

Another machine that is necessary for any municipality building stone roads is a stone crusher. Throughout the Province, in almost every township, are found numbers of boulders, usually termed "hard heads." They nearly all consist of excellent material for making good roads if broken. They have generally no commercial value, and with the aid of a stone crusher could be utilized in improving our road system. If the stone has to be transported a distance from the quarry, then the crusher should be placed at a point along where the road is to be constructed. This will be found more convenient than hauling the crushed stone a long distance. Besides the above, there are various other labor-saving machines which can be used to advantage when occasion requires, such as wheeled scrapers, dump scrapers, sweepers, etc., but the above mentioned machines should be in the possession of every municipality that desires to construct and repair its roads in an economical manner. The writer knows of municipalities that have recently purchased and operated road machines in the improvement of their roads, and the result has been a marked improvement in the state of their highways.

ROAD SIDES.

A word for the road sides: How often the following is to be seen along the sides of the roadways in the country: Stumps and stones taken from the adjoining fields and piled along the fence, brush from the orchards, weeds from the gardens, saw logs and wood piled up to be taken to market when convenient, and weeds of every description allowed to grow.

The farmer who prides himself on the neatness and cleanliness of his farm, has just reason to protest against the roadway being used as a dumping place for the refuse of the farm or a storage place for logs and wood, or as a place in which foul weeds may mature their seeds to his injury.

Every traveler using the roadway has a right to protest against its being defaced in this manner, as it destroys a great deal of the pleasure that would be experienced were it kept in a proper state. Nothing should be placed on the roadway that will mar the view. A well-kept farm does not appear to advantage beside a badly kept roadway. There should be as much thought and care given to improving the appearance of our roads as a good surface.

The sides should be levelled and graded so that they will present a smooth and sightly appearance. Trees should be planted along the roadsides and the whole kept in a proper state of repair, and everything done to make its appearance as pleasing as possible. By doing this it will not only add to the greater pleasure to be derived in travelling, but will improve both the appearance and the value of the farms along the roadway.