

OUR HIGHWAYS.

Recurring to the subject of highways, we wish to impress upon our readers the value and importance of bringing up our common roads to a better condition. These roads are the veins and arteries through which flow the agricultural products and supplies of the farmer, either directly to or from the markets or to or from the great ducts of travel and transportation—the railroads of the country. The railroad system of this province has grown up within a comparatively few years into a fairly complete and satisfactory system while our common roads have been almost entirely neglected and are now inferior to those of almost all other civilized countries. They have unfortunately as a general thing been unwisely located; those responsible for laying them out, having only had in view considerations which were of importance or were thought to be of importance at the moment. The future use and cost of repair, the suitability of the location, the desirability of boring settlements be extended, and the desirability of seeking as level ground as possible, not having apparently been suggested to anybody's mind. We referred in a former issue to the improvements effected in recent years in France. In England they have been equally marked. As early as 1840 there had been expended over \$12,000,000 in building 20,000 miles of macadamized road, and in 1868 there had been constructed 160,000 miles of good carriageable roads in the United Kingdom, or as it is stated one mile and a third to every square mile of land. In New Brunswick is something more than half the area of England and with a road mileage equal to hers would require to make provision for about 35,000 miles. But no such road mileage would be needed. We would not mean to detract from the accuracy of the miles of road and by roads in actual use in this province, but we would conjecture, they would not exceed fifteen thousand miles.

The necessity for better common roads will be admitted by all. The question to be answered is how can funds necessary for their construction be provided. It is not worth while to look to the provincial government for any larger contribution than it now makes in aid of public highways. We would rather anticipate that the grant for this purpose would diminish, as the pressure for bridge construction and repair increases. The bridges of the country must be maintained, and so long as there is a dollar in the treasury, with which to build these, it will have to go for that purpose. Road construction and repair, columns to detail all the benefits which all the industries of our province have derived from the aforesaid N. P. since its inception. Probably it is unpatriotic and disloyal and savors of annexationism, and all that sort of thing, but we have not been able to take any special comfort from the prosperity of Bradford, Ontario, or even Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, when we are having grinding hard times at home.

We do not think fifteen dollars was an exorbitant charge for lawyers' advice to the county council on the subject of Mr. Wilson's claim, but after paying the fifteen dollars for a five minutes chat with the lawyer it was small to cut down another lawyer's bill for a month's solid work from \$60 to \$50. We presume if the Queen's counsel whose advice had been obtained had charged \$25, Mr. Wilson's bill would have been reduced another ten dollars.

The highway bridge over the river has demonstrated its usefulness this winter. People are asking themselves what would have been done without it. As there has scarcely been safe driving on the ice three days in succession, we would have been in a tight place at times.

Speaking of bridges, the Woodstock people are still quarrelling over the question of the site of their bridge. The Mayor's election was fought on it, Mr. Drysdale, the successful candidate, being for the King street location, the one it is said the government has decided upon. We should say the chief commissioner would not be greatly to blame if he suspended operations on the bridge until the people settled their quarrel.

Some of the people opposed to the King street site are working up an agitation along the river parishes. They are telling the people that if they proceed in favor of the government to build a cheaper bridge on another site, they will be entitled to the difference between the St. John river at Hartland or Bumfrau. In talking with the Hartland people, Hartland is the spot, would like the Bumfrau people, of course it is Bumfrau. As the money can't be spent on new bridges, there is not very much in this talk.

The election in Richmond on Thursday resulted in the return of the conservative candidate, Gillies, but by a greatly reduced majority. The state of opinion in that constituency in March last, was such that both the conservative candidate outran Flynn by a majority of over a hundred and Gillies by over 200. Friday there was only one conservative in the field and Flynn came within 300 of his vote. A very marked change towards liberal sentiment.

We have heard nothing lately about Mr. Temple's promotion to the senate. Has the idea been abandoned, or only deferred for the present?

Mr. Haggart's elevation to the ministry of railways, has given intense dissatisfaction to Ontario conservatives as well as to the country generally.

The re-election of mayor Macchane in Montreal on Wednesday without opposition, has some significance as he was one of the members of the Mercier government against whom personal charges of a very compromising character are preferred by the DeBoucherville ministry. The people of Montreal who have never been very friendly to Mercier, could not have taken any stock in the charges against their mayor or one who could have been induced to oppose a selection.

