been very laborious. He declared that when municipalities are planning new roads they should plan them so they would be of benefit to the whole province and not just to the community. An effort is now being made to standardize the markings along all the routes in Manitoba, and Mr. Emmett illustrated the new signs proposed for the main routes. Thousands of American cars come into this province each year and in order to hold this traffic and bring revenue to Manitoba the roads must be passable.

The one great solution is the maintenance of the roads. If these roads are not properly maintained, then the public's money is simply thrown away, concluded Mr. Emmett.

Urges Permanent Maintenance Plan The work of completing the 196 miles of good roads in the Municipality of Wallace is about finished, said Col. C. E. Ivens, who spoke of the work in his municipality. The municipality had been fortunate in selling its debentures when the market was high, and he believed their work could be concluded without borrowing any more money. Next year he hoped to see the last wooden bridges disappear and these to be replaced by permanent concrete structures.

Col. Ivens said it is hard to keep up the interest among the dragmen in looking after good roads. However, the municipality is doing all it can to maintain its roads, and with the labor situation looking a little easier, the outlook is much brighter. He urged the various municipalities to attempt some scheme for the permanent maintenance of good roads.

Through the agency of the Union of Municipalities and the Motor League a splendid feeling towards good roads is being obtained, said Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong, Municipal Commissioner. He said there are no more attractive parts on this continent than the prairie provinces, for eight or nine months each year. A real active class of people can be attracted here through good roads. This advantage is being taken by other provinces and States, and it is up to Manitoba to follow the example of other provinces and carry out the good roads work. J. D. Baskerville, ex-M.L.A. for Emerson, told of the work in the Emerson municipality. Over fifty miles of road has been covered this year. Some of the roads built some years ago were a blot on the face of Nature and spoiled some real good prairie trails, he said. However, the good roads work had gone along steadily and he stated that they had accomplished more in the past eight years than in the previous 37 years of the municipality's history.

Two Resolutions

Two other resolutions presented this morning were passed, as follows:

"That a grant be made to the Provincial Good Roads Association by the Union of Manitoba Municipalities for the maintenance of good roads throughout the province."

"That the Union of Manitoba Municipalities recommend to the Municipal Councils throughout the province the adoption of road signs as supplied by the Manitoba Motor League, and that the erection of only such signs be permitted on the highways under the control of the Municipal Councils."

PUPILS MINIOTA SCHOOL HOLD SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR TO BUY GRAMAPHONE

Miniota, Man., December 1.—The staff and pupils of the Miniota school held a very successful bazaar. Over \$150 was realized from the sale and tea. The primary room put on a "circular-parade," which was followed by a program of various "stunts" in the school. This netted a further sum of \$20. The large crowd present, the rapidity with which the articles for sale were disposed of, the generous contributions and the enthusiasm with which the enterprise was supported by the whole district, showed how thoroughly the splendid work of the school staff in the interests of the training and education of the children is appreciated. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of a gramophone and records for the school.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE

Canon Heene Presents Facts at Evening Session of Convention

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Dr. Stuart Fraser Informs Delegates Regarding Progress of Public Health Work

Delegates to the convention of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities ought to know considerable about the work of the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg, a province-wide charity, for they listened for nearly two hours, Tuesday night, first to Canon Heene, and then to Secretary H. G. Wade, Dr. Stuart Fraser, of the Public Health Department, also mentioned the work of the society several times during his address. This was after the Salvation Army band had provided a splendid half hour musical program.

Rev. Canon Heene welcomed the farmers' movement as one providing a rock against which the surging wave of Socialism and the doctrine that no man must own anything, would beat in vain. Private ownership of property is a fundamental principle. The right to own property rests on the sanctity of your own personality, the eternal value the Almighty has placed on your personality, said the Canon. If you disturb, cover up, or camouflage that, so that men may not see it, you have taken away the basis of your right to own anything.

Obligation to Children

The work of the Children's Aid Society lays emphasis on all that is best. "Just as I have the right to own a house, so a little child has a right to protection. I appeal to you men representing agriculture, that you are under an obligation to see that no child is denied the protection of society," the Children's Aid Society is out to see that justice is done these little lives. The efforts of the society are not confined to Winnipeg. A response is made to cries from all over the province. There is no difference from race or creed. People talk in many languages, but a little child cries only in one.

