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### THE ROADS.

Our attention has been called to the miserable state of the roads in this village and through the approaches to it. On the road from Gasperau the road is in a frightful condition. The gutters last season were made in such a way that the water has gullied them out and in some places they are caving in nearly to the middle of the road. In one place a horse with a light wagon attached, containing only one barrel of flour, got stuck. In some places it is almost impossible for a loaded team to get along. The street running parallel over the hill is nearly as bad, the mud being up to the hubs in places. At Mud Bridge on Main street though not so deep in mire the road is quite as disgraceful. A large portion of the railing on the south side is down and the rest is just ready to follow. West of us near Caldwell & Murray's the streets are covered with mud some inches deep. And so on through the entire district. Now we ask an intelligent and long suffering people if they intend to put up with this much longer. There is not the slightest doubt but that much of the trouble is caused by bad management. The changing of the Commissioners every year is probably one of the worst features. Men who are only in one year cannot judge with any sort of success of the result of any experiments they may try; and the new ones coming in know so much they cannot to any appreciable degree profit by the advice of those who were before them. Then the Commissioners have not acted conjointly as a corporate body which is required by law. By not doing this they lose the benefits of consultation and interchange of views.

Now the matter is before you, what will be done about it? Shall the Road work be still carried on in this way or will you cry out against it? The matter rests with the people. They govern this county and are themselves largely

to blame for the indignities they suffer at the hands of incompetent officials.

By the removal of W. J. Burgess to another part of the county a vacancy has been created in the board of Commissioners. Shall not the people here say who is to be his successor? We think so and the district has no one to blame but itself if it allows an incompetent person to get the place. What do you think?

It would be amusing if it were not so sad the way the Halifax press raves for reform whenever an accident like the Poor House fire or the late wreck occurs in or near that city. It is poor policy to be continually "locking the stable door after the horses have escaped." We have several times called attention to the fact of there being no protection against fire on the "Hill." Probably after the Chipman Hall or Acadia Seminary burns down and several of its inmates are burned to death, the people controlling these institutions will awake to the fact that they have been criminally neglectful of their great responsibility. In this day when so many excellent fire escapes are obtainable and other fire appliances there can be no excuse for this neglect. Besides there should be among the students, both male and female, a thoroughly organized fire brigade and they should be drilled at least once a month in the best possible way, to first prevent a fire from spreading, and afterwards escape from a burning building. This might do no good and a panic, even after thorough drill, might arise among the students, but it would be worth while to try it and see; the result of fire could be looked upon with less compunction of conscience, after they had "done what they could" to prevent it.

The Bulldozer man evidently feels sore on account of some of our good-natured badinage about his agricultural articles, and devotes nearly two columns of his last issue directly or indirectly to it quoting the story of the old lady who, while rejecting her son's account of the flying fish, accepts that of Pharaoh's chariot wheels. We suppose he means we did wrong to accept the Sabbath School lessons and reject the potato story. If he does not mean that we fail to comprehend him. The Bulldozer man though verbose is sometimes difficult to understand.

A purist who objects to expressions like "visible amount of common sense" should not say "there are sure to be a possessor," or talk of a steamer's stateroom having four births.

### RELIGIOUS.

The Baptist ministers of the county held one of their meetings at Wolfville, on Monday and Tuesday. Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached on Monday evening. At the session on Tuesday papers were read by Rev. Dr. Sawyer and Rev. Dr. Armstrong. The former gave elaborate review of adverse criticism of the Bible. Rev. John Williams of Gasperau preached on Tuesday evening to a large audience. In addition to those already mentioned the following ministers were present, Rev. J. L. Read, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Rev. W. H. Robinson who has lately settled in Canning, and Rev. T. A. Higgins. The next session is to be held at Port Williams, the second Tuesday in June.

### NEW FOUNDRY.

Mr. S. R. Sleep informs us that the foundry project is now a settled matter. The work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible and the foundry will probably be in operation about the first of June. Mr. Sleep's partner, Mr. Mc Adam, is a practical foundryman, having served a number of years at the business in Halifax. We anticipate great things for this Company and hope it is only the beginning of manufacturing industry in Wolfville, and that ere long we will have several such enterprises in active operation.

### GENERAL NEWS.

—Warner Williams, of Anite, Ia. known as the baby giant, is dead. He was six years old and weighed 200 lbs.

—About 1,500 tons of fresh fish have been shipped from New Brunswick to the United States during the last three months.

—The Halifax Grand jury have found true bills against Bracken and Holmes, for having dangerous explosives in their possession.

—A disastrous cyclone visited Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio on the 25th of March. Many lives were lost and much property destroyed.

—The elevator in the factory of the Gates' Organ and Piano Co. at Truro, fell on the morning of March 17th, carrying with it two men and a little boy.

—A new steamer, the "Arcadia" was launched a few days ago at Acadia near Yarmouth. She is intended to run between Yarmouth and Westport, and Yarmouth and Clark's Harbour, calling at Barrington and Pubnico.

—A serious riot was caused in Cincinnati on the 28th ult. by an attempt to lynch Barrer, on trial for murder, and sentenced to imprisonment. The dead amount to some 25 and the wounded 55. Such a night of blood as preceded the riot has not before darkened the history of Cincinnati.

### THE COMING AMERICAN JOURNAL.

The newspaper that fulfils the highest functions of journalism must be owned by the men who make it. The most threatening evil of current journalism is the hidden hand of the outside capitalists, laid upon it to shape its opinions and manipulate its views. If this evil gains ground, as seems inevitable in an age when a rage for money-getting has taken possession of the mass of intelligent minds and obscured higher aims, the remedy will be found in journals of opinion. The costly work of news-gathering may be left to the papers which control large capital, while the public turns for aggressive and candid views on the events and issues of the times to small and cheaply-made sheets which are under no obligations to stockholders. In France there are scores of successful journals which make no effort at covering the field of the world's news. They are organs of opinion only. Each is the production of a group of original minds, and each represents the general ideas of a segment of French political or industrial life. There are indications that such a phase of journalism is approaching in this country.—E. V. Snodley, in *The Manhattan for April*.

### INDUSTRY.

It is the bubbling spring that flows gently, the little rivulet which runs along all day and night by the farmhouse, that is useful, rather than the swollen flood of the roaring cataract. Niagara excites our wonder, and we stand amazed at the power and greatness of God there, as He "pours it from the hollow of His hand." But one Niagara is enough for the continent or the world, while the same world requires thousands and tens of thousands of silver fountains and gently-flowing rivulets; that water every farm and meadow, and every day and night with their gentle, quiet beauty. So, with the acts of our lives. It is not by great deeds, like those of the martyrs, that good is to be done; it is by the daily and quiet virtues of life, the good qualities of relatives, and friends, and all, that it is to be done.

### PREJUDICE.

No man on earth is so much to be pitied as the man of prejudices. He builds a wall of mud around himself by which he shuts out the sunlight, and shuts himself in, away from all genial influences. No man is so miserable as he. His mind grows narrower every day instead of expanding as it should, like the flower that opens its rosy petals to the sun and dews of heavens. Such a man is like the dog in the manger; he neither grows fat himself, nor can he believe that any body else is flourishing. We know of no panacea or specific for the cure of the malady, except more intelligence and broader views of men and things combined with the practice of the golden rule.

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