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## Good Roads a Paying Investment.

(E. COLLISHAW, SECRETARY N. F. MOTOR ASSOCIATION.)

Governments of every Country are awake to-day to the great possibilities of large dividends being returned on their "good roads" expenditure, which is not considered an expense, but an investment.

In the United States motor taxes are collected by the Secretary of each state, and an equitable division made between the state and incorporated towns.

New York State paid the largest amount last year \$4,207,225.50 California next paying \$3,536,072.23. The total amount collected from all the states for 1918 being \$44,486,232.23.

When we hear the United States are spending \$500,000,000 on "good roads" this year, the figure almost staggers us, until we look into the returns. Forty-four millions paid in motor taxes, will pay interest on this outlay, and leave a large sinking fund which makes the expenditure a paying investment instead of an expense.

Some may argue conditions in United States are different to Newfoundland, and that the American Policy will not apply here. This may be so in sections where we have practically no motor roads, but it is not so from St. John's to Carbonear, where conditions will warrant more cars per thousand of population than the average 80 miles in United States or Canada.

New York State owns one motor car for every 20 inhabitants, other states average one car for every 25 to 50 people; at the latter rate of 50 we should have 2,500 cars between St. John's and Carbonear inclusive. Admitting this figure too high for Newfoundland, we may safely take it as a comparison, with a population of 50,000 about the same number as we have between St. John's and Carbonear. Halifax has 1,200 cars for her 50,000 people, St. John's to Carbonear has about 300 for their 50,000.

People in this (Newfoundland) district are just as well off as in Halifax, and will own just as many cars if given "good roads."

I am pleased to hear Newfoundland is about to join in the march of progress, and that at the last session of the House, half a million dollars was voted for road improvement. The Nova Scotia Legislature recently voted a similar amount, also \$500,000 for up-to-date road making machinery. Whilst Halifax City, just recovering from the great explosion, is spending \$1,000,000 on street improvement this year.

About ten days ago a meeting was held at Quebec known as the "good roads convention." I have no report yet of what was done at this meeting, but many say it was held in the Parliament Building, and opened by Lieut. Governor Sir Charles Kirkpatrick, Sir Wm. Hearst, Prime Minister of Ontario, and every Minister of highways and public works from Atlantic to Pacific was to be present, as also many other leading public men. This Congress, recognizing the advantage of working along with the motor associations, invited representatives of every Canadian Automobile Association and Municipalities belonging to the "Canadian good roads Association" to consider a proposal from the Dominion Government of spending \$25,000,000 this year on an International Highway from Halifax to Vancouver.

All these vast sums are not being spent simply to provide good roads for the benefit of motorists; these sums are being spent as a business proposition which returns handsome profits.

The Ontario Government sent to the "good roads" Convention 30 models of different types of roads, and moving pictures showing the operation of different classes of work.

At least \$100,000 of the half million voted by our Government should be spent in opening up a proper motor highway from St. John's to Carbonear and also roads around St. John's and to Ferryland District.

This amount spent on "good roads" would soon bring our motor owners up to 1,000. An increase of 700 cars at an average duty of \$500 per car would enrich the Government by \$350,000. The annual motor tax would

be around \$20,000 and the Government share of this will pay the interest on \$200,000. Then in renewals, if a car lasts five years 200 would be imported yearly, to replace worn out cars, the revenue from which would be \$100,000 annually.

These are not fancy figures, they are based on what our next door neighbor Halifax has done, and are not half of what is being done all over the United States.

Any Private Corporation that would be given the increase in motor taxes and tariff which would secure through an expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars would not hesitate a moment to make the outlay immediately.

\$100,000 spent this year would put the roads referred to in good condition, after which \$20,000 yearly for ten years would keep them good. A total of \$300,000 based on the increase I have mentioned in tariff and motor taxes, through this \$300,000 being spent, will give the Government in ten years about \$2,000,000 over and above their outlay.

This is why Washington is spending five hundred million dollars this year on good roads and why Ottawa is spending twenty-five millions. I believe the shrewd business men in the Executive Council at present will see the force of spending \$300,000 to get back over \$2,000,000 in ten years. Let us "Do it now!" Others are doing it, why not Newfoundland?

"This year a local Boulevard is being built from New York to Long Island (in the state of N. Y.) which will cost \$1,750,000. New York City will pay \$1,000,000 toward this road and the State \$750,000.

