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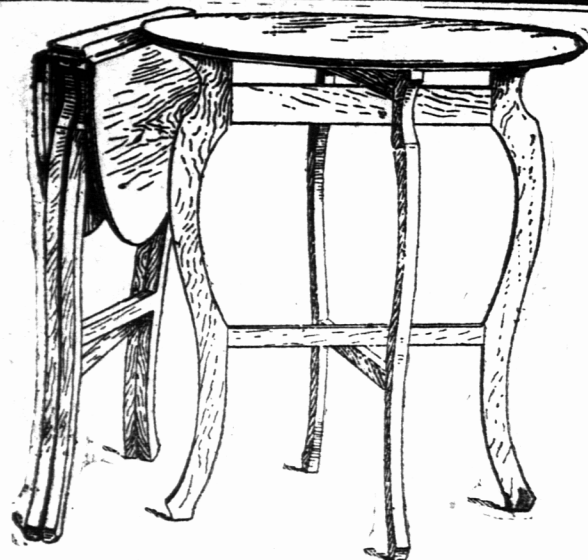
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WIDE TIRES.

Other provinces are taking a deep interest in improving their roads, and in this connection the question of wide tires for wagon wheels comes up. This journal has frequently urged the importance of legislation that would bring wide tires into general use. Our soil is of a character not well adapted for road making, but once a road is properly formed it would keep in good shape and need but little repair if the vehicles passing over it, especially those carrying loads, were equipped with tires of suitable width.

The change is not one that can be suddenly effected. Existing vehicles must be permitted to be worn out, and that will take a term of years. But provision could be made here as has been done in other countries for a premium to those who will adopt the broad tire. This could be done by remitting a share of the road tax or statute labor to be performed.

We hope to see some interest taken in this matter at the coming session of the legislature. If the time is not yet ripe for legislation let the subject be discussed at least. There is a very large annual expenditure in money and labor upon the repair of our country roads, a large part of which is rendered useless or destroyed by the narrow tires that cut the roads into ruts and render them unfit for traffic.

Finland as a portion of the Russian empire is about to be deprived of the legislative powers hitherto enjoyed, and her people are likely to emigrate in large numbers in consequence. The population is mainly made up of farmers. They are a hardy, liberty loving stock, largely Lutheran in faith, and accustomed to a climate colder than that of Canada. Everything goes to show that they would make an excellent class of settlers for our Northwest lands and they are disposed to come to Canada. The population of Finland is about half as great as that of the Dominion.

Mr. McClure, the Liberal member for Colchester, N. S., spoke recently in the debate on the address. As a prohibitionist he stated that he did not intend to make political capital for the Tory party by voting against the government an account of their refusing prohibition. "He did not see that by doing so he would advance the cause of prohibition." Now we do not write this for the purpose of pointing out that if Sir Charles Tupper would undertake to promise the people prohibition he would wholly deprive McClure and others of the excuses that they are now able to make.

Among the rare novel sights of the Paris Exhibition is to be an artificial volcano of impressive aspect, 328 feet in height and 485 feet in diameter. These figures show that it will be a real mountain, which visitors will have the opportunity of climbing. It will be constructed on an iron framework, the weight of iron being 18,000,000 lbs. The surface will be covered with turf, plants and trees, while a carriage and foot paths will wind upward to a great height. The summit will be always surmounted by a cloud of smoke in the evening and three eruptions will take place at fixed hours. At these eruptions there will be a realistic imitation of the sounds and sights of a volcano in active working, with a stream of lava flowing down its side. Don't miss seeing it!

Canada did not add very largely to her railway mileage during the past fiscal year, but still, 183 miles of road were completed and opened, bringing our grand total up to 16,870 miles. This would be sufficient to belt the continent from St. John to Vancouver four times with a considerable surplus. The number of passengers carried was 18,444,049, an increase of 2,272,711, and the freight traffic amounted to 28,785,903 tons, an increase of 3,485,572. The total number of miles run by trains was 50,658,283, an increase of 4,977,432. The accident returns show five passengers killed.

The recent disasters to the Castilian and Labrador contrast with that which befel the Bourgogne in the fact that in connection with the first-mentioned wrecks no lives were lost while with the French liner 500 persons perished. We are proud of the superior discipline on British ships, but if the Labrador had sunk as quickly as the Bourgogne, and had as large a passenger list, what would have happened? There must needs have been an awful loss of life. Perhaps the women and children would have been saved, but many must have drowned. The importance of having boats enough, ready at a moment to save all on board a passenger ship is accentuated by these successive disasters.

Japan is seriously considering the question of nationalizing all her railways and has granted subsidies to Japanese steamship lines plying between home ports and Europe, Seattle and San Francisco. The European line is to receive 2 673,833 yen; the Seattle line 634,300 yen and the San Francisco line 1,013,880 yen. The yen is of about the value of the U. S. silver dollar. Twelve steamers of more than 6,000 tons each will be required for the line to Europe, three steamers of like size for the Seattle line and three of over 8,000 tons each for the San Francisco line. Fourteen to 15 knots speed will be exacted. These arrangements serve to show how rapidly Japan is adopting the progressive spirit of modern civilization.

The well known poem "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," in which a young woman by hanging to the curfew bell saves the life of her lover condemned to be executed at the ringing of the curfew, is only one of a thousand striking instances of how a woman will dare everything for love. Women are readier to make heroic sacrifices than they are to take the common place, everyday precautions which insure their greatest happiness. Most women are careless about their health. They forget that physical weakness and disease will wreck the fairest chance in life and shut them out completely from happy womanhood and wifehood. Weak, bilious, dyspeptic women are robbed of their natural attractiveness and capacity. They lose healthy color and energy and ambition. The blood becomes poor and thin and laden with disease germs. The true antidote for this condition is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It acts directly upon the digestive powers and the liver, creating pure, red, healthy blood free from bilious impurities; it renovates every organ and tissue of the body, building up hard, elastic flesh and muscular strength and imparting nerve power and permanent vitality, which malt extracts do not give.

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We quite agree with the Summer-side Journal as to the desirability of having our trade tables so reconstructed that they will show, in outline at least, the amount of commerce between provinces. This may not be an easy thing to do but some means might be devised to effect it. Again, why might not the tables of Canadian exports be made to show how much is the growth or product of each province? Under the present arrangement the Island cuts a rather sorry figure in the trade returns because a large portion of both our imports and exports is credited to other provinces.

For the better understanding of the despatches relating to the war in the Philippines it may be stated that the main body of the American forces is advancing in a northerly direction along the general line of the much indented coast. There are rivers to cross of considerable size, and where the bridges have been destroyed, as at Bulacan, progress is necessarily slow. The advance of General McArthur has not covered more than 50 miles from Manila. Malolos, the city now threatened, is the insurgent capital, where Aguinaldo's native parliament was recently in session.

In his speech on the address Mr. Craig reminded the government of a warning uttered by the late Hon. T. W. Anglin at the great Liberal convention of 1893. Mr. Anglin was strongly opposed to prohibition. He had opposed the Scott Act when it was passed, and being speaker at the time, left the chair to speak against it. He was also opposed to the plebiscite and in addressing the convention he said: "What do we mean to do if we ask for a plebiscite? If we are honest should a majority be obtained in favor of prohibition, no matter how small the vote, the prohibitionists would be entitled to demand that a prohibitory law should be enacted." That was how Mr. Anglin understood it "If we are honest" the prohibitionists would be entitled to demand prohibition. That is precisely the way the prohibitionists understand it now. They obtained a majority of the votes and they demand prohibition.

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