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THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PUBLIC ROADS.

The introduction and development of railways had at first and still has an injurious effect upon the public highway. The railways relieved the highways of a portion of the heavy traffic and as a consequence the latter were more or less neglected. There has been in recent years, however, a renewed appreciation of the value and importance of the common roads and a general desire to improve them. Many of the States and Provinces of North America now have good roads associations working to this end. And in the same network of political parties. Nothing is more common than for one party to charge against the other that its road policy is lax, or that it has neglected to properly care for the roads, or that by jobbery and favoritism the money expended on the roads has been misapplied so that the people did not get a reasonable return.

In the United States information of a statistical character in regard to the public highways is more readily available than in Canada, although it may be doubted whether the roads are on the whole any better on the south side than on the north side of the boundary line. The Republic has some 2,100,000 miles of public roads, of which it is said that not more than two miles out of each 100, or 44,000 miles in all, are of a high standard, and not more than eight miles out of each 100 that approach what they ought to be. Very much the same conditions exist in Canada. We have hundreds of thousands of miles of roads, with but two to ten per cent. of the whole developed to a high standard, and this mostly in the vicinity of the cities and towns. These roads good and bad have cost an enormous amount of money to build and maintain, and the bad roads are the most expensive.

RECIPROCALITY AGAIN BEING TALKED ABOUT.

It was given out some days ago from Ottawa that about the first thing to be considered by the Ministers on their return from their summer vacations will be the question of reciprocal trade with the United States. This matter is one of considerable importance. The reciprocity treaty of 1854-56 was very favorably regarded throughout Canada. It was no doubt of advantage to both countries concerned. But the war of the rebellion aroused hostile feeling and endangered the friendly relations of the United States with Great Britain, and in the meantime the heavy cost of war shipping in the protective tariff in the United States.

It was under these circumstances and against the wishes of the people of Canada, that the United States gave notice and terminated the old reciprocity treaty. For a time under both Conservative and Liberal Governments a renewal of the treaty was sought, but nothing came of it. Then in 1879 Canada adopted a policy of protection, but with a clause holding the door open for reciprocal trade with the United States if an agreement could be reached, but our neighbors showed no desire for such a consummation.

The Liberal party in Canada during its long term in Opposition between 1878 and 1896 clung steadfastly to the policy of seeking reciprocal trade with the United States and before the election of 1891 became the advocates of "unrestricted reciprocity" or continental free trade, as it was also called, meaning the free exchange of both natural products and manufactured goods, whereas the old treaty had provided for the free exchange of natural products only. This policy met defeat in the general election of 1891. It represented the extreme swing of the pendulum.

But the Liberal leaders still cling to their desire for reciprocity in both natural and manufactured products and blamed the Conservative Government of that day for treating the subject hypocritically or at least cavalierly—claiming to be in its favor.

roads there is an excess cost of 15 cents per ton per mile in transportation as compared with the cost in European countries. This means that United States farmers in moving last year's crop from the farms to the towns or to the railway stations suffered a cost of \$225,000,000, which would have been saved by a similar policy on the part of Canadian farmers. It is estimated that that amount from the same cause in marketing their crops. But the extra cost of hauling so many tons of farm produce by no means represents all the loss. Bad roads cost at every turn, in expended horsepower, in extra wear and tear of vehicles, to the farmer when driving light on an errand, the doctor visiting his patients, the mail carrier in his daily round, the commercial traveller with his heavy trunks, and in a hundred other ways.

It is therefore a healthy public sentiment which finds expression in criticism of the highways and in the effort to secure their improvement. In our own Province the problem is a rather difficult one because of the nature of the soil, and the rolling character of the land surface. Earth roads tend to be cut into deep furrows by the wheels in fall and spring and to wash away on the hillsides. In scores of cases the roads were located over high hills, which might have been avoided by going around the base of these elevations. But the mischief is almost irreparable except at great cost, when so many farmers have located their houses and barns beside a misplaced road.

Politics should have nothing to do with the roads nor the roads with politics. Good roads are equally important to Liberals and Tories, and our public men of both parties should get together in conference and devise the best policy available for the improvement and maintenance of our road system.

The return of the Liberal party to power in 1896 was subsequently followed by further efforts to effect a reciprocal trade arrangement with the United States, but without avail, and the effort was finally abandoned. It was given out that Canada would not again ask the Washington Government to consider the question of reciprocity, and any proposals upon that subject must emanate from the United States. Since then the favor of reciprocity feeling in Canada has very much abated, but somewhat unexpectedly the invitation to consider the subject has now come from Washington.

Canada has been doing so well, having found other markets for her products since the repeal of the old treaty, that not only had the desire for reciprocity abated before the late proposals came from Washington, but since then the attitude of many of the Canadian people has become even more apathetic and hesitant. Yet

there can be little doubt that a reduction of United States duties to a level of the Canadian tariff, or a placing of the natural products of both countries on the free list, would still be mutually advantageous. We are still doubtful whether any proposals will be made which Canada can accept. It would be well, however that there should be a free expression of opinion in the press on the subject within the next few weeks.

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