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cial Instructor Campbell.

MUCH GOOD ADVICE FOR COUN-TY, TOWN AND TOWNSHIP COUNCILS.

Enormous Wastefulness of Present Road Methods-Over Four Million Dollars Spent Annually with Poor Results-Benefits of County Control The Post has always manifested a deep interest in the goods roads question, and may justly claim that it has had something to do with the reation of the interest being at present manifested in all parts of the county in the important subject. But to Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road Instructor, belongs the credit of having aroused the minds of the of the American States in this respect, how we squander vast sums yearly in useless patchwork; how concession | people to provide the additional cost line methods have been followed for years in some towns where to-day, after an expenditure running into hundreds of thousands in ten years, streets are still veritable quagmires at the season when permanent roads would be clean and solid; and how actually the expenditure at present would more than suffice, if intellithe leading highways and concession

Very properly, Mr. Campbell blames the present statute labor system for much of the waste, and in the several annual reports issued since his appointment to office by the government he has not failed to lay stress upon the fact. From the last report published a couple of weeks ago, we take the following extracts, confident that the statements made will appeal to the good sense of every reader:

The agitation in favor of goods roads, carried on by the government or of good roads, but has revealed to the general public that the system no means conducive to the best results. The effect of the movement has been, and no doubt will be, to increase the expenditure upon roads. The popular idea which at first prevailed that this was the chief object has, however, been largely dispelled, and it has become generally recognized that the aim of the reform already. accomplished in Ontario has been to procure a proper administration of the money now being spent upon the highways. That there is urgent need of this there is everywhere abundant evidence, and is universally accepted. This applies not merely to country roads, but to the town and city streets, in all of which a great annual waste is going on without producing the desired results, thereby entailing both a direct and reactive loss.

The Large Amount Involved. The actual money spent upon roads, streets and bridges is of very much larger dimensions than is commonly supposed. During the ten years, 1887 to 1896, it amounted in cities to \$14,-483,643, in towns to \$6,759,626; in townships and counties to \$9,380,698, a total of \$30,623,958. If to this we add about 11,000,000 days of statute lahor expended in the townships, we have a money and labor value of \$41,623,958, an average of over \$4,000,000 per year. This is more than one-third of the taxes levied on the people in municipal and school rates. It forms the greatest outlay of the municipalities

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on any one public service, and is one much as for the wishes of the emn large aggregate sum is expended in kind of work done, whether grading, comparatively small amounts through- ditching or gravelling; to the time out the province, the ratepayers see it is done, and to the locality where only these small sums, and in conse- it is done. quence do not realize the enormous No matter how much grading may large proportion is wasted, and much he does so, and of the remainder turned to poor account. Much of the expenditure is undoubtedly devoted to a very goed purpose, but a careful examination of the methods pursued in townships, villages, towns, and as a general thing in cities, will disclose that owing to faulty administration, careless

and inexperienced supervision, and the improper influences which are brought insertion; 5 cuats each subsequent to bear on those in charge, our system of road-making is incompetent, utterly unjust and extravagant, and is almost solely responsible for their roor That this vast expenditure should be made upon such an important public work in so slipshod a manner, with-

> is done Without Plan or Specification, without system, organization or prop- a good condition, they are neglected er supervision, seems startling in view and allowed to become almost impassof the fact that wherever any other sble before repairs are made. public work is done systematically it. The work, under statute labor, is watched with the closest interest not done at all points where it is by the ratepayers, and the expendi- most needed, but it is an unwritten

are shown what the roads are costing which will benefit only his own farm, them it is a revelation, and for the without benefit to the road, possibly first time they are now commencing to its detriment. to renlize the importance of the work and the magnitude of the expenditure. They see that better roads, and even goods roads, do not necessarily have free and uninterrupted communi- mission was at work in the county of mean an increased outlay, but a bet- cation with the surrounding farm dis- Oxford. Victoria, Grey and York, tem, to levy taxation equitably, or severe attack and was unable to work administered by him for 26 years with great success. Annual Reports of Provin
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the originator of Gas for Extracting The counties have also canvassed the counties criticize such an outlay would be performing a valuable service. And duce, it is equally necessary to the most repay consideration. The country, and placing them unwhere the services of such a depart- townsman that he should use the ty of Peterborough appointed a com- der the direct management and conment can be extended so as to reduce consultation and assistance as will bring about the most profitable expenditure of this money, it will confer a lasting benefit upon the coun-

