



Tree in foreground pruned to allow of the passage of wires. No mutilation. Note the branches on the road. This tree will live and continue to be a thing of beauty.

pruning of trees will have to be exercised, wherever tree growth exists along their lines. When such conditions prevail much cutting of branches has invariably been necessary, and it is the manner in which these have been removed which has kept the indignation of all tree lovers at boiling point. It is unfortunate that generally the men who cut the trees and the public do not realize that when stubs are left upon the trees the doom of the latter is usually sealed, and that decay, which slowly and insidiously enters the wounds, will eventually cause the death of the subjects.

A real national effort should be made to interest county and city councils and other municipalities in the welfare of the shade trees. Unfortunately, in the past few people have been sufficiently interested to take steps to end the evil of

mutilation. Thus the burden has been left to a few citizens, or a few organizations, such as Horticultural Societies, and Chambers of Commerce.

The care of the trees in our municipalities should be entrusted to the Parks Board, where such exists, and the actual work of pruning should be supervised by the Parks Superintendent or Forester, or by men under the control of these officials. The pruning has been done largely without supervision, and in some cases the authorities have not interested themselves in the past. Thus it would seem that the various companies are not solely responsible for the injury to the trees.

Are our God-given shade trees to be mutilated and slaughtered forever? What would be the appearance of our streets and roads without these? Municipal Councils, shake off your apathy! Interest yourselves in the trees. Should a little money for the appointment of men qualified to care for them be withheld. You spend lots of money for purposes less worthy than this. Early this year, start a movement for the preservation of the trees and you will give to the next generation a heritage of beauty. Your towns and cities will then vie with each other for all will be beautiful, even in your own time much can be done to make them more attractive. Nothing can more eloquently express the intelligence of Municipal Councils than well planted streets on which the trees are preserved and protected from injury.

What Ontario is Doing.

It may be of interest to readers to know that the Department of Public Highways of the Province of Ontario has called a halt to the mutilation of trees along the highways under its jurisdiction. No person or company may, without permission, cut or remove branches from the trees, and in all cases where such permission is granted, the work may only be done under the supervision of the Forester, or such person whom he may appoint. The various companies pay for all the pruning, which is usually done by men in their employ-