This class of work gives the reason why New York State has one motor car to every twenty people, and collects over four million dollars yearly in motor taxes.

It pays to build good motor roads.

### Here and There.

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THE ICE BLOCKADE.—The Marine Department has received word from Bay-de-Verde, that the schooner Northern Light is ice bound there, Trinity Bay being full of ice.

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The new schooner Marie Louise, owned by A. E. Hickman & Co., cleared yesterday for Pictou, N.S., to load deal for Queenstown, Ireland. From there she will proceed to Cadiz to load salt for St. John's.

TEAPOTS.—Just received another shipment of Brown Teapots, 42c., 48c., 55c. Also decorated, at 80c., 90c., \$1.00.—G. KNOWLING, Ltd.—j7,10,12,14

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—The Mother Superior, St. Michael's Convent, Belvedere, gratefully acknowledges receipt of cheque for Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from Hon. George Knowling, towards the funds of the Orphanage.

Mrs. Gordon Lester will serve Teas and Afternoon Teas at her residence, Mount Pearl, 10 minutes' walk from Bowring Park, 3 minutes' walk from Mount Pearl Station. Everything served home-made.—June 10, 11, 12, 14

SOPWITH WHEELS PICKED UP.—The wheels dropped from the Sopwith Machine by Hawker and Grievy, in the flight across the Atlantic have been picked up by a fishing boat 12 miles N. W. of Cape St. Mary's, and landed at Presque, P. B. The drift since being let go is, according to this, somewhat remarkable.

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Anderson, Miss Florence, Parade St.  
Andrews, R. H.  
Abbott, Mrs. Stanley, Waldegrave St.  
Andrews, C. R., Henry St.

B  
Ball, Sergt. J. A., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Bragg, Miss Hattie, Water St.  
B. G., c/o Post Office  
Baird, W. H.  
Barrett, D.  
Baker, Miss Emily, 3 — St.  
Baker, Miss Emily, Duckworth St.  
Blake, A. S.  
Bellow, Wm., Pleasant St.  
Brien, S. H.  
Barnes, Mrs. B., New Gower St.  
Barnes, Mrs. Samuel, c/o G. P. O.  
Bethune, Miss E.  
Bishop, Alexandra, c/o Reid Co.  
Brown, H., Theatre Hill  
Boyer, David, Water St. West  
Boran, Charles, Pleasant St.  
Brown, T. C., c/o G. P. O.  
Burnell, H. J.  
Burton, Miss  
c/o Horwood, Water St. West  
Bursey, Mrs. Arch, Water St. West  
Burden, Mrs. Eugene, Pleasant St.  
Butler, Joseph, Spruce St.  
Burden, Mrs.  
Butt, Mrs. A. M., Spencer St.  
Butler, Miss Annie, late Gander Bay  
Butler, E.  
Butt, Mrs. William, King's Road  
Butler, Ralph, Nagle's Hill  
Burke, Tom F.  
Butt, Miss May, King's Road  
Bennett, Miss W., late Blaketown  
Bagges, Mrs. Susannah, Water St.  
Baker, Miss Isabella, Pleasant St.  
Ball, Miss Cabot St.  
Bowden, Miss Flora, Bannerman St.  
Burt, Miss Jessie, Battery Rd.

C  
Carroll, Mrs. Capt., William St.  
Clark, James  
Caravan, Mrs. A., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Carr, Mrs. Jack, Pleasant St.  
Crane, Mrs. L., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Clark, A. C.  
Demons, Richard  
Crichton, Miss B.  
c/o Crawford, LeMarchant Rd.  
Cosh, Mrs. 14 — Street  
Cass, Miss Susie, 85 — St.  
Colliger, Mrs. Jack, Pleasant St.  
Courtney, Miss Carrie, LeMarchant Rd.  
Connolly, Mrs. J., George St.  
Carr, Mrs. A. G., Gilbert St.  
Cunningham, Ambrose, Job St.

