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GOOD ROADS.

There is perhaps no department of public service in which there is as much common interest as in the public roads. The welfare of the country is inextricably interwoven with the condition of the highways. The merchant, the trader, the farmer and the private citizen depend upon the road for their very existence. And between ill and well kept roads lies the difference between successful and unsuccessful trade, between comparative comfort and the want of it.

The roads then, the arteries through which flows the heart's blood of the country, should be one of the first considerations of government, and in the expenditures made and the efforts put forth to make them what they ought to be, there should be the heartiest concurrence on the part of the people.

In this province of ours there is, apparently, only one greatly dreaded evil, namely taxation. Freedom from taxation is our standard of unalloyed comfort and the extent of our miseries is measured by the size of our annual tax bill. We forget, and we are not told sufficiently often, that Prince Edward Island is the most lightly taxed bit of inhabited country in Canada. We have been spoiled by our comparative freedom from taxation, so spoiled that even in the matter of saving both money and property by making more generous expenditures upon our roads, we are afraid to take the plunge.

"Good roads," is now the watch-

word of the whole civilized world and the most lavish expenditures are being made for this purpose by the most progressive countries. Road making has become a science, and is now looked upon as one of the handmaidens of progress. The greatest inventions and discoveries are being turned in the direction of practical, permanent, dependable road making. And recent inventions and discoveries have lent themselves most appropriately to the work. Of all the discoveries of recent years perhaps the greatest factor along this line is cement. Its durability, its cheapness and the facility with which it accommodates itself to road making, to building roads where, otherwise, roads would be impossible, make it one of the most powerful agencies in the world today. Governments, provincial and civic, farmers, merchants, and others are using it in enormous quantities in many undertakings and the commonness of its use has resulted in descriptive literature which is available to all who need to make use of it.

We have no doubt, that ere long, roads and streets on which yearly expenditures are now being made in vain and which fail to give the service for which they are intended, will be transformed into permanent and satisfactory thoroughfares through the use of this, one of the most wonderful as well as one of the most powerful agencies in the world today.

SITTING ON A BOARD.

Many of the weaknesses inherent in the human race have been analyzed and, correctly or incorrectly, their causes have been stated. In these statements original sin occupies a prominent position. One of the common weaknesses of today, and we cannot trace it to original sin either, is the universal desire to become a member of a Board with a capital B.

In the government of this complex world of ours, with its multiplicity of demands, its peculiarities and its incongruities, Boards are absolute necessities. True we have our high and mighty officials from the king of the Empire down through different gradations, with or without emolument but ever with honor real or imaginary—through Lords, Commons, provincial governments, Civic Councils, School Boards, &c. &c.

The Boards are supposed to constitute a stairway by which the common people can climb up, step by step, until they arrive at the source of supply or, if need be, at the foot of the throne itself. Therefore the Boards are, as already mentioned, an absolute necessity.

The desire to secure a seat on the Board is the mystery. Where there are emoluments attached the mystery at once disappears. The desire in that case is, quite probably, aimed at the emolument, which may be either a definite salary, as in the case of members of parliament, or an indefinite rake off, which may also apply to members of parliament or other governing bodies. It is where the emoluments are wanting that the mystery really shows itself; where there is no visible inducement either in the way of getting something for nothing, doing something which no one else could do as well, or in fact doing anything except sitting on the Board. And such cases are by no means rare.

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means uncommon. When there is a vacancy on a Board, with no other inducement than an empty seat unoccupied at that—there is a rush to fill it. The people, whose business the Board is intended to do, are not given time to make a selection; would be occupants offer their services, solicit the position and insist upon being granted the honor. This is a human weakness and a regrettable and unfortunate one—unfortunate, that is, for those whose interests are supposed to be served by the Board.

In almost every case in which "the man seeks the office" his appointment to a seat on any kind of a Board, except a plain, ordinary, wooden board, may be entered upon the records as a mistake. Where "the office seeks the man" the chances are that neither the man nor those whose he is supposed to serve shall be disappointed.

