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The marked prosperity in France, preceding the war, and likewise in Belgium, Great Britain, and Germany was due in part to the networks of excellent roads which provided the farmers of those countries with a never failing means of easy communication with their local market centres. Today, in the zones of war, the public road is the pivot upon which the schemes of the strategists turn, but, when peace is concluded, the highways of Flanders and of northeastern France will be among the most important factors in bringing about restoration of conditions which prevailed before Germany attempted to reach Paris through Luxembourg and Belgium. In Canada, in the early days, road building was systematized by the military, but, during the last century, the military aspect has been lost in the evolution of the service demanded of the good road in the national work of distribution of products. The people, to a greater extent each year, are coming to appreciate the possibilities for development through the extension of better roads throughout the Dominion. When they become finally convinced that good roads are complements of the through railway lines, there will be an epidemic of road construction, and the hopes of economists who have been pleading with Canada to increase her production will be advanced a long way towards realization. The province of Ontario through its Northern Development Branch has demonstrated in a striking manner the beneficial effect of better roads upon agricultural districts. Commissioner Whitson, who has supervised for three years the road-building activities of the service in New Ontario, in addressing his report to Premier Hearst says:—"When inspecting the different districts along the roads, which have been constructed during the last three years, I find that good progress is being made by the settlers; along these roads, nearly all the vacant land suitable for settlement is being taken up and improved. In the valley of the Rainy River, exceptional progress has taken place; the settlers are now able to reach markets along the Canadian Northern Railway, which three years ago were inaccessible. Heretofore where no roads were constructed, the settler was merely marking time; since the construction of roads, he has taken courage, and is now clearing up large areas of land, and in other ways improving his social condition. This will apply to almost all the sections where good roads have been constructed. It has encouraged the settlers to build schools and has made it possible for the children to attend them. This in itself has done much to stimulate settlement, and in the past the want of roads, and their inaccessibility for lack of roads, I have found to be one of the great obstacles in the way of settlement." Since 1912, the Northern Development Branch have been engaged upon the construction of 1,705 miles of roadway, chiefly in the great clay belt and in the Rainy River District. At the height of last season from 4,500 to 5,000 men were employed. There were under construction 708 miles of road, of which 255 were new, cut out of the forest. Grading operations were proceeded with, upon 296 miles, 103 were surfaced with gravel or crushed rock; 214 were partly graded, or improved by cutting down hills, and by ditching. Forty bridges were constructed. Three experimental farm plots were established at suitable locations. This constructive programme is the result of a recognition of the true relation between the long and the short haul in our transportation work. The chief markets in Canada are widely separated and the through railway lines are an absolute necessity to general development. But, as Commissioner Whitson points out, the highway, stretching from the gate of the farm to the nearest railway station, has a distinctly encouraging effect upon agricultural production. While the good road may be regarded as a free gift by the community to the individual farmer, the cost of it is usually more than repaid in the expenditure of the extra wealth earned by the farmer as one result of its construction. The farmer is a large consumer of the manufacturers which do much to maintain cities. The last Dominion Census gave a list of products totaling in value to approximately \$40,000,000 which found their market almost entirely in the rural districts, and they are but a small proportion of the goods purchased by the farmers throughout this country. The Ontario Government appears to be determined to adopt a general logical plan for the development of the rich new regions of the province. As new centres spring up along the Canadian Northern and the National Transcontinental Railways, the settlers will be equipped to practically guarantee their continued growth and ultimate prosperity.

#### DIED

WELLMAN—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Nichols, Victoria Square, on Tuesday, April 27, 1915, Sarah Chamberlin, widow of the late George Wellman of Elgin Mills. Funeral from the home of Mr. Nichols, Friday, April 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

#### TO BEE-KEEPERS

The bee-keeping interests in York County are in a very serious position at the present time and the Department of Agriculture representative, J. C. Steckley, B.S.A., unites with the County Inspector of bees, Wm. A. Weir of Temperanceville, in calling particular attention to the conditions. During the last winter many of the colonies have died, some through lack of attention, but many through disease. The principal disease is known as American Foul Brood and its nature is such that it is readily transmitted from one line to another unless some thorough means are adapted for controlling this disease. It eventually swipes out the beyond and passes on to the next, spreading itself over the neighboring bee yards very quickly. Isolation cannot be practised as we do with our diseased cattle and stock so that we must watch carefully and either destroy or thoroughly treat diseased colonies in order to secure the desired end. All bee-keepers are banded together in the fight against this enemy, whether they like it or no, one man's failure is often the undoing of a lot of work on the part of others. Further details of this disease and its treatment can be obtained from the bulletin entitled "Bee Diseases" by the Provincial Apiarist, Morley Pettit. This bulletin may be had from J. C. Steckley, Newmarket for the asking. In the meantime it is imperative that the following precautions be taken:—1st, all dead colonies or empty hives and combs should be kept under cover where the bees cannot gain access to them. Do not, under any consideration, leave combs outside for the bees to rob out, it is dangerous practice. 2nd, all weak colonies should have the entrances contracted to at least an opening of 3x2 inches and watched to see that the bees are getting more numerous as the days go on. As soon as fruit or dandelion bloom appears a careful examination of your hives is in order and suspicious cases should be reported to Morley Pettit, Guelph, Ont., giving name, address, and particulars as to concession and lot number of your farm. Much good work in the spread of facts concerning this disease and bee-keeping in general, is being done by the York County Bee-Keepers' Association, and a hearty invitation is being extended to ALL bee-keepers to attend the next spring meeting on Saturday afternoon, May 15th at Richmond Hill.

#### Victoria Square

Seeding is well advanced this week. Tuesday evening, April 20th, was social evening for the league. The social Vice-President, Miss Isabella Eubsey, planned a unique entertainment and everyone present enjoyed themselves. After opening exercises, Messrs. Mert Brown and Roy Glover chose sides for an old time spelling match. There were eighteen on a side and after a time of wrestling with "unds", the result was a tie. Numbers were given out and the different groups were called upon to sing a verse and chorus of a favorite song. Next it was announced that a number of untrimmed hats with trimming were to be chosen by the gentleman present, and after needles and thread were given out, the boys trimmed the hats. All the leading fashions were represented and never was millinery turned out with more quickness and despatch, tastefully trimmed and gracefully worn. None of going without hats, when there are so many good milliners available. The girls and boys then received numbers and after getting partners lunch was served. After lunch the closing exercise brought an enjoyable time to a close. Mr. Ross Klinek has purchased a new Ford car and is learning to run it. Ross will soon be expert enough to go out. Honk! Honk! Mr. Robert Hopper is under the doctor's care. Mrs. Wellman died at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Lewis Nichols, Tuesday evening. It is rumored that the ladies are contemplating organizing a Lawn Tennis Club. Mr. Wm. King and Miss Esther Altherton spent Sunday evening with friends on the town line. The funeral of the late Oliver Klinek took place to Victoria Square cemetery on Tuesday 27th. Mr. Chas. Collard is home from the Dental College for a short time when he will attend camp at Niagara.

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