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## CONSTRUCTION OF MARKET ROADS

One of the things done at the County Council's inaugural meeting was to instruct the road superintendent to prepare an estimate of the cost of roads during 1919 and submit the same to the Department of Provincial Highways.

Since this municipality is a partner of the county in the market roads project, it will be permissible for us to make a suggestion regarding expenditures upon them.

There was a two-fold reason for enlisting the aid of urban municipalities in the construction of market roads: the one to make it easier for farmers to bring their produce to market and the other to have city folks, who nowadays freely use interurban roads, contribute towards their construction and upkeep. In addition it may have been conceived that urban communities, which usually have better roads, would encourage the building of a good class of highways.

In 1917, this city contributed \$1000 to the improvement of the Bridgeport road. It was coated with gravel and rolled but before winter showed signs of wear and already stands in need of further improvement.

The point the Record wishes to make is that only permanent improvements should hereafter be made on suburban roads. When the city expends \$1000 on a market road, the county spends another \$1000 and the province \$500. In every case where the three appropriations are expended on a given stretch the outlay is \$2500, for which we contend value cannot be received from gravel or even macadam.

These kinds of road will simply not withstand the traffic. Motor driven vehicles have so multiplied and bear so heavily upon roads, that after twelve months' use they are again in a worn condition and ready for further tinkering.

Experiments made should convince observers that gravel and macadam roads are nowadays the most expensive roads municipalities can construct. A better class of highway material is needed. Otherwise the interested municipalities will be obliged to be continually improving them and not get anywhere.

Admittedly, concrete, for example, costs more at the outset. Twice or three times as much as gravel or macadam. But when completed, you have a permanent highway, which will not call for any expenditure for maintenance for the next fifteen or twenty years, whereas the older kinds are one or two-year roads, upon which upkeep begins at the end of the first twelvemonth and after two years again stand in need of improvement.

Taking the Bridgeport road, were the county and city to decide that they could not afford to construct a concrete roadway over its entire length in one year, let them spread it over two or three years. They would thus receive something while for the outlay. On the other hand, the provision of employment may render it necessary to build this and other roadways in one year.

At St. Jacobs, the county road superintendent supervised the building of a concrete street. It proved so desirable that another road has since been similarly improved. Eating has proved the concrete pudding to be good.

Cities which are contributing to suburban roads, believing that some of their money is being frittered away, have applied to the legislature for an amendment which would prevent their contributions being spent on cutting weeds and more or less on unwise repairs.

The kernel of the situation is that gravel and macadam are, as far as interurban and market roads are concerned, obsolete. It does not pay to lay them down and their maintenance costs too much. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

The matter of furnishing work for the unemployed during 1919 may or may not become a problem in the county. Should the necessity arise, a permanent roadway from Elmira to the Wentworth boundary may offer one opening. Building this highway would have the merit of being its usefulness. It is more necessary than some of the work schemes tentatively advanced.

## AN EXHIBITION BUILDING

Good cheer is to be found in the announcement that Mr. Jacob Kaufman plans to erect an eight or ten storey office building as soon as conditions warrant and that he is prepared to provide therein space which can be utilized as exhibition quarters.

Building costs, and having certain factory irons in the fire, will prevent it being erected during 1919 but should the furniture men evince an interest in the matter, there is a possibility of its being proceeded with in 1920.

Given an assurance that it would, after being constructed, be generally used, there is no question of its being made right and ample for the purposes to which it would be put. Mr. Kaufman whenever he undertakes anything, does things up to the hilt. In this case he can be relied upon to supply the best class of exhibition space, providing the furniture men will agree to utilize it.

They have long desired such a building. Its cost, in view of being brought into use once or perchance twice a year, has deterred the furniture men from making the outlay entailed. A building used only for furniture exhibitions, would eat its head off. Mr. Kaufman's plan to combine it with an office building offers a practical solution.

Once a suitable exhibition building is obtained, may the footwear interests of these two communities not find it advantageous to take a leaf from the furniture men's book and hold annual or semi-annual exhibits? American shoe manufacturers have found exhibitions to be profitable.

Proceeding a step farther, other lines may decide that a permanent industrial exhibit is business bringer.

The most important consideration is presently that Mr. Kaufman will be, in the near future, prepared to erect a block wherein ample space can be secured for the furniture industries and other lines of manufacture, providing they will confer as to the amount of space required and agree to use it.

## WAIT A MINUTE

### TO-DAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1819—Gen. Andrew Jackson arrived in Washington to testify at the congressional inquiry into his conduct of the Florida campaign.  
1870—Steamship Great Eastern arrived at Bombay with Suez cable.

1894—The Midwinter Fair in San Francisco was formally opened.  
1901—The German Emperor was made a Field Marshal of the British army.  
1903—John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$7,000,000 to be used in research for tuberculosis serum was announced.  
1908—The law prohibiting discrimination against members of labor organizations was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.  
1915—Russians captured a German Zeppelin near Libau, on the Baltic sea.  
1916—British Compulsory Service Act received the royal assent.

