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GOOD ROADS.

There is no department of municipal government that is receiving more attention today than that which has to do with the improvement of the highway roads. The introduction of the bicycle has much to do with this.

In Ontario the question of good roads has long been solved by a determined policy of making the roads good, and the policy of Ontario is coming to be adopted in these Maritime Provinces. The road machine and the stone crusher have done much. What is wanted, perhaps more than anything else is the application of these agencies to districts where they could be worked with success, and where the work done by them would result in untold convenience to the residents therein.

This is essentially a farmers' matter. Good roads are as necessary for his wagon as they are for the wheelman's bicycle. Bad roads wear out waggons, and it is in the farmers' interest that his waggons should last as long as possible.

No doubt many people will go, from this county to the St. John Exhibition, who are greatly interested in this movement.

THE DISPATCH has received a circular from Mr. J. Simeon Armstrong, C. E., secretary of the St. John City and County Good Roads Association inviting it to be present at a good roads convention, to be held in the agricultural building, exhibition grounds, in the City of St. John, on Tuesday and Wednesday the 21st and 22nd of the present month, at 10 o'clock a. m. A. W. Campbell, C. E., the government instructor in road making for the province of Ontario, will deliver two or more lectures on road building before the convention, and be prepared to give information in regard to the work of the Ontario Good Roads Association, which has resulted in a marked improvement in the condition of the highways in that province. It is also proposed, if possible, to give a practical demonstration in Road Building under Mr. Campbell's direction.

The circular says:—The Highway Commission of Massachusetts reported that bad roads cost the people of that Commonwealth not less than five, and probably ten millions of dollars annually. The yearly cost of bad roads in the State of Illinois has been similarly estimated at sixteen million dollars, while Col. Albert A. Pope, a leading road reformer of the United States, computes the total loss by bad roads to the whole of that country at two hundred and fifty millions annually. The loss sustained by the province of New Brunswick and the city of St. John has not been estimated, but we all know that our roads are no better than those of our neighbors, and that there is vast room for improvement. The question is not, can we afford good roads? But, can we longer afford to use bad roads? It is probable that we are already paying more for bad roads than good ones would cost under an efficient system of permanent construction and constant maintenance; to say nothing of the loss of time, loss of money, loss of business, and shrinkage of values; the discredit, annoyance and inconvenience we suffer by the bad roads we have."

THE TRAVELLERS' TAX.

The Board of Trade has done a good thing in raising a discussion on the commercial travellers' license. No question of a public nature loses anything by being thoroughly ventilated. This particular question can be looked at from totally different views, and the opponents and supporters of the license are equally prepared with arguments. The strongest and the weakest argument of the pros is the revenue that the town derives. It is the strongest when the practical side of the question is considered, and the weakest when the question is discussed in the abstract. A liquor license would mean increased revenue to the town, but few who support the travellers' license would go in for the introduction of licensed saloons. If it be true that all other towns in Canada, which formerly imposed this license, have voluntarily abolished it, and we submitted the question of the wisdom of license to an impartial arbitrator, the weight of evidence would undoubtedly tell against us. But if these towns abolished the license, because they had not the machinery to carry it out, the question assumes another aspect.

The argument that it doesn't matter what the rest of the world does, let Woodstock run her own show, may be popular within town limits, as a similar argument is extremely popular in China. But a community, like an individual, neither lives to itself, nor dies to itself.

The contention that the Board of Trade is exceeding its proper functions in passing a resolution advising the council to do away with the license, won't hold much water. The town council is not bound to act on the advice of the board, particularly if it feels that the opinion of the board is contrary to the opinion of a majority of the ratepayers.

By the way, if the ratepayers did vote, would it be a property or popular vote? Perhaps those who so strongly advocate a property vote on certain occasions, would not be so keen for it, were this the question to be decided.

The next meeting of the board on the second Monday in October promises to be interesting. We are sure that citizens who wish to attend will be welcome, although they can neither speak nor vote in the meeting.

Grace Ella Aiton, Hartland, N. B. Cured of Eczema.

I do hereby certify that my daughter, Grace Ella, was cured of Eczema of several years' standing by four boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment.
W. E. Thistle, Druggist, Hartland, N. B.
Andrew Aiton, Witness.

GOOD FORTUNE CAME TOO LATE.

A Klondike Miner Returns to Find His Wife Breathing Her Last.

