

GOOD ROADS.

At a meeting of the Roads Association in Fredericton last week, the value and proper use of road machines came up for a discussion. The gentleman who spoke from experience were unanimous in the opinion that the road machines were very valuable when handled by experienced men. It was suggested that the Government might appoint an experienced man to operate each of the machines owned by the Province, and sent to different districts, as the machine seldom did good or satisfactory work when operated by inexperienced men. The following resolution passed:—

Resolved, that the use of road machines has been found very satisfactory when it has been thoroughly tried under proper management, and therefore its more extended use is strongly urged upon all sections of the the Province.

A discussion ensued as to the proper width of country roadways. A variety of opinions prevailed, but no resolutions upon the subject were passed.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson spoke of the prevailing tendency in all sections of the Province to encroach upon the highway by parties when building fences. He had thought of introducing legislation providing for regular surveys to prevent this encroachment.

He also presented some statements and statistics comparing the Highway Act of 1886 with that of last year, and claimed that conditions were improved under the latter. Mr. Emmerson also spoke of the necessity of the bounds and widths of all public roads be definitely located and rigidly adhered to.

THE CHARM OF MUSIC.

A writer from Africa, alluding to the African's fondness for music, says: "Nothing is done here without a song. Your boatman sings all day long, keeping time with his paddles; the woman beating rice beats in time to her voice; your carriers sing to their tread, and the farmer to his hoe. Joy, grief, pain—all are shown in spontaneous song. Their songs are always extempore, and adapted to present circumstances. The ordinary method is for one person to sing a bar, and the whole company to join in a responsive chorus, consisting, generally, of a single syllable, suited in sound and meaning to the sentiment. Current events are described often with great accuracy, and they frequently ridicule the manners of some king or chief."—Ram's Horn.

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George DeWitt of Somerville is another of our prosperous and progressive Carleton Co. farmers. He realizes the greater profits to be derived from feeding oats and hay instead of selling them. Last week he drove 20 head of beef cattle to Woodstock, selling them to Patrick McDonald of St. John. Mr. DeWitt also raises a large number of hogs.

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JENNY LIND.

The great Swedish cantatrice, Jenny Lind, is affectionally remembered by many families in this country for her gentle devotion to her own people and her humble religious spirit as much as for her marvelous songs.

There still stands in Philadelphia an ancient church which was founded in the reign of Gustavus as a mission for the Swedish emigrants then dwelling in the Western wilderness. Queen Christina, in all her mad vagaries, never forgot to send aid to this little church. A pair of carved cherubs which were her gift still guard the organ loft. The church, oddly enough, remained a mission station, supported by the Swedish government, until the early years of the present century.

When Jenny Lind visited Philadelphia in 1852, the enormous prices charged for tickets to her concerts excluded most music-lovers of limited means. Her wonderful gift was a delight largely for the rich.

She had heard, however, of the little mission church; and on Sunday morning a plainly dressed woman eutered and knelt among the poor worshippers, listening devoutly to prayers and sermon. It was only when she joined in the hymn that they knew they had entertained unawares, if not an angel, the the woman of all the world who had the voice of one.

When the service was over, she lingered in the churchyard to shake hands with her country people, and talk to them in their own tongue.

Her friend, Lady Taylor of Bourne-mouth, tells the following touching story of this noble songstress. She declared her intention of retiring from the operatic stage, giving as a reason that the pursuit was so engrossing that it hindered her devotion to higher things. Lady Taylor found her one evening sitting on the beach, her little Bible on her lap, and renewed the argument in favor of the stage.

'You owe your work to the world,' she said.

But when that work,' said the great singer gravely, 'makes me care little for this,' touching the book, 'and nothing for that,' looking at the sunset, 'it is time to give it up.'

Not many women or men when the "hand" or "foot offends," as the Master expresses it, are strong enough to cut it off, that they may not be hindered in earnest preparation for the "life that is to come."—Musical Record.

FORCING THE SEASON.

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