### ONE YEAR AGO TO-DAY IN THE WAR

Cunard Liner Audania reported torpedoed off Irish coast.  
Peace riots in Berlin and other German cities marked birthday anniversary of Kaiser.  
Washington threatened enforced system of rationing unless voluntary food saving was complied with.

### TO-DAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former German Emperor and King of Prussia, born at Potsdam, 60 years ago to-day.  
George M. Bosworth, chairman of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, born at Ogdensburg, N.Y., 61 years ago to-day.  
Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, born in London, 69 years ago to-day.  
Rev. William Lennox Mills, Anglican bishop of Ontario, born at Woodstock, Ont., 73 years ago to-day.  
Philip Joseph Doherty, whose services as a lawyer have been enlisted by the Federal Government in many important cases, born at Charlestown, Mass., 63 years ago to-day.  
Bishop Thomas Nicholson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, born at Woodburn, Ont., 57 years ago to-day.

### FROM HERE AND THERE

Greater London's food bills amounts to more than \$30,000,000 a week.  
The Amazon River at its mouth has a width of more than 150 miles.

In some parts of England dogs' wool is being spun and manufactured into garments.  
During the war the London County Council loaned nearly \$50,000,000 to the British nation.

The 175th anniversary of the birth of James McGill will be celebrated next autumn by McGill University, of which he was the founder.

The most successful whaling ground just now is the South Atlantic, in the neighborhood of South Georgia, South Shetlands, and the South Orkneys.  
If placed side by side, the German guns which have been delivered to the Allies under the terms of the armistice would stretch nearly twelve miles.

No priest or deacon of the Church of England can be elected as a member of the House of Commons. If he takes his seat he forfeits \$2500 every time he votes.

The custom of lifting the hat had its origin when knights never appeared in public except in full armor, but upon entering an assembly of friends the knight removed his helmet, the act signifying, "I am safe in the presence of my friends."

The world's most famous pictures are those dealing with the birth and episodes in the life of Christ. The reason for this is that the Madonna and the Holy Child was the most popular subject among the world famous painters of the middle ages.

The little island of St. Kilda, the most remote of the Hebrides—attacked by a German submarine last May—is one of the healthiest of all the British Isles. It is only when the supply ship arrives there, as it does two or three times in the summer, that anything happens. Then the whole population catch cold, and are ill for about four days.

History records surrenders that have been little less glorious than victories. When, for example, Osman Pasha, after holding the village of Plevna for five months with a handful of troops against a quarter of a million of Russia's picked soldiers, was at last compelled to hoist the white flag, he was greeted by Czar Alexander with this well-earned tribute to his valor: "Sir, I congratulate you on your fine defence. It was one of the most splendid feats in the history of war."

Fiction fails to provide such remarkable stories of strange meetings as some brought about by the war. Twelve years ago the eldest son of an English doctor quarrelled with his father and emigrated to Canada. He held no communication with his family, and when the war broke out, joined up. Last summer, near the close of the great conflict, he was badly wounded, and the doctor who attended to him at the casualty clearing station proved to be his own father, the meeting resulting in a happy reconciliation.

### EXTRACT OF EXCHANGE

**Awful Possibility!**  
Sarnia Canadian Observer—"It would no surprise me to see Sarnia larger than Windsor in a few years," said a grocer here recently. "But unless merchants and others get in line it might become a Sodom," he concluded.

**Editor's Merry Lay**  
Goderich—Let everybody go to the poultry show next week and use his best efforts to persuade the hens to lay more frequently. If a few kind words would bring down the price of eggs, by all means let them be spoken.

**Farmer's Smile**  
Oakville Star—"You should just see the broad smile on the farmer as he drives home on a two-ton load of elegant coal. The Governor-General has nothing on that fellow."

**Cities Differ**  
Kingston Whig—When people went into a Toronto doctor's office they talked with spirits and received orders to write a book. When people go into Kingston doctors' offices they talk of spirits and receive orders. But they don't write any books about their experiences, which is probably just as well.

**Ticklish Subject**  
South Line cor. Kincardine Review—According to the Bruce Herald and Times a man by the name of Wms. Hill was up before his Lordship and made to come across with two dollars and costs because he had tickled his landlady's toes. As a matter of relationship we feel constrained to say that this crime was not committed at or near Purple Grove.

Antonio, Scotti, who is widely famed as an operatic baritone, born in Naples, Italy, 53 years ago to-day.  
Charles Curtis, senior United States senator from Kansas, born in Shawnee County, Kas., 59 years ago to-day.

Mrs. Marion Craig Wentworth, author of "War Brides," born in St. Paul, 47 years ago to-day.

## "Rock Island Yard" Master Testifies

Wife Gains Twenty Pounds Taking Without It. He Says  
Stiff another widely known and popular railroad man comes forward with his unqualified endorsement for Tanlac. This time it is D. Blatherwick, yard master for the C.P.R. & P. in Kansas City, Kansas, who resides at 341 South 11th Street that city.