One of the saddest stories born of events connected with the Klondike gold discoveries is that of John Alberson of Nortonville, 12 miles west of this city, says the Kansas City Times. Mr. Alberson was a carpenter, in the fall of 1894 the family consisted of husband, wife and two children. The two children died of scarlet fever in quick succession. Work became scarce in his neighborhood, and after providing as well as possible for the comfort of his wife, Mr. Alberson started West in search of employment. He finally reached Seattle in 1895 and from there drifted to the Klondike regions. He wrote to his wife apprising her of his contemplated Alaskan journey. He told her that it would possibly be a long time before she would hear from him again, but bade her be of good cheer, and, as he was in good health, hopeful and confident, predicted a happy reunion would eventually follow their long, enforced separation.

During the time, Mr. Alberson was at Klondike he had but one opportunity to write to his wife. The letter, which told of his good health, notwithstanding many hardships and privations, and of the fact that he was doing well and would have a competency in the spring of 1897, when he would return home, was intrusted to a returning miner. The miner met with many obstacles on his homeward journey, and was delayed at many places, so that the letter was not mailed until May of the present year. It was a message of glad tidings of great joy to the lonely wife. During the husband's long absence she had a severe struggle and finally sickened. Had it not been for kind neighbors, she would have become a public charge.

John Alberson was among the list of the returning miners to reach San Francisco. There he speedily converted his gold dust and nuggets, about \$12,000, into bank drafts and greenbacks, and purchased a ticket for the first east-bound train. Just before he started on his homeward trip he telegraphed his wife of the safe arrival at San Francisco, of his good health and good fortune and that in a few days they would be reunited. At several stations he telegraphed her of his progress toward home and wife. His last message was from Topeka, only 40 miles from home. The dispatch read like this: "Will be home at supper. Kill the fatted calf."

John Alberson reached the Nortonville depot just at the close of the day. Without casting a glance at those upon the platform and without being recognized in the twilight by any one, he hurried down the street to his home. He was met at the door by a neighbor woman, who pointed to a bed in the room. There lay his wife, pale and wan and already within the shadow of death. Their eyes met in mutual recognition for a moment. There was one brief embrace, and when John Alberson once more lifted his head and looked upon the face of his wife she was dead.

One Honest Man.

DEAR EDITOR.—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially, I will mail, in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness, I promise you perfect secrecy.

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WM. T. MULFORD, Agents Supplies
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We must never think the door of hope shuts against us if we have a purpose to turn to God.

As soon as a word is spoken it is printed in the air, and the angels convey it to the other world.

**DR CHASE'S
KIDNEY-
LIVER
PILLS**

BAD BACK PAIN.

Being troubled off and on with pains in my back, caused by Constipation, I tried several kinds of pills I had seen advertised and to put the truth in a nutshell, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the only Pills that have proved effectual in my case.

JOHN DEVLIN,
Unionville, Ont.

Dr. Chase's K.-L. Pills are always effectual in the worst cases of Constipation, Stomach Troubles, Back Pains, Rheumatism, and all Blood Disorders or Impurities.

**ONE PILL A DOSE.
25 CENTS A BOX.**

A Partner in Crime.

"Parson," said the dying man, "do you believe in a deathbed confession?"

"Under certain circumstances," said the reverend gentleman.

"Well, it is this way. Years ago I was a passenger on the Great Consolidated street railway."

"Yes, go on."

"Oh, I hate to tell it."

"Go on."

"And one day, in a moment of vicious insanity, I beat them out of a nickel fare!"

He sank back exhausted.

"Listen," said the reverend gentleman, "it may comfort you. Can you hear me?"

"Yes, yes."

"You needn't feel so worried about beating that gang of robbers out of a paltry nickel—I beat 'em every chance I get!"

And the dying man passed away with a peaceful smile.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He who will not bend shall be broken.
He who flatters men is corrupt at heart.
Let every man beware of his own reason.
Let no man fear others so much as himself.
Every man has sufficient cunning to deceive himself.

The custom of the world is the open gate to destruction.
He that climbs not above himself shall sit in Heaven.

It is for many too late to-morrow, because to-day is too soon.

Let thy words be few and thy heavenly and mighty deeds be many.
If there be aught surpassing human deed or word or thought, it is a mother's love.

The reason of man is a bush of thorns; whoso denies himself will flee from it.
The spirit of a talkative man is a horse for the devil without a bridle in his mouth.

To seek ourselves is to deny ourselves, and to deny ourselves is truly to seek ourselves.
Happiness is not found where the world seeks it, in worldly wealth; but in heavenly dispositions.

