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FOR BETTER ROADS

The discussion at the meeting of the York County Council on Wednesday evening was very interesting and timely and much of the criticism of present road building methods was based on sound common sense. No Country can enjoy real prosperity without good highway roads and nobody today will seriously put forward the claim that the roads of New Brunswick are what they ought to be. The subject of roads has been much discussed both in the press and on the political platform in this province during the past twenty-five years, but he would be a bold man who would say that there has been any marked improvement either in the roads or the system of road making during that period. But as the world turns on in the lathes of time there are signs of an awakening and one of the most pleasing is the drastic change of front on the question which the York County Council has undergone in recent years. A few short years ago when the government which held office prior to the advent of Hon. J. D. Hazen and his heaven born statesmen to power, was making an heroic effort to keep up the roads with a revenue less than two-thirds as large as that enjoyed by their successors, the members of the York County Council laid all the blame for bad roads at the door of the government of the day. The highway act of 1896, which done away with that relic of a by-gone age, statute labor, was denounced in all the moods and tenses. Knavish politicians took up the cry and used it for all they were worth. "Put us in power" they said in effect, "and we will repeal the iniquitous highway act, and give you roads that will make travel by horse and carriage a positive delight." The electors of the province took them at their word. Mr. Hazen and his colleagues were entrusted with the reins of power, the iniquitous highway act was repealed and if one is to judge by results, a more iniquitous one was enacted in its stead. If the roads were bad before they are simply damnable under the present administration.

The new act was supposed to place the roads under control of the Municipal Councils. If it did this it is passing strange that Municipal Councils all over the province should be crying out for a better system. So far as the members of the York County Council are concerned, it is gratifying to know that they have experienced a decided change of heart on this question. In their opinion it is no longer the government that is to blame for bad roads but it is the system that is defective. Realizing that it is no longer necessary to make political capital out of the roads, they are at last beginning to take a practical view of the question. They realize that something has got to be done very soon, otherwise we will have no roads at all worthy of the name.

The discussion which took place at the recent meeting was very interesting, but nobody seems to have ventured the suggestion that the act be improved by taking the administration entirely out of the roads. This would go along way towards eliminating some of the evils from which we now suffer and provision should be made for the establishment of permanent roads which are badly needed in many sections of this province, especially along the Valley of the St. John River. New Brunswick is said to be the only province in Canada which has never made a bond issue for road purposes. More than twenty years ago the Nova Scotia government borrowed \$600,000 on the credit of the province and expended it in the roads. Quebec is now expending the enormous sum of ten million dollars on permanent roads and other provinces have made a move along this line. New Brunswick must not lag behind in the procession. Permanent highways have become an absolute necessity and we must have them. They will cost a large sum

of money, but the benefits will be far reaching. The money now expended in repairing roads is worse than wasted. Why? Simply because we have no real roads to repair. Thousands of years ago the Roman people built roads and some of those roads are said to be as good today as when used in the days of Julius Caesar. The cost of maintaining a permanent system of highways in this province would not be excessive; indeed it would take less money to keep them up than it requires under the present unsatisfactory system. New Brunswick is on the eve of great development and the time has arrived when the province should adopt up to date methods in road building.

If the Provincial Government is anxious to encourage tourist travel to the province it had better not make any drastic changes in the game law at the present time. Hon. Mr. Grimmer, when Surveyor General made a very good list of administering the game law. He found a good law on the statute books when he took office and he was wise enough to let it alone. The present surveyor general can well afford to take a leaf out of the book of his predecessor.

The cash register in a Dallas, Tex., restaurant was silent on New Year's morning between the hours of 12 and 2. The proprietor stood behind the register, received the checks and greeted each customer with a smile and, "No money, thank you." It is the manager's annual custom to show, in this way, his appreciation of liberal patronage during the year.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., was conspicuous by his absence at the warden's dinner last night. Mr. Crockett is no longer looking for political support—he wants a judgeship.

The provincial legislature has been summoned to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, February 13th.

SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS

The dinner given tonight by Paul Cambon, the French ambassador to Great Britain, at which the Turks and allies met for the first time on neutral ground, is looked upon as offering an excellent opportunity for the plenipotentiaries to make the first step in the direction of an unofficial understanding. It is also suggested that the British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, in his capacity as honorary president of the conference, might take the necessary initiative, thereby obviating the necessity of either of the parties appearing to make the first advances. This could be accomplished only if the allies were assured that Turkey was prepared to give up Adrianople.

TURKS WILL NOT CEDE ADRIANOPLE.