"My wife has actually gained twenty pounds in weight since she began taking Tanlac," said Mr. Blatherwick in an interview recently "and has benefited so much in every way that I am glad to make this statement, which I hope will be the cause of others who may be suffering as she did getting relief."

"She has been in such a nervous, run-down condition for the past two years that she was confined to her bed a great deal of the time. She was subject to frequent attacks of sick headaches and often had spells of dizziness. She also suffered intense pain from the gas on her stomach, pains in her back and what seemed to be a complete nervous breakdown. She also had a severe attack of influenza, which left her so weak she could hardly stand up."

"She has been wonderfully benefited by Tanlac. In fact I consider it remarkable the way she has been built up, for she is almost like a different person. She has been relieved entirely of stomach trouble, headache and backache. I am delighted more than I can tell with what Tanlac has done for her and we would not be without it now for anything. It is by far the best medicine she has ever taken."

Tanlac is sold in Kitchener by E.O. Ritz & Co., in Galt by R.W. Meikleham, in Hespeler by Jno. R. Phin, in New Hamburg by W.B. Bouillon, in Milbank by R.B. Hamilton, in West Montrose by A.E. Richert & Co., in Preston by H.L. Frick, in Waterloo by A.B. Learn, in Doon by L.C. Bullock.

## Notes From The Collegiate Halls

We are sorry to have to report the indisposition of Sergt.-Major Phillips. He has applied for, and has been granted leave of absence for a few weeks, to attend a military hospital.

The services of Private Elvey, whose home is in Kitchener, have been secured by the Public School and Collegiate Boards to carry on the work of the boys' physical culture instructor.

Our aviators are coming home to roost, so to speak. Three of our boys, who have made names for themselves in the service of the Royal Air Corps, are back to their classes in the collegiate. The latest arrival is Roy Connor, who paid Kitchener a "flying" visit last Decoration Day.

The Literary Society held a very interesting meeting last week, the feature of which was the first debate of the season for the Society's shield. The subject debated was, "Resolved that the sailor endured greater hardships during the Great War than did the soldier." The affirmative was upheld by Miss McKellar and David Grigg, of Form 1B, while the argument for the soldier was presented by Miss Milhausen and Miss McFadyen, of Form 1A. The judges, Miss Dunham, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Brown, decided in favour of the affirmative.

Other numbers on the programme were an address by Miss B.M. Dunham, of the public library, a piano solo by Miss Anna Hymmen, and an interesting number of the Grumbler, read by Miss Ruth Beechell.

The Literary Executive has organized a canvass for funds for the Patriotic Fund. The students are noted for their liberal giving, and will no doubt be able, at the close of the three months' campaign, to make quite a substantial grant to each of the local branches.

The girls of the collegiate are nothing if not athletic. They reorganized recently for the season by electing the following officers:

Hon. Pres.—Miss S. Jones.  
Hon. Vice-Pres.—Miss B. Mallory.  
President—Lillian Snider.  
Vice-Pres.—Jessie Cochrane.  
Secretary—Margaret Green.  
Treasurer—Ruth Beechell.  
Coach—Florence Mueller.  
Roster Extraordinary—Hildah Merritt.

For the present basketball is to be the game, and a team was chosen to challenge for the Whyte Cup. Practices are being conducted at St. Mary's hall, and it would appear that a strong team will be entered in the League.

Boys' sports are languishing just at present, owing to the scarcity of good ice. Last Saturday we should have played Galt here and today we should have been in Paris. Possibly we may have good ice in April. Later in the season the boys will take on Guelph and Galt for a few games to basketball.

The afternoon train yesterday carried away a hopeful jubilant crew of girls, who had heard of a girls' basketball club in Stratford that had aspirations for Whyte Cup honours. Our girls have aspirations also, hence the argument. By the time this appears in print the result of the argument will be known. The girls and their supporters are being accompanied by Miss Jones and Mr. Erb, both of whom have helped considerably to make the team a formidable one. The members are the Misses Winnie and Lillian Snider, Miss Eileen Clark, Miss Jessie Cochrane, Miss Lorene Bender and Miss Florence Mueller.

# Good By Profits

We say goodbye profits to thousands of dollars worth of goods during our Big January Sale. Not only are profits cut away, but in many cases a good portion of the original cost. This is especially true with our splendid stock of Women's Coats. Never in our business experience have we handed out such bargains at those now offered for a few days longer, at ... \$2.50, \$7.50, \$10.00 to \$18.00

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Ladies' Cut Curl Coats, plush trimmed, worth \$39.00 for \$25.00, regular \$26.50 for \$18.00

Ladies' Plush and Ponette Cloth Coats, in "Lister and Salts," Esquimette Plush, swell styles and qualities, regular value \$35.00 for \$22.00

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Ladies' Fur Collar Coats, with quilted lining, Western Sable Collar, splendid warm garment, worth \$38.00 for \$30.00

## Ladies' Suits

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How long will this sale last is a frequent question about here these days. Our answer, as long as the goods will last, and that is likely by the end of this week. Come early this week, there are bargains in Every Department.

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