D  
Dart, Miss Minnie, New Gower St.  
Davis, William, New Gower St.  
Davis, Edward  
Dalton, Charles  
Davis, Miss E., late Toronto  
Drake, Miss R., Military Road  
Dwyer, Michael, Nagle's Hill  
Dicks, Miss C., Springfield St.  
Doran, Crill  
Doran, Mrs. John, Mullock St.  
Donovan, James  
Douglas, Charles, c/o G. P. O.  
Duggan, W. C., late White Rock  
Dunphy, Miss T.  
c/o St. George's Hospital  
Duffett, Miss M., Prince's St.  
Dawson, J., Cook St.  
Douton, Miss J., Water St.  
Downey, Miss B., c/o Mrs. Cross  
Demara, Miss, Queen St.  
Duggan, Wm., Duggan St.

E  
Earle, James R.  
Evans, Mrs. John, John St.

F  
Fraser, Mrs. Colonial St.  
Fraser, Miss Colonial St.  
Frampton, Wm. H., c/o Robert Hallett  
Freeman, Miss E. G.  
Fleet, Mrs., Pennywell Road  
Foster, Miss Annie  
Field, Miss L., card, Wickford St.  
Flynn, Miss E., card, Dicks' Square  
Fitzgerald, Wm., George's St.  
Field, Miss Annie, c/o G. P. O.  
Forsyth, Mrs. W., card, George St.  
Furlong, James  
Furze, Miss Susie, Queen St.  
Fitzgerald, Wm., George's St.

G  
Gaulton, Reuben, c/o G. P. O.  
Grant, F. M.  
Green, Frank, c/o J. C. Crosbie  
Green, Mrs. Katie  
Green, Harry E., Summer St.  
Gill, Miss Annie, Water St. West  
Gillingham, F., c/o G. P. O.  
Gibbons, L.  
Gill, Mrs. Mary, Henry St.  
Goss, Sergt., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Goodrear, Mrs. B. J., Military Rd.  
Guthrie, Jas., c/o G. P. O.  
Guy, William, Cornwall Avenue  
Guy, Mrs. Charles, Gear St.  
Good, Mrs. Wm., Field Street

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Hare, James H.  
Hann, Mrs. Isaac, East End  
Hammond, George, Allandale Road  
Harding, Mrs. Frank, Bell St.  
Hackett, Wm., rtd.  
Seamen's Institute  
Hanson, Oscar  
Hall, Daniel E., card  
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Hennessey, Mrs. John, Water St. W.  
Hickman, Miss E., New Gower St.  
Hennessey, Mrs. J., Water St. West  
Hickey, Miss A., Gen. Hospital  
Hill, Miss Annie, Pleasant St.  
Hobbs, Miss Maggie, Duckworth St.  
Howlett, Miss L., Stewart St.  
Hoddnott, Walter, c/o G. P. O.  
Holloway, W., Hamilton St.  
Humphries, Thomas, late Springdale  
Hunt, R., c/o J. M. Butler  
Hurley, Miss Mary, card, Leslie St.  
Hurley, Miss J., Lime St.  
Hutchings, S., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Halsbot, John  
Harsant, L. G.  
Heferton, S., Springdale St.

I  
Irving, Miss L., Springdale St.

J  
James, A. A., Water St.  
James, A. H.  
Jones, L., c/o Post Office  
James, Miss Jennie C.  
James, Mrs. & Mrs. card, Water St.  
Jones, Frederick, card, Tessler Place

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Kennedy, Heber  
Keating, Miss Laura  
c/o General Hospital  
Kennedy, James  
Kelly, Thomas  
Kane, John  
Kelly, Stoker, card  
Knox, Thomas, c/o Ignatius Moore  
Krouse, R. L., c/o Gen. Delivery  
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Knox, Miss Helen  
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L  
Lansley, Mrs., Laundry Lane  
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Lawless, Edward, Water St.  
Late, Isabella, Pleasant St.  
Lawless, Leo, Pleasant St.  
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Leaning, Miss Q., New Gower St.  
LeGrow, Miss Aggie, Rennie's Mill Rd.  
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Lodge, Jessie  
Locke, Miss E., New Gower St.