Our Boards are our governing bodies. Whether parliaments, Civic Boards, School Boards, or executive Boards of any kind, they are the people's and the people should make them by seeking out the best men available for the positions. Two often other considerations than fitness prevail and the result is that in the most vital concerns we receive an inadequate service.

SELON

It was Henry George who said that "the effect of inventions and improvements in the productive arts is to save labor, that is to enable the same result to be secured with less labor or a greater result with the same labor." The consequence of labor-saving improvements will be to increase the production of wealth, the demand for the same not being satisfied.

The heartfelt sympathy of all classes of citizens and of many throughout the province goes out to the bereaved wife and daughter, the mother and only brother of R. M. Johnson whose unexpected death was chronicled in yesterday's Evening Guardian. The

late Mr. Johnson was one of Charlottetown's foremost citizens, prominent in its civic and business life, a leading member of the Pharmaceutical Association, of which he was Secretary—Registrar and an active and honored member of the Masonic and other fraternal organizations. He was for several years one of the trustees of the P. E. Island Hospital and one of its truest friends. Cut off in the prime of manhood and in the midst of a successful business career his death is a distinct loss to the city and he will be sorely missed by a large circle of friends. To the home so sadly and suddenly bereaved whose Christmas joys have been over shadowed by this great sorrow the Guardian tenders its deepest sympathy.

IN MEMORIAM.

At the home of her son-in-law, Abram Myers, Hampton, there passed away on Nov. 30th, one of the oldest inhabitants of the province in the person of Mrs. W. S. McNeill, aged 97 years. Mrs. McNeill was the wife of the late Hon. W. S. McNeill of North Rustico who predeceased her ten years.

She was a woman of sterling character, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and although her form was bent and her faculties dimmed by the weight of years, she was often heard to the last repeating to herself the words of the Lord's prayer, and other familiar passages of Scripture.

She leaves to mourn three sons—William in Oakland, Cal; John in Sioux Falls, S. Dakota and Colin, in Ottawa; also six daughters: Mrs. A. Myers of Hampton; Mrs. Artemas Lovat of Summerside; Mrs. Ben. Woolner of Fairfield, Cal; Miss Wright and Mrs. J. Howatt in Berkeley, Cal; and Mrs. W. Leard in Vancouver, B. C.

After a short funeral service at Hampton the remains were conveyed to Bradalbane thence by train to Junter River, where they were met and conveyed to her old home in North Rustico, now the residence of Frederick Woolner from whence the funeral took place to the old family lot in the Cavendish Cemetery.

HOW CENTURION SANK STEAMER IN DARKNESS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A member of the Centurion crew gives the account of the accident yesterday when she sank an unknown steamer off Devonport.

We were steaming along at between 19 and 20 knots in a fairly calm sea, with a moderate wind of from four to five knots when the collision occurred. It was very dark but the lights of the oncoming vessel had been seen for some distance. She had her side lights burning brightly and apparently tried to cross the bows of the Centurion which struck her with great force. The battleship's starboard bow struck the steamer's port side well forward and she sank immediately. Her port light came into the Centurion's forecastle.

The collision continued the sailor, occurred at 4 38 a. m. and nothing was seen of the unknown steamer after the first impact. She was instantly hurled on her beam ends, toppled over and went to the bottom.

The captain of the Centurion got out the collision mats and found that we were taking in water. A life-boat's crew manned one of the boats and the battleship cruised in the vicinity of the collision until after day-break. Nothing, however, was seen of the steamer or any wreckage.

Judging by the shock which was felt throughout the Centurion the vessel was a fairly large one as the collision aroused the members of the crew who were sleeping below. The battleship's engines were immediately reversed and started full speed astern.

Other members of the Centurion's crew say the steamer was not seen until the moment of the collision. It is said that one man was seen on the deck of the steamer. He made a desperate jump in an effort to reach the deck of the Centurion. He missed it by a narrow margin and fell into the sea between the two ships and was seen no more.

A marine of the Centurion watch says the steamer sank immediately. The searchlights of the Centurion

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were switched on at once and played on the scene, but no sign of the other vessel was seen.

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