Music, like a silver moonlight, floats around us with invisible and resistless power. It gives to the soul a double life, so that it can listen to itself. It commences, dream-like, with our highest hopes and deepest memories.

It is one thing to forgive ourselves, another thing to have God's forgiveness. It is one thing to reconcile ourselves to the curse that runs through our life, another thing to be reconciled to God and so defeat the curse.

**CANADA'S
INTERNATIONAL
EXHIBITION
ST. JOHN, N. B.
14TH-24TH SEPT. 1897.**

Over \$12,000 in Prizes for Live Stock and Agricultural Products. Exhibits pay freight going over C. P. R. and if the property of original owners, will be returned free and going freight refunded. Last call for entries.

Beside the wealth of Agricultural, Industrial and Mechanical exhibits including many novelties there will be unparalleled attractions in the magnificence of SIX NIGHTS OF FIREWORKS and the Entertainments in the Amusement Hall.

C. P. RAILWAY.—Excursion tickets will be sold to St. John and return Sept. 13th to 22nd good for return until Sept. 25th at single fare for the round trip.

On Sept. 16th only, good for return until Sept. 20th tickets will be sold at Caribou, Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Grand Falls, St. Leonards, Green River and Edmundston at \$3.00.

Aroostook Jct.,	\$2.75.
Bristol,	2.25.
Perth and Kilburn,	2.50.
Florenceville,	2.20.
Hartland,	2.10.
Newburg Jct.,	2.00.

A special train will leave Presque Isle 6.30 a. m. and Newburg Jct. 9.45 a. m. reaching St. John about 3 p. m.

On Sept. 20th only, good for return until Sept. 22nd, tickets will be sold at Harvey, McAdam Jct., and Vanceboro at \$1.50, Canterbury, Benton, Debec Jct., Houlton and Woodstock \$2.00.

A special train will leave Woodstock and Houlton at 7.45 a. m. Sept. 20th reaching St. John about 12.45 p. m. and returning will leave St. John at 9.45 p. m. Sept. 21st.

CHAS. A. EVERETT,
WARD C. PITFIELD, Manager & Secretary.
President.

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE!

A Nice Carriage is needed, and as Preferential Trade has been inaugurated, we desire your preference in buying a

CARRIAGE.

Our Wheel Stock was bought last fall, and has been in the dry house all winter. The Wheels are all boiled in oil before the tires are placed. We have all the Sensible Designs in stock, and as personal supervision is given to all departments, which are under skilled workmen, we guarantee the character of our work. One of the proprietors will always be found at the factory to take orders, give advice and quote prices, and will have great pleasure in showing goods. REPAIRING and PAINTING done promptly by skilled mechanics.

CHESTNUT & HIPWELL,

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WOODSTOCK, N. B.

THE SADNESS

Of losing a friend might in some slight measure be alleviated by knowing that he was placed in a Good Casket instead of a rough box. Death is generally the last thing one looks for, and consequently it is difficult to get people to read the advertisement of an undertaker. However, you are reading this, and when you want the services of an undertaker I hope you will give me a call. All my stock is the best.

See my stock of
FURNITURE.

MARCY,
CONNELL STREET, WOODSTOCK.

AVOID FREQUENT REPAIRS.

If your watch or clock gets out of order and you take it to a watchmaker, be sure that the work is done so thoroughly that it will not have to be done over again. Best way to be sure is to go to

H. V. DALLING,
Blue Front Jewelry Store.

Agent N. B. Telephone Co., C. P. R. Telegraph Co.
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Marriage Licenses and Wedding Rings.

It Always Adds

To the attractiveness of a young lady for her to have a few bits of choice jewelry about her. **A Dainty Hat Pin** helps out any hat, and we have lots of these pins. You might need a set of **Studs and Links** for your Shirt Waist, fact you might need any one or two of the hundreds of pieces of **Jewelry** we have in our store.

Wedding Rings
AND
Marriage Licenses

CARR & GIBSON,
Woodstock.

I OFTEN WONDER

If a fellow thinks he can't be well dressed without a very expensive suit of clothes on. Don't you know that it does not require so much cash as good taste to dress a man. Take a piece of cloth selected with a proper regard to a man's complexion and form, give it to a tailor of judgment, and you will have just what you need to set you off. I have the Largest Stock of Cloths in town, and I am the tailor of judgment. Come to me and I will apply the principles of art and good taste toward decorating your person.

W. B. NICHOLSON.

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