M  
Martin, Master, Charlton St.  
Maher, W.  
Martin, F. S., late Alexander Bay  
Malone, Edward, East End Cabman  
Mayo, Miss Charlotte, c/o Gen. Delivery  
Martin, W. H., c/o G. P. O.  
Martin, R., c/o St. Milley  
Mercer, Esau, Gower St.  
Meyers, E. J., Water St.  
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Mercer, Isaac, Franklin St.  
Davis, Miss E., Carter's Hill  
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Meanev, Miss Ellie, Pleasant St.  
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Milley, Walter, c/o Post Office  
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Moore, Stanley  
Morwall, Miss Mary, Bond St.  
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Muford, Miss M. B., c/o Gen. Delivery  
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McDonald, T., Nagle's Hill

O  
Newhook, Miss L., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Norton, Edward, c/o St. George's  
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Noel, E. P.  
Northcott, James, Water St.  
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Nurse, Miss Daisy

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O'Leary, P. F.  
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O'Neill, John, Bonclody St.  
Oakley, Sydney

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Patchey, Mrs. M., c/o Gen. Delivery  
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Patten, Howard S., c/o Gen. Delivery  
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Penney, Miss Minnie M.  
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Power, Miss Josephine, Duckworth St.  
Power, Michael, c/o Spencer  
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Penney, A. W., McParlane St.

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Ryan, James, Colonial St.  
Ryan, Miss Maud, 3 — Lane  
Reid, Mrs. J., Bond St.  
Reid, Mrs. Robert, Water St.  
Reid, J., siah  
Reddy, James, Sandpitt's Road  
Rui, Miss Edna, 39 — St.  
Riggs, Miss Sadie (of Trinity Bay)  
Reid, Arthur, Bond St.  
Russell, Miss Trish  
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Rowbottom, H., Young St.  
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Rowe, Miss Hettie, Cook's St.  
Rogers, Mrs. Joseph, c/o G. P. O.  
Roberts, G. W.  
Ryan, James  
Rowe, Mrs., card, McParlane St.

S  
Stapleton, Edward, c/o Cold Storage  
Shave, John W.  
Shaw, Wm. G.  
Sparks, L. J., Barter's Hill  
Stalberg, Albert P., Casey's St.  
Stamp, John  
Starks, Miss Jessie, card  
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Stull, A. G., c/o Gen. Delivery  
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Sheehan, Mrs. James, New Gower St.  
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Smith, Mrs. Diana, Power St.  
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Smith, Blanche, George's St.  
Smith, J., LeMarchant Road  
Simmons, R.  
Simmons, Mr., Long's Hill  
Simmons, Wm., Springdale St.  
Snow, Edward, late North River  
Strong, R. W., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Strong, G., Mundy Pond Road  
Stark, Miss Jessie  
Squires, Mr. P.  
Somerton, Miss Annie, Angel  
Smith, Miss M., c/o John Skinn  
Shapter, Miss Jennie, card  
Circular Road  
Smith, Miss Pauline, card, Boston  
Squires, Wm. J., Alexander St.

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Tizzard, Miss A., c/o Post Office  
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Tilly, Miss A. F.  
Tilley, C. W.  
Thorne, Miss Clara  
Thompson, Arch, Newtown Road  
Tizzard, Miss H., c/o Post Office  
Temple, Miss Ella.

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Verge, Philip, Sandpitts.  
Vokey, H.

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Whalen, Mrs. James, Water St.  
Wall, Miss Katie, card, Gower St.  
Walsh, George, Water St.  
c/o John Skinn  
Warren, Miss Maggie, Joy Place  
Walsh, M.  
Warner, Thomas J.  
Walsh, Miss, Water St.  
Wall, Mrs. T., Waldegrave St.  
Walsh, John, 16 — St.  
Waddleton, Miss Bride, Bond St.  
Walsh, Mrs. C., Springdale St.  
Western, L., c/o Gen. Delivery  
Wells, A. T., c/o Mrs. Dawson  
King's B. Road  
Wheeler, Mrs. Wm., Water St.  
Wells, Minnie, c/o Henry Wells  
Wills, Wm. H.  
Warrell, Miss Elizabeth, 5 — St.  
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Winsor, Ford, c/o Gen. Delivery  
Williams, Miss Millie, Gower St.  
Wilson, F. R.  
Walsh, Mr. John H., William St.  
Worthman, Miss Lillian  
Walbourne, Miss H., Lime St.  
Winfield, B., Water St.

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Young, Miss G., James St.  
Young, Benjamin, card, Waterford Hall  
Young, John T.

J. ALEX. ROBINSON, Postmaster General

By Cowan

Miss Information.

IT WAS A PLEASANT "MOURNING."

