

THE CANADIAN ROAD MAKERS.

They Are Doing Good Work in a Systematic Way.

It would be impossible for any town to bear the expense of macadamizing all its main roads at once. The cost would eat up the entire property of the town. Such a proposition is manifestly absurd on its face. But the cost of macadamizing a short portion of the main roads of the town each year, in pursuance of a complete plan which would spread the work over fifty years, would not be great. It would not be so great each year as the cost of maintaining the extra teams which had roads compel farmers and teamsters to maintain.

In many parts of Canada they have as good roads as Europe—roads which are a daily blessing to every traveler, and which invariably draw from the visitor of New England the wonder how so poor and sparsely settled a country as Canada can have so much better roads than thickly settled rich New England. The answer is simple: The Canadian road makers began with an intelligent plan and purpose. For years they have been macadamizing a short portion of their means would allow. Every season great piles of stone are broken and heaped all along the roadside. When a hole develops itself, enough of these broken stones are taken from the nearest pile to mend the defect while it is slight.

When the road making season comes on, what is left of the broken stones is used to extend the macadam. Every year the area of good roads extends, and every year the good roads grow better. If, fifty years ago, the business of road making in this state had been undertaken with a similar purpose and pursued with similar economy and skill, there would not today be a single mile of bad, or even poor, road in Connecticut. If a similar plan should be adopted this year, another half century would see the same result, without any appreciable yearly increase in the cost of road making, and with a constantly decreasing expenditure for horse flesh and wagons.—Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin.

Convict Work on County Roads.

A correspondent of The Louisville Courier-Journal thinks that it would be a good thing in all respects if persons undergoing confinement for minor offenses were employed in bettering the condition of county roads. He says:

"The proposition to work the county roads with jail prisoners convicted of misdemeanors seems worthy of public attention. The city is having less interest than the country in having good county roads, especially near the city, for not only do many of our citizens use them, but upon their condition depends the cheap and efficient delivery of the larger part of what we live on. With better roads we can have better and cheaper meats, vegetables, fruits, milk and butter; cheaper hay and corn; for our stock, less wear upon every city wagon or carriage that goes into the country. Besides, the people of any city have a direct interest in the building up of the country immediately around it."

"The market gardeners around Chicago maintain many hundreds of the business houses of that city. I suspect that \$10,000 expended annually by the city of Louisville in keeping up county roads extending, say, five miles from the city five times greater in proportion than any sum we could expend upon any railroad. And yet the benefits from railroads are so great that we have wisely expended many millions in creating them. It may be said that the country should build its own roads."

"But many cities find it to their own interest to build railroads into counties the people of which do not contribute a dollar toward building them. May it not likewise be to the interest of Louisville to develop, by roads, the country around her, even if the country people do not see the importance of it?"

"Our county roads are now worked by the people who live near them. If they should be worked by the jail prisoners there would be no interference with our city working men. On the contrary, it would only benefit them by giving them more and better and cheaper food. As it is the prisoners are useless, cooped up and being diseased. To work such as are able-bodied would be better for them and a great gain to both country and city."

No Central Supervision Provided.

Bill pending in the Pennsylvania legislature provides for a uniform road tax of seven and a half mills, to be raised in each county by a board of road commissioners, and expended under their direction by a county engineer, provided that not less than 40 percent of the road tax shall be expended in macadamizing or other permanent improvement. The act further provides that the county engineer shall be appointed by the court of common pleas, that the roads shall be classified into highways, roads and lanes, that the county shall be subdivided into districts, each in charge of a supervisor, and that he shall make plans and specifications for all work upon roads, and report at stated periods concerning the same. The only defect in the proposed plan is its failure to provide for central supervision for the entire state, so that thoroughness should be constructed and maintained on a uniform system in the different counties.

Pennsylvania Suggestions.

The Pennsylvania state board of agriculture, in session at Bethlehem recently, spent one day discussing the matter of getting better roads, and the following suggestions for road legislation are as follows:

First—Privilege of working out road tax to be repealed.

Second—Supervisors to employ labor where best value can be obtained, preference to be given to home labor.

Third—That all commodities of equal value shall be taxed at the same rate as real estate.

Fourth—That some efficient head in each county shall be appointed to prepare plans and supervise the work of road building.

One of the remarkable things in Utah is a mountain near Salt Lake City completely covered with oyster shells.—Current Literature.

Well and Happy.

I take pleasure in submitting the following statement of facts that you may know the great benefit that has resulted from the use of your Specific in the case of my little daughter, now ten years of age. The child, when two years of age, had a severe attack of scarlet fever, which left her with shattered constitution. Among other evidences of impaired nutrition was what the doctors called softening of the bones. In her fifth year she happened to a slight accident which resulted in the dislocation of the hip joint, and from the irritation thus set up, terrible abscesses of the hip ensued. The abscesses, despite the best medical treatment that could be obtained, remained for three years discharging continuously. At this time through the influence of friends, I put her on your S. S. S. When this treatment was commenced the abscesses were very large, having six perforations, pus discharging through them all. During this treatment several abscesses opened, and by the time she had finished her fifth bottle the abscess had entirely healed, her appetite and general health had been restored; in short, she was well and happy and so continues.

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