Such a heavy expenditure made upon such an important public work certainly warrants the attention of the government, which can be directed in various ways. In addition to educating and instructing the people in the proper methods of road-making; educating the people by a criticism of the work done and methods of expenditure; construction of sample sections as object lessons to elevate their ideals of what a road should be; and circulation of proper literature, there should be legislation so revised people of Ontario on the subject by as to be in keeping and advancing proving how far we are behind some conditions and constantly changing requirements; where possible, such money assistance as may be considered necessary in encouraging the

of the work; municipalities Furnished with Meams Required at the lowest rate of interest on easy terms of re-payment; the co-operation of railway companies secured in the cheaper carriage of road-making material for districts without a local supply, the railways and people thereby obtaining mutual benefit.

Ratepayers generally are possessed of the idea that the roads are now gently administered, to transform all now built and maintained almost solely by statute labor, and that if this of main roads is much more expensive work is not performed in the most and exacting than the roads of lesser lines in the province into first-class faithful manner, no serious crime is importance. They already absorb the ability to make repairs as soon as committed. They fail to realize, how- most of the expenditure and energy they are needed on the road. ever, that owing to the very imperfect of the townships. Upon them the manner of doing this work, municipal greater part of the township money manner of doing this work, and dispropriations is spent, and the great-clusive of bridges, is estimated at councils are conged to impose the statute labor, to the about \$35 per mile only. A careful object to an addition to their labors about \$35 per mile only. A careful object to an addition to their labors about \$35 per mile only. A careful object to an addition to their labors about \$35 per mile only. rect tax. The amount of the little travelled roads. study of the present expenditure on such as the control of a county sysand the inferior results produced, Heavily travelled, they quickly get township roads, including statute comprise the serious phase of the whole question.

Underlying Defects. more advanced principles of govern- which latter the most workmanlike ships, so that the side roads are apt more advanced principled, the present system, together with the best and to be neglected, whereas by relievment should be applied in fundamentally most suitable machinery, can be eming the townships of the main roads weak from two causes which bring in ployed. their train many abuses, and cause failure in the effort to improve the during the past few years, has not roads in a manner corresponding to tinuously through several townships, only advanced public opinion in fav- increasing requirements. These it is necessary that they should be causes are: First, the control is so maintained in a uniform manner Under a county system, a portion the storm was coming up, and when causes are: First, the first terrific flash of lightning scattered that no one can be held re- throughout their entire length, if they of the cost of road building is levied, the first terrific flash of lightning scattered that he one expenditure of are to serve their best purpose. At in the county rate, against the towns sponsible for a proper to 10 ds; the present time so far are they from and villages within the municipality ally-kicked in the dash-board and ing made and maintained has been by and second, the payment of a tax in being maintained uniformly even for road purposes. In order to ex-

meet modern conditions. many important results, neglected condition and well kept, in the next tems, the farmers bear the entire cost. roads, injustice to the men who do honest work, misappropriation of labor and money, and similar abuses. Some pay the tax with honest work, while others, from various motives, do

Under present conditions, all responsibility is, in the first place, distributed among members of the coun- stances, from township to township, cil; the council again distributes it and through the greatest area posamong fifty or one hundred path- sible. masters. The large amount annually spent by most townships in the way of money and statute labor is also so scattered, together with responsibility that the people do not realize how large a sum is being spent; but when

Misspent and Squandered, as it generally is, there is no one whom they can call to account. The councillors can shift responsibility from one to another, and then to the pathmaster. The latter have nothing to lose and so can merely shrug their shoulders when any improper or careless expenditure comes to light. Divided responsibility is never successful even in township government.

That the money expenditure is so largely scattered in patchwork, in temporary and perishable work, is due largely to the fact that all road work is viewed from the standpoint of statute labor. The money appropriations, while large in aggregate, are made in small amounts with the object of supplementing statute labor. If this were reversed, and a system of money expenditure made a basis, and the money concentrated in durable and permanent work from year to year, statute labor being the supplementary force, it would greatly tend to correct present weakness. It is found, however, to be almost impossible to combine the two systems in this latter way. Immediately the greater economy of a concentrated money expenditure is realized, with its greater flexibility, and adaptation for securing better work, the awkwardness and wastefulness of statute labor becomes apparent, and it is