Constantinople, Jan. 9.—The Porte, according to official announcement, has sent a circular to the Turkish ambassadors abroad intimating that unless the allies accept Turkey's peace proposals by the end of the week the Ottoman delegates will be invited to return to Constantinople immediately.

The circular adds: "Whatever happens, the Porte is determined to maintain its attitude with regard to Adrianople and the Aegean Islands, in view of the fact that sacrifices made in other directions have reached the extreme limit."

The foreign ambassadors conferred for two hours at the Austrian embassy today and agreed upon the form of representation to be addressed to the Porte concerning the cession of Adrianople. The task has been entrusted to the Austrian ambassador, Count De Pallavicini, as dean of the diplomatic corps. The general opinion here, however, is that any attempt of Europe to coerce Turkey into ceding Adrianople, even if supported by a naval demonstration, is doomed to failure, because public opinion would not tolerate any government yielding this point.

POOR LITTLE CANADA.

(From The Calgary Albertan.) Canada cannot build a navy. Canada cannot organize a navy. Canada cannot man a navy. Canada cannot take care of itself after dark. That is the regular Borden argument, but The Calgary Herald goes one better and adds that Canada should not be permitted to discuss the question in parliament. Put on the closure.

Dandelions have been blooming this week in the garden of John T. Delano at Newport, R. I. Thirty million pancakes were consumed on the streets of Berlin on New Year's.

WARDEN'S DINNER

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wick is a "booster" Mr. Slipp congratulated the new warden and the councillors in general for the excellent financial showing this year. The county having \$12,000 to its credit in the bank.

Dr. Bridges of the Normal School in proposing the toast of the warden made a very eloquent and practical address referring to the beauty of the province and its wonderful resources, especially in the County of York.

In responding to the toast Warden Fawcett told how he had represented the Parish of Southampton at the board for fourteen years, and although he had a hard fight at first, he was delighted to say that now they can show a clean sheet with five hundred dollars on the right side of the ledger. He said the councillors had honored him by electing him warden of the noble county. Although he had brothers in the west, New Brunswick was good enough for him.

Coun. McMullin in proposing the toast of the City of Fredericton spoke of the excellent business done in the city during the Christmas season.

Mayor Hooper in responding to the toast made an excellent speech. He was glad that the council were going to take up the matter of roads, as nobody can dispute but that the roads are in a bad state. The mayor also spoke in reference to the Victoria Hospital and thanked the council for the proposed increased grant. Mr. Hooper said that Fredericton was the best city in Canada for the farmers as prices were good and trade excellent. Fredericton for the last twelve months has been without crime of a serious nature, a record to be proud of.

Councillor Walter Walker of Marysville in a few remarks proposed the toast of the Bench and Bar coupled with names of Col. Marsh, R. W. Lellan and Peter Hughes all of whom spoke in a pleasing and entertaining manner. Mr. McLellan invited the members of the Council to visit the new manufacturing industry lately established in Fredericton.

Col. Marsh said their were very few men could say they had attended the first meeting of the Council of the Municipality of York as he had done.

Mr. Peter Hughes said the bench of the province did not need to be spoken of as it was well known and a credit to the country.

Sec. Treas. Bliss in a flattering speech proposed the toast of the Educational Institutions coupled with the names of Dr. Bridges and Dr. Keirstead. The latter made an excellent and practical address and spoke of the great development of the country.

Dr. Sterling in proposing the toast of our guests made a neat speech which was responded to by Mr. E. E. Hill of Boston, and Mr. Pheophil Guerin of Woonsocket, R. I.

Mr. W. S. Tompkins, Councillor Hunter of Charlotte County, Captain Weston of Queens County, Rev. M. Abbott of Southampton, Mr. S. L. Peters and others made excellent speeches. In speaking to the toast to the ladies Sheriff Howe made a witty and eloquent speech.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Gee, what a lot of resolutions it takes to keep the New Year resolutions!

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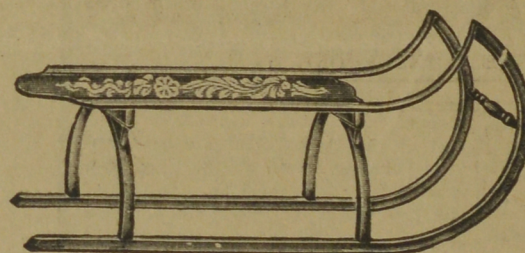
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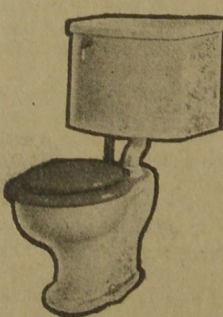
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