

they will shirk or resist to the utmost under compulsion.

If then, in addition to what we already have, a law be passed (with a moderate fine for its neglect) to the effect that every teamster or common carrier driving a loaded sleigh shall carry with it a shovel, it will soon be found that, rather than exhaust his horses and lose his time, he will without legal coercion make use of it. Once in possession of the means, the use will not be slow in following. Carriers are of course the class most interested in good roads, and among them the law would be easy to enforce, for a natural jealousy of each other would induce them to look out that none take advantage of their work without doing their share of the labour.

To conclude : two things necessary to place all road matters in satisfactory working order are sadly needed. 1st. The non-political appointment of able and energetic managers ; and, 2nd, A public sufficiently alive to their own interests to pay them enough to give their whole time to the work, and to sustain them in carrying out their plans.