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Good Roads Association.

An Improvement Association and A Good Roads Association have been organized here within a few weeks. The former has only a local interest; it will confine its activities to the town. But the Good Roads Society has a much wider scope, and its first meeting in the Town Hall last Tuesday promised a serious attempt on the part of its membership to deal with the matter of modern road making. In the discussion that followed two things were emphasized, first the wretched condition of our present roads and second, a community wholly apathetic about that condition. Public indifference it was said, was the first battle this Society must fight. The farmers would have to be convinced that better roads would improve the value of their property and help to solve the problem of transportation, to say nothing of the saving on horses and carriages. That the country does not realize the serious disadvantages of being twenty-five years behind the times in this matter, one has only to drive through this county to see for oneself. If there is one thing worse than the big ways at this moment it is the unpardonable neglect of this question on all sides. There are times when five dollars worth of labor would save fifty—three months later. Because no one cares, we have stretches of as bad roads at important points as may be found in any back woods settlement.

Take, for instance, the condition of disrepair of the Houlton road about two miles out of town, where there are holes and rents that render traffic almost impossible. Especially at a point a few hundred yards beyond the Lindow farm, where at the top of a hill, the freshest last spring broke through in the middle of a culvert and cut a narrow sluice way about two feet deep down the center of a steep hill, forming a regular death trap. A public that tolerates such criminal neglect on the part of the commissioners deserves all that is coming to it. A very similar condition prevails on a highway of considerable importance on the York Co. line. That is the only way of communication with a railway for a populous section of the country in Southampton, and it would be hard to find worse conditions anywhere. Teams can haul only half loads, and light carriages by day could travel no faster than a walk except at a few places. It is altogether too dangerous to venture on by night. And yet the business people of Canterbury have tolerated this state of things from the beginning, and farmers along the way certainly don't seem to worry much about it. Of course there are many other such places in this county, and the president of the Good Roads Association and his associates have a difficult task in rousing public interest in this unknown science of making and maintaining good roads.

This association has been doing splendid work in Ontario and Quebec for the last twelve years. Slowly but surely the people in the other provinces have been persuaded that it was in their own interest to adopt modern and approved methods of road-construction; and it may be assumed this volunteer society will also do a great deal to create public interest in forward movement among our own people.

The King Drag or split log which has already been described and recommended in the DISPATCH was dealt with by several speakers. This easily constructed and inexpensive apparatus (its cost does not exceed four or five dollars) is being used in the neighborhood of Perth with great success. A couple of King Drags have just been completed at Connell's Foundry, and, it is understood will be presented to the town for experimental purposes. It is claimed for the Split Log that it fills all the holes in the road and after repeated use rounds off the center in such a manner as to leave a perfect drainage on each side.

Unquestionably it is more difficult to construct roads in this climate than in a warmer country, but that is all the more reason for employing scientific methods and thorough workmanship. The roads should be made to withstand our severest frosts and worst of spring freshets. A piece of machinery that will stand only tests is of no worth. A wagon is constructed to withstand extraordinary hardship, and a roadway when subjected to prolonged rains and hard frosts should still be a good roadway. This will never be done unless the country has a just appreciation of the importance of good roadways. It will not be done while land owners persist in the State Labor System, refusing to employ trained workmen who understand their business and paying for the same by a direct taxation on their property.

It should be an important occasion when the Society calls its second meeting on the

third Tuesday in June. All the commissioners of this county will be in attendance, and the Society would do well to be able to demonstrate some of the uses of the King Drag, and tell the Commissioners just what has been achieved elsewhere in this newer science.

Presentation to the Reverend and Mrs S A Baker Who go to Fredericton Today

An interesting meeting was held in the Reformed Baptist church on Monday evening on the occasion of Mr and Mrs S A Baker severing their relationship with that congregation after a happy and successful ministry of four years. During a Missionary meeting of young people of unusual interest, an appreciative address was read by Mrs Ward Burpee to Mrs Baker.

To Mrs Baker:—In behalf of the Missionary Society of our church, I wish to extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your work among us as President of the Society, which position you have so satisfactorily held during the past three years. To say that we have highly appreciated your efforts and labors in our Society and church would only in a slight degree express our gratitude. Those who have worked with you in the missionary exercises and entertainments can testify to the fact that you have in no way spared yourself, but have done everything in your power to increase the interest in missions and create a true missionary spirit, and I am sure those of us who have listened with interest and pleasure to the results of your efforts as shown in the missionary meetings, will all agree that you have been untiring in your work and labor of love.

During your stay among us, the missionary interest has steadily increased; and I am sure, as we have seen how cheerfully and lovingly you have given of your time and strength to interest others in our Brothers and Sisters far over the sea, we too have become more concerned about the salvation of those in heathen lands.

It is with feelings of sadness that we must say "farewell" for we realize that your leaving us will mean a great loss to the Society and church. At the same time, we know that our loss will be another's gain, and certainly the Lord has a work for you in the church to which you are going.

Our prayer is that the Lord may bless and prosper you and make you a blessing to many others, as you have indeed been a blessing to us.