The agents of the Society go to the homes where unfaithfulness, gambling, war, drunkenness or any other cause, has made conditions bad for little children. Efforts are made to improve conditions and if this is found impossible the children are taken to the shelter, not a permanent home, as the policy of the society is to return children to foster homes where they can get some of the loving care denied by unnatural parents. The society's need for greater facilities for caring for the children were emphasized and an appeal made for support.

Wade Presents Facts

Our records show, said Mr. H. G. Wade, secretary, that during the past 22 years over 20,000 little children's lives have been benefitted through the intervention of the society. Approximately 4,000 of these little ones have been rescued from lives of degradation, sheltered and cared for, and given a start on life's journey from their shelter. Legal guardianship has been assumed in 973 cases. Good foster homes have been secured for 1,215 children, and the society now have 547 children under their care for whom they are legally responsible.

It is in the improvement of the home conditions and surroundings that our society can be, and is, of immense assistance. In this all-important field we are doing a work, and effecting an improvement, for which no other existing organization provides so suitable or effective, an agency, and we are more than grateful to feel that the general public has had sufficient confidence in us to furnish the amount necessary to carry on the work.

Dealt With 494 Cases This Year

During this year 494 cases were referred to us, involving the interest of 1,335 children's lives, so it will be observed that the society has stretched out its helping hand to an army of little human lives, and has endeavored to alleviate their sufferings and distress, and so make their lives at least endurable.

In summarizing the source from whence complaints came, we find that 61 per cent of the cases or \$7 per cent of the children are from English-speaking cases, and 39 per cent of the cases, or 43 per cent of the children are from foreign-speaking cases. There are 23 different nationalities involved and 17 different religious beliefs.

In dealing with these families it is gratifying to record that our agents were able, through mediation, advice, warning, etc., to satisfactorily deal with 93 per cent of the number of children involved in their own homes; the remaining seven per cent having to be removed to the shelter. Out of this latter number 39 per cent of the cases had to go before the court for adjustment; the remaining 61 per

cent, being adjusted through the society.

Visit Delinquent Homes

During the year our agents have made 6,508 visits to the homes of these delinquent parents. In addition 75 police and juvenile court sessions have been attended. The actual number of cases taken before the court have been 38, involving the interest of 53 children.

During the last year we have had a monthly average of 206 cases, involving 608 children, under supervision. The monthly average for each agent has been 68 cases, with 203 children involved. The average monthly number of visits has been 629 or an average of three visits to each case.

Total number of children who have been made wards of the society during minority by the courts, 915.

Society Works Without Publicity The society works without publicity. Children in your own community may be wards of the society, respectable men and women there may owe their start in life to the society, yet no one outside of those immediately and officially in contact with the cases are aware of it. Its work goes on silently, effectively and continually.

The Society's Budget

The society's budget for 1921, as approved by the Finance Committee, calls for a required expenditure of \$9,470, about ten cents for every man, woman and child in the province. Of this total, \$10,500 is assured by grants from the Provincial Government and city of Winnipeg. The balance, \$48,970 must be secured from the people, either by direct subscription or voluntary grants from the municipalities. If every municipality gives a grant of \$100, over \$35,000 must still be asked direct by individual subscription.

Public Health Work

Dr. Stuart Fraser gave a brief resume of the activities of the Public Health Department in four years. Four years ago there were three teaching the gospel of public health in Manitoba; today there are 50. Fifty-six thousand children during this time have come under observation and 2,000 suffering from defects have been helped.

There is real cause for worry. Europe is alive with disease. Dr. Fraser told of learning while in attendance at the convention in San Francisco, that bubonic plague was very prevalent. There are, he declared, hundreds of cases of bubonic plague in U.S. coast cities and as the plague is spread by rats it is bound to appear in Canada. Many new diseases are spreading death in Europe. More than 1,000 children under two years of age died in Manitoba last year despite the preventive work done.

"If we can bring our children up to the age of 15 without having disease, the chances are that they will go through life without having any," said Dr. Fraser, in pointing out the benefits of a pure moral purpose animating a sound mind in a sound body. "The proudest boast I can make is that I was born a Canadian citizen."

The greatest thing on earth is to give service. We don't want to receive alms from anybody. Children should not be at the necessity of receiving private benefactions, it is the business of the state to look after them, said Dr. Fraser, evidently referring to the appeal for aid on behalf of the Children's Aid Society.

