

Lady Grey Road, Government Road, Ottawa, Ont. Canada's Mint in foreground. Parliament Buildings in background. Tarvia Modern Pavement finished Aug. 1, 1913.

A New Principle in Road Building

IT has long been recognized by engineers that one of the greatest causes of the destruction of macadam road by traffic has been the internal movement caused by the passage of heavy loads. The endless shifting and creeping of the lower courses of stone causes a grinding and pulverization which destroys the stone and breaks the bond.

To reduce this internal movement engineers have buried the larger stone under successive layers of finer stone. This fine stone forms dust more rapidly but the dust serves to protect the foundation of the road by acting as a cushion. Modern traffic makes the use of such dust cushions quite impracticable, for the automobiles not only stir up the dust but create entirely new conditions by scouring the surface of the road and breaking the bond with the backward thrust of their driving wheels.

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