The Details. In pursuing a study of the details we find that statute labor is slighted in many well known ways by the taxpoyers individually and collectively. Some do their duty and some try to do it. Some will not do heir duty, and try to keep others from doing it. Some would do their duty, but seeing the carelessness of others, feel the injustice of the system, and so are careless as the rest. Others neglect the work in order to have greater claim for money appropriations. Even if there were honest endeavoror to do the required amount of la-

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total. The expenditure is made too, be needed, no matter how much with little or no attempt at careful ditching is required, if it is more consupervision, with the result that a | venient for the farmer to draw gravel,

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and grading and ditching are very often done to the neglect of gravelling, if the former involve less bother, And so it goes on, the man who is doing the work, not the work itself, being the first consideration. In the care of roads, there is proper time for doing the work, and no other time will do so well. No other time will be so satisfactory. No other time will keep the roads in good, condition at a minimum expense. But this under the statute labor system is an impossibility. The labor is available only at one time of the year, that a very unfavorable time for out rule or design, seems inexplainmondmaking, and it is not then devotable. That, as a general thing, work ed to a proper scheme of repairs. Repairs are made only when the roads are entirely worn out. Once placed in

ture criticized to the most trifling law that the pathmaster for the year will look after his own interests, When the people of a municipality even to the extent of digging a ditch,

Comparison of Banefits. Many towns, it has been said, have learned that it is most important to station, to dispose of his farm pro- however, the county of Hastings will collecting the most important roads bottle made me a well man." 25 cents and uses the best local Pain Obtunders, roads to draw the merchant's goods mittee to look into Hastings' system trol of the county council. It back to the farm. It merely happens, two years ago, and this committee ful-

within fifty miles of Toronto, if there ing the expenditure on county bridges, were not roads by which it might be which are expensively built of iron, reached, would be as valueless as if concrete and stone. The management situated in the heart of Africa. Distance is not measured by miles, but by rapidity and ease of travel and transportation. It naturally fol- by whom a Superintendent of Roads lows that, with the opening of the is employed. The roads are divided first wagon track leading to it, the into four sections, and a gang of men value of a farm commences, and as under a competent foreman is placed the road improves the value of the over each. Whenever a section of farm advances, other conditions remaining constant. As population in- repairs it is inspected by the supercreases, the wealth of our citizens will intendent from whom the foreman increase, and it therefore points forci- with his gang receive, proper instrucbly to the conclusion that one of the most potent means of improving and lengthening town and city streets is to provide at the distant end of the

The Main Roads. which townships can adopt, they can- favorable to county roads in view of not be constructed so durably, nor the better resuts obtained. At premaintained so thoroughly and econo- sent the main roads absorb the great-For well populated districts, where mically as under a county system, in er part of the energies of the town-

> Passing as these main roads do prove the roads of less importance unthrough an entire township, and con- der their particular jurisdiction. pathmasters, the opportunity for thus returned in a great measure to of road material. These main trunk place. roads should not be subject to such ter a uniform plan, under all circum-

County Systems now Operated. The only counties in Ontario which maintain county roads are Wentworth Lincoln, Wellington, Frontenac and Hastings. Wentworth county has for some time been considering the advisability of extending its system, and during the past year a com-

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rate will be reduced because most of the township expenditure is now placed on the leading roads, and the township will be levieded of these by a county system. Under the county system the funds will be sufficiently commentrated to undertake durable work, and consequently these roads will be properly constructed and afterwards maintained at a less cost than at present.

A county road system equalizes the cost of maintaining roads. In every county within a certain radius of a discouragement and often withdraws | horse got away.

cording to distance from the market day morning, was surprised to find and the convenience with which the Quinn's horse, which had come to a market can be reached. Property a standstill by reason of the lines havlong distance from the market is af- ing caught on a large stone. Furfected to a greater extent by ther investigation disclosed the dead the bad condition of the roads than body of Quinn and pieces of harness is property very near the market. and wreck scattered along the side of Good roads are therefore of greater the road. mediate vicinity.

people of the different townships. The well built roads would stand as object lessons, and would teach the bet-FOR THE COMPLEXION ter expenditure of funds spent by the Price Purely Vegetable. townships on the roads maintained by

