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..W. Richardson..

The Statute Labor Question

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR.—As the above question has not only become an issue in this township, but it has been discussed in County Councils and conventions called together for the purpose of furthering the cause of road reform, so much so that it has become a live issue throughout the Province of Ontario, and not only so, but President McKinley in a very late message to Congress directs attention to the widespread interest shown in the improvement of highways. And as an evidence of the very instructive report of Mr. Campbell our public road instructor, the German Government has had copies of his annual report translated and published for distribution in that country. This interest has been brought about, not because we have not been spending enough money on the highways, but because the money spent is not productive of the best results. According to Mr. Campbell's 1899 report during the ten years preceding 1896 the money spent on roads, bridges and streets in this province amounted to $41,623,958, and in counties and townships alone over twenty million dollars, an average in counties and townships of over two million dollars per year. It is facts and figures such as these that have made a great many public men resolve to make an effort to reform the system of expenditure on public roads. In this township we spend an average of about $2500 per year in cash, and if you add to this about 3000 days statute labor you have a total of about $5,500 spent yearly on the roads and bridges of this township. The question of commuting statute labor has been discussed at our council board. Indeed one member of our council endeavored to get a motion passed last spring to have the statute labor commuted at 50 cents per day for the year then current and after some discussion the council thought it better to submit the question to the ratepayers and thereby ascertain their feeling in the matter. Now before doing away with statute labor we must have some proposed system to take its place. Therefore I am going to give you my views in the matter and the scheme I would be in favor of adopting, but as this question is to be submitted to the ratepayers at the coming election, I shall consider myself bound to act in accordance with the discision of the majority of the ratepayers and shall govern myself accordingly. The following is the scheme I propose:

1. The statute labor shall be commuted at 50c per day and shall be levied and collected jointly with township, county and school rates.

2. The road beats shall be made as large as may seem practicable and convenient by the council.

3. One commissioner shall be appointed by the council for each road beat and his duty shall be to expend the commuted statute labar money in his beat and perform such other duties as the council may require of him, and shall receive a sum for his services, to be fied by the council.

4. The council shall employ a competent man for the purpose of managing and operating the road grader, and he must commence his work as soon as the roads are fit in the spring and continue same until the grading is completed, operator to find all labor and receive so much per day or per hour, as may be agreed upon; funds for this labor to come out of general funds of the township.

5. Each commissioner shall report to the council the amount of grading, if any, required to be done in his division, not later than the regular meeting of council in April, when the council shall decide as to the amount of grading they will do, being careful not to do more grading than can be gravelled by the commuted statute labor or otherwise.

6. The council shall maintain a certain standard of road and the manager of the grader shall adhere to that standard so that all roads throughout the township shall be made of uniform width and grade, except that it may be considered that leading roads or roads with more travel should be wider than roads of less travel.

7. The commissioner shall spend the commuted statute labor by hauling gravel where gravel can be procured. If gravel cannot be had then in ditching, stoning and general repair of the highway.

I think the above covers the ground pretty fully. Of course these propositions might be amended or added to some little if thought advisable. The propositions with reference to running the grader should be approved of as it would then give every portion of the township a chance of having the use of the machine, and the work would be done in the proper season, which means a great deal, especially in grading. Under the present system, pathmasters are deprived of the use of the grader because of inconvenience in getting it, and it is wanted by everybody at the same time. Such a system as the above could be adopted for one or two years and if found unsatisfactory we could return to the old way. On the other hand, if the commissioners thus appointed did good work and the system worked well the council, no doubt, would intrust them with any money that might be appropriated out of the general fund to their respective divisions. I believe, as intimated in the letter from Ratepayer in last week's Advance, that an appointed commissioner in his own neighborhood or road beat could do just as good service in this connection as one of the members of council, and at less expense, and further, I believe an official who acts as commissioner in spending money on the roads should be appointed by the council, and not elected by the people, because if he is appointed by the council he will be held responsible to them for the faithful performance of his several duties. If elected by the people he may be held responsible for certain transactions by an elector entirely from a selfish motive on the part of the elector, and the commissioner is thereby influenced to do such things as he might not otherwise consider to be to the best interests of the township.

I have given you my views in this matter without prejudice and hope they will be taken for what they are worth. No doubt they will be criticised to a certain extent, but as this question is before us I think it the duty of every man asking for public positions to let the public know where he stands in the matter. It has been said in argument that the council has no right to submit this question to the people until it was asked for by petition. The answer I make to this is that it is not going to cost anything and we will have the feeling of the people and if the people are not in favor of the new system, why no harm will be done. We are only following the example of a great many townships throughout the province and the evidence of all the townships who have commuted statute labor is that they would not under any circumstances return to the old system. We live in an age of progress and we want at our council boards men of enterprise and progressive men who are not afraid to take hold of such marters as may appear to be in the general interest of the township and county.

Thanking you for space.

I am yours truly,
JOHN BOYD.

Ro the Editor of The Advance:

DEAR SIR,—I notice in a recent issue a Mr. Ratepayer wrote an item in favor of continuing the statute labor system. Now, Mr. Editor, I would just say that his views on the matter may appear quite clear to him, but there are many ratepayers who cannot fall in line with his statements. He has given us a few reasons why we should retain the statute labor system. He says the council gave him ten dollars to expend on the road, and he hired men at one dollar per day, and worked them eight hours a day. Now, Sir, eight hours is not a day's work for a man. Ten hours is a lawful day's work in Canada. Now I will show you how this pathmaster lost two days' work. He lost two hours a day for ten days, which would amount to two days' work. Now this will show you in one instance the advantoge of hiring the work at ten hours per day. We are glad to hear that this Mr. Pathmaster is a practical road maker, and we are twice glad to note that he has acknowledged that there are some who leave stones and clay in lumps. Yes! we have more of that kind of road making than of a smooth surface. Our friend goes on. He apparently approves of appointing a road supervisor. Probably this idea would be all right providing we got as practical a road maker as our friend appears to be, but it appears to me that he would need to be a smarter man than this country has ever owned if he could oversee all the pathmasters in road work season in one township. It appears to me that even if four men covered this ground they would not be idle. Again it would take in the neighborhood of six days to complete the work, and you would have to pay each man two dollars per day, which would amount to forty-eight dollars. Our friend mentions something about by-laws regarding stock on highways. Now, Sir, we pay our councilmen for sitting at the table and enacting stock by laws, and if your neighbors' animals do you ten dollars' worth of damage, you sue for that amount, the judge will give you judgment and costs. Again, the Ontario statutes say no animal is allowed to run on the highway. In this case what good is your stock by laws? Now, my friend, you neither want stock bylaws or poundkeepers if you just follow the Ontario statute law. Again, there is a great deal of partiality shown by pathmasters. As a rule they make a first class road around their own property and pull men from one end of the beat to the other. We have known pathmasters of this kind, and the same men to be pathmasters for three and four years in succession. Men who have been pulled this way are anxiously awaiting a change.

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From Our Own Correspondent

Mr. R. Douglas attended the funeral of his brother James, near Landsdowne, week before last.

Mr. John Boland has had a new windmill erected on his barn for the purpose of cutting feed, pumping, etc.

Miss Calder of Toronto is a guest at Mr. John Weber's.

Mr. Robert Buchanan returned home on Friday afternoon after a five months' sojourn in the Northwest Territory.

Mr. Wallace Graham has also returned home after spending the summer in Manitoba.

A large number of turkeys and chickens have received the death sentence in view of the church opening next Monday.

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