Robt. Forke, of Pipestone, thanked the speakers for their wonderful addresses and urged the delegates to help build up a better Canada by laying the foundations for good citizenship.

C.P.R. LAYS OFF 100 METAL WORKERS AT ANGUS SHOPS

Grant Hall Admits Some Men Laid Off, But Not 70 Per Cent.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—Reports made to the headquarters of the Labor Union here yesterday stated that 1100 workers had been laid off temporarily at the Angus shops of the C.P.R. The reports were confirmed by J. T. Foster, President of the Trades and Labor Council, who added that the same conditions obtained, not only at the Angus shops, but also in practically all the metal industry in Montreal and district.

Grant Hall, Vice-President Canadian Pacific, declared a certain number were being laid off, but that this number certainly did not amount to 70 per cent of the staff.

DAMAD FERID PASHA CONVERTS PALACE INTO FORTRESS: FEARS ENEMIES

Constantinople, Dec. 1. — Damad Ferid Pasha, who recently resigned as Premier, is converting his palace into something like a fortress. He is building a high wall around it, anticipating need of protection from many of his enemies who are being let out of jail by the new cabinet.

MUNICIPALITIES WANT CHANGE SHEEP PROTECTION ACT

By Which Owner of Sheep Killed by Unknown Dog Must Notify Municipality

At the Tuesday afternoon session of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities the resolutions given below were passed. Two addresses were delivered during the afternoon. R. Hingley of Regina, Sask., Manager of the Municipal Hall Insurance gave an interesting talk on the methods used in this connection in Saskatchewan. His address was of particular interest as the ratepayers of Manitoba municipalities will vote on the Hall Insurance Act of the Province this month. A lengthy discussion followed the address.

Mr. A. M. Fraser of Winnipeg read an interesting paper on "How our taxation affects the rent."

The resolution re school taxes was recommended to be sent to the School Trustees Association and the resolution re tax commission which was also discussed Tuesday afternoon was left over.

Resolutions Passed

That Section 206 of the Municipal Assessment Act as amended by Section 11 of 7 George 5 Chapter 59 be further amended by adding the words "deducting two per cent or" after the word without in the third line thereof.

That whereas the Reeve and Councils of the Rural Municipality of Grey are desirous of having an amendment made to "The Sheep Protection Act," being Chapter 82 of 7 George V, R.S.M., 1917, and are desirous that the said amendment be referred to the Union of Manitoba Municipalities for their due consideration and approval;

And whereas by Section 12 of the said Act, which said section was further amended by an Act to amend "The Sheep Protection Act" and being Chapter 80 of 8 George V, 1918, a municipality is liable where sheep are killed or injured by a dog whose owner is unknown;

And whereas the said Reeve and Councils are of the opinion that the said Section 12 does not give the Municipality an opportunity of investigating any claim for loss sustained by a claimant for the killing or injury of his sheep, and that it is unfair that a Municipality should become a defendant in an action brought for the payment of such a loss without first having received notice of such loss;

Resolved that the Union of Manitoba Municipalities, by petition or otherwise as they may deem fit, apply to the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba to have a further amendment made to "The Sheep Protection Act" to the effect that the owner of any sheep, killed or injured by a dog whose owner is unknown, be given forty-eight hours to make known his loss to the Municipality in order that the Municipality be given an opportunity of investigating and appraising the loss as provided in Section 11 of the said Act; and that the said Section 12 shall be amended by adding the following words after the word "dog" in the last line thereof:—"Provided, however, that the owner of the sheep so claiming the said loss, by killing or injury by a dog whose owner is unknown, shall have given to the Municipality, in which such sheep were so killed or injured, notice in writing within forty-eight hours of the time of such killing or injury."

That this Council send a resolution to the Convention of the Union of Municipalities to the effect that the Dominion Government be requested to provide a fund for cutting and destroying Noxious Weeds on the Dominion Government Lands.

CRIME WAVE ATTRIBUTED TO AUTOS AND MOVIES

Denver, Colo., Dec. 1.—Movies and automobiles are largely responsible for the nation-wide crime wave which is sweeping the country, according to William A. Pinkerton, head of the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

"The showing of pictures of criminal acts promotes criminality," he declared. "Such pictures should be prohibited."

Most of the crimes committed today apparently are done by novices and young boys, Pinkerton said.

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