MRS WARD BURPEE
MRS J E JEWETT

After Mr F L Moore was called to take charge of the meeting, Mr Geo H Arnold read the following address to Mr Baker:

To Rev. S. A. Baker:—

Dear Bro. Baker,—It is with regret that your many friends of this church and town of Woodstock are about to bid you farewell. We cannot permit you to take your departure without expressing our hearty appreciation of your christian life and example, both in the church and town in which we live. During the few years of your pastorate in Woodstock, we can truthfully say that you have been an earnest and most devoted christian worker, always ready to assist in every branch of the work in connection with the church and for the betterment of mankind. Through your faithful efforts, we are now enabled to worship in a church that is free from debt, for this we all feel very grateful. Your efforts in connection with the Sabbath School has certainly been highly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten by the members of the class of which you have been teacher during your stay among us. The study of the Scripture in our home in connection with the adult movement has been very helpful and instructive and many pleasant hours have been spent in social gatherings. Your place in the pulpit has seldom been vacant and you have not failed to preach the Word in all its fulness, and through your faithful ministry, a number have been brought to a knowledge of Christ and led into a higher life. Much of the good work you have accomplished during severe trial, showing that God has wonderfully sustained and helped you in the months gone by. While your heart has been torn by grief through the loss of loved ones you have ever been ready to comfort those in like circumstance. Now that you are leaving us we trust that God's blessing may rest upon you abundantly in the community in which your lot may be cast, and that you may enjoy health and strength for many years to labor in the Master's service.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of the Reformed Baptist Church.

GEO H ARNOLD, Treasurer,
J E JEWETT, Deacon.

Mr and Mrs Baker both replied fittingly to these addresses. The Rev Messrs Weddall and Ireland both spoke in high tones of appreciation of Mr Baker and expressed the opinion that not only was the church losing an unusually strong minister, but the town would be the loser of a good citizen. They wished him every success in his new congregation in Fredericton.

On Thursday night, the congregation presented Mr Baker with a cheque for \$50.00.

The Rev H C Archer who has just served two years in the Reformed Baptist church, of Calais, will arrive in town this week to take charge of the Reformed Baptist church in this town. Mr Archer is already well known in Carleton County as he has been minister at Hartland for some time. The congregation is to be congratulated on procuring the services of Mr Archer.

Mrs Charles Dibblee

In the death of Mrs Charles F K Dibblee, there has passed from our midst, a lady widely known and deeply respected for her sterling character and for the unceasing kindness she had always shown to those in distress and sorrow. Mrs Dibblee, who died early on Monday morning at her home on Connell street in this town had been in failing health for almost a year past and was taken more dangerously ill about ten days ago. She was born in Manguerville, the daughter of Col Thomas O Miles, a well known resident of that community in its earlier days, and was in the 64th year of her age. A devoted member of the Anglican church, she was foremost in all matters in connection with the church, working earnestly and actively in its interests, nor did her zeal end there, for wherever there were those in affliction or sorrow, she was ready and on hand with words and acts of assistance and comfort. Greatly missed, she has left a record for which her husband and children must ever be grateful.

Mrs Dibblee is survived by her husband, and a family of seven children, five sons, Harry M, La Baron, Irvine, Bruce and Edmund and two daughters Blanche K and Marion. All are now home except Harry, who spent the winter here, with his mother, but some weeks ago was called to his work in Manitoba, where he is engaged in engineering work for the C P R.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at two o'clock with services at St Luke's church and burial in the family lot in the church-yard of the Parish church.

James W Blackie

The death of James W Blackie, of Upper Brighton, took place very suddenly on Friday, the 20th inst, about 1 30 p.m. He had taken dinner as usual, at the table, and spent about an hour in the open air after dinner. Mr Blackie was born at Hodgdon, Me. Aug. 26th, 1831, and so was nearing the age of 79 years. His parents were Anthony McLellan Blackie and his wife, Elenor of Green Hill, Nova Scotia. When a small boy he moved to Richmond, N B. He married Miss Adeline Ward Chapman, Aug. 25th 1853. Twelve children were born to them, Anthony, Charles, Robert, Herbert, Alpheus, John, Andrew, Daniel, William, Roxana, Elenor and Marion. For quite a number of years the family resided in Wicklow. There Roxana and William died. About nine years ago the family removed to Upper Brighton. Mr Blackie leaves a wife, eight sons, two daughters, two brothers and one sister, and fifteen grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Of the sons, Anthony and Alpheus are married and live in California. Charles, Herbert and John are married and live in Nevada; Robert, Andrew, Daniel and Elenor live in Upper Brighton. Marion, the wife of G E Dyer lives in Maine. The brothers are Andrew, living at or near Benton, and John of the Queen Hotel, Woodstock. The sister, Mary, lives in the West. Two of the grandchildren, Morris and Anna, children of Alpheus, made their home with their grandparents.

Mr. Blackie, was of a very social nature, and an entertaining conversationalist. He was a Presbyterian in belief, took a live interest in the young and made his influence wholesomely felt in Sunday School work both in Wicklow and Upper Brighton. He was a zealous Conservative in politics.

The funeral was held on Sunday, 22nd. There was a service at both the house and grave. Friends had selected three suitable Hymns, "The Sands of Time, etc" "After the Toll" and "Shall we Meet." The pallbearers were the two brothers, and two of the sons, Robert and Andrew. Mr Adams, of Hartland, undertaker, was conductor. Services at the house and grave were in charge of Rev D Fluke, assisted at the house by Rev Mr Mallory, of Middle Simonds.

Mrs. William Britton.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. William Britton were saddened to learn of her demise at Coneville, Penn., on the 18th. Mrs. Britton was the daughter of Mr. Stephen Orser of Windsor, N. B. and was widely and favourably known in this county. The remains were brought to Windsor for interment attended by Mr. Britton and the son and daughter. A large concourse of people assembled at the United Baptist church at Windsor on the 24th and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Wetmore assisted by Rev. A. Giberson, Primitive Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Murray, Presbyterian. Much sympathy is evinced toward the family, the aged parents, brothers and sisters. Mrs. Britton was a woman of beautiful character and loved by all who knew her.

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