MENINGO.—D. Glendening, despite the weather, has a crew still at work near Cork Station prospecting for coal. Several holes have been drilled, some to a depth of between thirty and forty feet. A strict secret is kept as to the prospects. Coal has been found in all the wells in the vicinity, veins of it almost two feet thick have been encountered. The general opinion is that Mr. G. has struck a good thing and knows it.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Important Bill Passed—Coun. Pinder Shut Out.
For Tuesday's Proceedings See First Page.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
Council convened at two o'clock. After roll call Coun. Fisher moved that list of parish officers for New Maryland be confirmed.

Coun. Simmons, for Dumfries, moved list of officers for that parish be confirmed. Coun. Graham, of Prince William, moved that the list of officers for that parish be confirmed.

Sec. treasurer said in looking through the books attention was called to payment of money to commissioners of the lunatic asylum by the county treasurer. The law says that it should be paid by the city treasurer. Have found all told \$120 this year. Have asked the city treasurer to pay that amount, but the matter was put off till the new board was appointed. He suggested that a committee be appointed to work with him in the matter.

Coun. Goodspeed moved that it be left in the hands of administration of justice committee.

Coun. Pinder moved that a committee of three be appointed to see if the county has the right to lease the lands now occupied by the Edgemoor at the railway station.

Coun. McMullin moved that the list of officers for Queensbury be adopted.

Coun. Nason said the firm of Edgemoor & Sons had asked to have the privilege of coming before the board in reference to above land.

Coun. Pinder said that the committee would still be in order.

Coun. McMullin said that they should have the privilege asked for.

The warden appointed Coun. Pinder, McNally and Cliff as said committee.

Coun. Goodspeed asked that Alfred Edgemoor be heard as information was wanted. Coun. Fisher moved that he be postponed for his services as last year.

Coun. Goodspeed moved list of parish officers for St. Marys be confirmed.

Coun. Nason reported on lease of lands to Fredericton branch railway. He had visited Mr. Temple, who said that he had paid \$20 to the late secretary-treasurer as rent, the date which payment would not be paid; and asked that a new lease be made with the railway company. Referred back to committee.

Coun. Boies moved the list of parish officers for Stanley be confirmed.

Coun. Graham moved that \$125 be assessed on the mill for the year 1922.

Coun. Cliff moved that \$25 be assessed and auditor do not accept any money from the parish officers of Bright, without a full account of particulars.

Coun. Goodspeed moved that assessors and collectors of St. Marys receive the same for their services as last year.

Coun. Nason moved that \$400 be added to assessment of Stanley.

The sec. treasurer read a petition for bylaw respecting the running at large of cattle in the county as follows:
That when any horse, ox, cow, sheep or other cattle stray into or upon the enclosed premises of any person or persons between the first of Nov. and the first day of Dec. in each and every year and remain therein for the space of ten days, it shall be the duty of the person into whose premises the said cattle or animals have strayed, immediately after expiration of the ten days aforesaid to give ten days notice thereof by posting notices or written notices containing a full description of the animal or animals and of the mark or marks (if any) thereon by such notices in two of the most public places in the parish in which the person into whose premises the said cattle or animals have strayed resides, and also in two of the most public places in two or more adjoining parishes. That on failure of the owner of any such animals as mentioned in the said notice, calling for the same and paying all expenses and charges incurred on account thereof before the expiration of the ten days mentioned in the said notice, it shall be the duty of the person into whose premises such animals may have strayed as aforesaid immediately to proceed to sell the same at public auction, first giving twenty days notice of the time and place of such sale by publication for the space of three weeks in a newspaper published in the county of York, that any person into whose premises any animal aforesaid may stray, falling or neglecting to comply with the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars for each said failure or neglect.

Coun. Cliff spoke against the petition. He said it would make the owner of the land the real guardian of any one's cattle that might stray upon his premises.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian high commissioner, is ill with influenza, which he has contracted from the Rev. Father Anderley, general of the Society of Jesus, is dead.

Col. A. North has been appointed assistant adjutant general of Canada, in succession to Col. Goldie.

The Boston Globe, noted for its foresight, declares that "it looks as if business was to take a leap this year, all along the line."

Gen. the assailant of the Garnet girl at St. John, was sentenced to nine months' jail and forty lashes. The girl was but twelve years old.

P. B. Du Chailu, the celebrated African explorer, lying very low at Chicago with the grippe. His agent has had to cancel all his lecture engagements in New England.

Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, has notified the congregation of Fort Massé, which he held its annual meeting on the 20th, that he intended resigning the pastorate of the church.

James McShane was re-elected mayor of Montreal. A French-Canadian gentleman named Drapau, was nominated, but after being in the field one hour and a half he retired.

Maud Lindsay was found guilty of manslaughter at St. John, for the shooting of Robert Longdon, an account of which appeared in a former issue. She was sentenced to penitentiary for life.

The Vancouver Manufacturing company has been organized in Bangor with a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a factory at Vancouver for the manufacture of wood novelties.

The Royal commissioners left Wednesday afternoon for Montreal, where they will sit on Thursday next week. Meanwhile they will make an interim report upon the scandals proved before them.

The treasury department has issued a circular to United States shipping commissioners looking to the strict enforcement of the laws against the employment of alien officers on vessels of the United States.

Messrs. Jerome Boudreau, John Morrison, Joseph F. Carmean, and J. A. Langis, all of Petit Rocher, Gloucester Co., have applied for an act of incorporation as "The Petit Rocher Silver Mining Company," with a capital of \$25,000.

Tuesday evening representatives of F. C. Breen, called at the Sun office St. John, and covered the deposit of \$50 made by Laidlow, and signed articles for a three mile skating race to take place at Victoria rink on Wednesday, February 2nd.

Augustus N. Doe, treasurer of the Bay St. Lawrence an endorsement on a check for \$22,000 members, was arrested at Boston on Tuesday charged with the embezzlement of \$15,610 of the league's funds. The order is in the hands of a receiver.

A prominent society lady of Halifax has been doing some detective work lately in the interest of the S. P. C. A., of that city. She has been the means of stopping several cock fights which were projected—some of them by a military officer.

From private sources it is stated that Garza and five or six followers have been located at a point called Loma Prieta (Black Hill), near the line of Encinal and Duval counties, and it is authorities get down to business he will probably be captured.

The report that a Chilean squadron of three ships and torpedo boat will start on a cruise next Tuesday has caused some uneasiness in San Francisco and in San Diego. The squadron will sail with sealed orders, and the destination of the vessels not known.

Orders were issued at the navy department to concentrate the squadrons now under Admirals Gherardi and Walker at Valparaiso. This will make nine vessels carrying seventy-six first class guns, besides secondary batteries, with about 1,500 men in Chilean waters.

Mrs. Ellsworth Miller, of Gold Springs, N. Y., last week gave birth to her second pair of triplets. In seven years she has given birth to 14 babies, twice triplets and four times twins. They came in pairs or three of a kind every time. Mrs. Miller is only 30 years old.

On the evening of January 14th, the many friends of Rev. A. A. Thomas, called at the Baptist parsonage, Jacksonville, Carleton county, and after spending a pleasant evening, presented the rev. gentleman with a purse of \$52, accompanied by other articles of value.

A blizzard suddenly struck Dallas, Texas at 3 o'clock, on Monday morning, the mercury dropping from 44 to 10 above zero in a short time. The ground is frozen as hard as a stone and covered with sleet and snow. Business is at standstill, no hauling of any kind being done.

The American Express company has subscribed the magnificent sum of \$200,000 to the preferred stock of the Bangor & Aroostook railway company. With this magnificent subscription the building of the road will be no longer deferred but commenced as soon as the weather is favorable.

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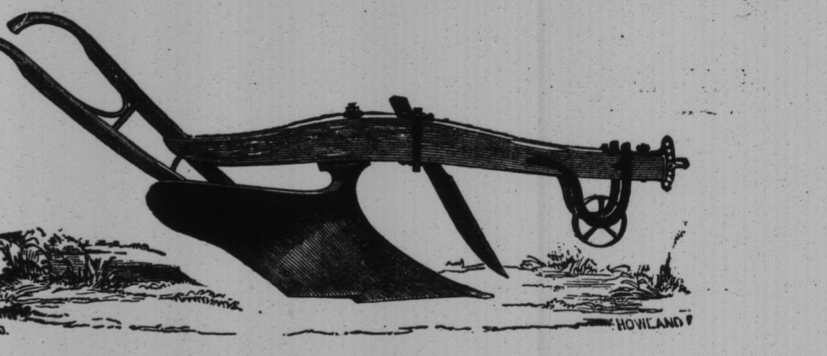
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