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Roadmaking.

We give below a copy of an article on Roadmaking by A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road Commissioner of Toronto, Ont., which should be of interest to those engaged in roadmaking, repairing, etc.

The majority of roads as constructed are too flat to shed the water. The sides of the grade form square shoulders which obstruct the water from passing to the side drains. Drains of sufficient size are frequently made but no outlets provided; where this occurs they simply form receptacles for water which soaks into the roadway, and cause it to yield readily to the wheels. Proper outlets should be made for all drains, and these outlets should be obtained as frequently as possible.

Crown.—Roads should be crowned so as to shed the water from the centre to the side drains, otherwise water will stand on the surface, soak into it, soften, and cause rapid wear and decay; but a crown higher than is necessary to properly drain the surface is also objectionable.

Gravel.—Where gravel of a good quality can be procured within easy hauling distance, it is undoubtedly a valuable material for country roads and residential streets.

Wide tires.—Narrow tires produce ruts, wide tires produce a smooth and even surface; the one destroys the road the other preserves it. Narrow tires are almost universal in Ontario. Narrow tired wagons are the greatest destroyers of gravel and broken stone roads.

Broken stone.—A good quality of broken stone is a much more durable material than gravel. The best stone is that which is tough, hard, and which will not readily decay by the action of the atmosphere.

broken into sizes varying from one inch to two and one half inches. The largest stone should be placed in the bottom of the roadbed, and the smallest on top; this should be done in layers, the thickness of which should vary in proportion to the strength of roadway required.

Width of Roadways.—Main or much travelled roads should be made 24 feet wide between the gutters. Roads leading into these and accommodating neighborhoods, or sections, and the next in importance should be 20 feet, and cross roads or concession roads but little used should be 18 feet.

Rolling.—Heavy rollers have been but little used in this country. Municipal officials are fast becoming convinced of their usefulness, and within the past couple of years several have been purchased in the province and in every instance they are greatly appreciated.

Bridges and Culverts.—In every line of business it has been proven that durable work is the most satisfactory and economical. The construction and maintenance of temporary bridges and culverts is the greatest drain upon the funds of a municipality.

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The Chinese Question.

If the statement published by the China Gazette has any foundation in fact, the situation is of the utmost gravity and may very speedily involve Great Britain in a war with Russia, if Britain prestige and the interests of British trade are to be preserved.

ersed by M. Pavloff, the Russian d'affaires at Peking, who has recently conducting diplomatic negotiations with a very high hand with respect to railway matters. Sir Robert Hart has been in charge of the Chinese customs for many years; and only a few months ago an assurance was given by China that this important department would remain permanently under the control of a British official.

The difference between English and Russian diplomacy in this matter is two fold. There is a difference of aim, and a difference of method. Great Britain aims at securing equal opportunity for all, and an open door for trade, believing that under these conditions her natural superiority will assert itself.

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Cost Of The War

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