While there may be some feeling aloudmaking can be placed on a more businesslike basis, and consequently greater efficiency is secured. It provides for a more equitable system of levying the cost, for a better use of modern machinery, and for a higher grade of oversight and workmanship. At the present time, township councils are unable to maintain the roads by statute labor, and are in consequence compelled to make annual appropriations of money from the general tax. The money is, in the main, spent on the roads which would comprise a county system, but owing to the contracted character of the system, township councils are unable to apply this expenditure to the great-

est advantage. Despite the advantages of a county system of roads, township council'ors are frequently unwilling to give up any of their present powers, and the influence end patronage which a company them. The sessions are mainly occupied with the distribution of money over the roads, the building of culverts and bridges and the settlement of road accounts. This distribution, as a general thing, is made at the request of a community of favor-seeking electors, and not in accordance with the real requirements of the roads, as would be the case if r ported upon by a responsible official The people, too, regard with some fear the removal of any expenditure becoming better every year, owing to on the roads from the township council to the county council, a body over which each locality and ratepayer exerts less influence. County councils, on the other hand, have now but a limited om unt of work and would no

Marriage Licenses At Porter's Bookstore. Kicked by His Horse.

Mr. Jos. Breen, a well-known farmer, who resides near Hogan's Island, met with a painful accident on Wednesday night. He started from Lidnsay in a covered buggy just as struck Mr. Breen on the right knee, throwing him out. He was picked up and conveyed to Mr. M. O'Halloran's residence, close by, where Dr. McAipine attended to his injuries. Luckily no bones were broken, but the limb was badly bruised, and it will be several weeks before Mr. Breen will be able to move about freely. The horse made his way home, and his arrival without Mr. Breen gave the family a great fright.

Inter-sting to Hotel Keepers. The decision in a case before the

Guelph Police Magistrate against hotelkeeper charged with having peowork and system will be secured ple in his bar during probited hours throughout the various municipalities. is of general interest to hotelmen. versity of plans is sure to be adopt- The Magistrate sustained the view advanced by the counsel for the Chief In a county plan an experienced and of Police, that any place where liqproperly qualified man could be em- uor was trafficked was a bar-room ployed to have constant supervision within the meaning of sec. 56 of the of the work, whereas under township Liquor License Act. While there was control each municipality cannot af- only one "bar" allowed by law, and ford to pay the salary of such a man, the room in which it was placed was Under every good system it is neces- named the "bar-room," yet the law. sary to have responsibility centraliz- apparently contemplated other rooms and defined, not divided in which liquor would be sold, by the and easily shifted from one to an-o use of the words "the bar-room," or other, as it now is under the statute bar-rooms thereof," and he should hold in this case, and in future, that Under county control modern ma- any room in the hotel where liquur chinery, too expensive for individual was trafficked in such as defendant's townships, can be purchased and cloak room, was a "bar-room," and handled to advantage, an experienced must be closed to the public during

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Martin Quinn of Otonabee, Meets a Violent Death

Peterboro Times, Thursday; Martin Quinn, who lives on Irish Island, at the mouth of the Keene river, was occidentally killed on Tuesday evening . He had been at a sale of farm stock, etc., and was on his way home. When about a mile from Kepne he market town, traffic constantly in- came to a jog in the road. The night creases as the town is approached. The | was intensely dark, and the horse, incost of construction and maintenance stead of turning when he came to the increases in proportion to the traffic. | jog, went straight ahead down into It is unfair to charge those living an abyss ten or, fifteen feet deep. It hear the town with the cos tof was raining and the top of the buggy building roads to accommodate traffic was up. The unfortunate man was from a distance, so unfair as to cause dragged about 100 yards before the

Pat Bolan, a neighbor of Quinn's, Property is very largely valued ac- when driving to Keene early yester-

value to townships a long distance The deceased leaves a wife and famfrom the market than those in the im- ily of eight children, besides a number of relatives in Otonabee and Dou-Under a county system, durable no. He was about 53 years of age. road construction would be undertak- The face and body had a number of en, the economic value of this work deep cuts, received while being dragwould be seen and appreciated by the ged along by the infuriated horse.

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A properly connected system of leading roads throughout the county will be obtained under a county system; whereas with each township, and even each statute labor beat, working independently of those around it, this will be lost sight of. There is no community of interest

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between the townships. Inone township there is a certain leading road much travelled and well made and maintained. The adjoining municipality may for various reasons not consider it of so much importance as to warrant them in making an expenditure to benefit largely their neighbors who are obliged to travel During the winter months, when snow is plentiful, the necessity for tise of the roads is as great as at any other season. But unfortunately of-

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