

DURHAM REVIEW.

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ROAD INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Campbell, the Provincial instructor on highways, has just issued a special report. The report deals largely with the present system of road construction and maintenance and the question of provincial aid. As the whole matter is likely to be brought up to the Legislature shortly the issuing of the report at the present time is most appropriate.

Mr. Campbell points out that during the past ten years the municipalities of Ontario have expended upon the roads, alone \$20,023,968 in money, and 11,000,000 days of statute labor. He claims however, that the public receives no adequate return for this expenditure, and that our system of road making is "incompetent, unjust and extravagant." Our system of statute labor, he thinks, unjust in that under it some men do honest work while others do not. Responsibility, too, is, he claims, much divided, being shifted from the members of the municipal councils to the shoulders of the pathmasters, who do not care much whether the responsibility is placed upon them or not. As in former reports, he recommends the abolition of statute labor and the substitution of a money tax. He also recommends placing the construction and repair of the roads in the hands of those responsible to the public.

Mr. Campbell believes that the main township roads should be taken over and maintained in the country in which they are situated. He instances the example set by the county of Hastings, where about twenty years ago the county took over the toll roads, and has since added to them until to-day about 370 miles of fine roadway are maintained as county highways at a cost, he states, of about \$35 per mile. He points out that under the county system the cost of maintaining the highways is levied on the towns and villages as well as upon the townships. His opinion that towns and villages should contribute to the construction and maintenance will be generally accepted as sound. Roads are public property, free for all alike, and it would be as fair to tax the people of the country districts for the railroads running through their territory as to exclusively tax them for the throughfares that pass by their farms.

Naturally Mr. Campbell devotes a good deal of attention to the question of State aid. He proposes that the Government contribute about one third of the cost of constructing standard roads. The character of the state-aided roads would vary according to requirements of the districts in which they might be constructed, the amount to be expended per mile in thinly settled districts being less than where the population is comparatively dense. He states what should be constantly borne in mind, that the object of the Government should be not so much to do the work of the people, as to encourage the people to do the work for themselves. There is no doubt that in other places the construction of state-aided highways has greatly stimulated the improvement of roadways in general. A farmer can haul a much heavier load on improved highways than on the sycamore country roads, and when a main road is put in good form he will improve the roads leading from his farm to the main highway in order that he may carry a full load from the starting point.

As instructor on highways Mr. Campbell has accomplished much good. He has not forced his opinions on the people but while giving the benefit of his training experience has left them to act for themselves. The influence of his addresses is especially shown in the increasing number of highways constructed on scientific principles and in the action of a number of townships in abolishing the wasteful statute labor system and substituting cash payments in its stead.

Priceville.

In this week's paper we feel it a special duty on us to make mention of the liberality in which those brave little girls and boys who were engaged from S. S. No. 10 Glenelg Top Cliff met with while engaged in the noble work of collecting for the Indian Famine Fund and we feel that it is not out of place to give the names of these little missionaries who so willingly volunteered at the suggestion of the teacher Miss McCannel to go forth and labor for the purpose of relieving suffering mankind from the jaws of starvation. Below we give the names and amount collected by each couple in their different sections. South gravel road, collected by George McMeekin and Samuel John McDiarmid \$5.40. South east, Bertha McIntyre and Mary McKechnie \$5.00. West south line Sadie McCaig and Clara Hooper \$3.30. South to Egremont Sarah McKinnon and Emma McEachern \$2.50. Chesley Chislet 35 cents making a total of \$16.25.

A number of our village boys left for Owen Sound a week or so ago where they expect to get employment and good remuneration for their labor.

Mr. Donald Gilles of this town is confined to his home for the last month from the effects of Rheumatism.

The busy season is now in full swing and everybody is busy hurrying in the road this week so as to have it all in good time.

Roads are getting good now after the mud and splash of the last 3 weeks.

Owing to a wheel broken in the saw mill the mill was idle for two weeks which means a loss to Mr. McCrae as in a few weeks the water will be getting low, but now the mill is in good running order again.

Rev. Matheson had prayer meeting at Mrs. Neil McDonald's south Glenelg on Wednesday of last week and was largely attended.

We understand that Mr. Hogarth Merchant of this place for the last 6 years is to leave in a few weeks and take up business again in the town of Collingwood. We wish Mr. Hogarth success in the movement.

Intelligence was received by professor Wm. Konold of the death by accident of his eldest son William who was head engineer on a Railway train in some part of the United States. This is the third son that has died for the last few years. Another son was killed instantly two years ago who was also engineer.

The waters are getting low in the Saugeen river and is much lower at this season of the year than it has been for years before. Consequently steam will have to be substituted for to run our mills in this town before many weeks as we are favored with both.

We see that Mr. Hogarth's sale is billed for Friday next the 4th May. We hope that the people will turn out well and secure some of the goods and chattels which are to be disposed of by Auctioneer D. McCormick on that day.

Work will be proceeded with in a few days in the thorough repair of the Commercial Hotel here as the material is all on the ground.

The mildness of the spring freshets caused little or no damage to bridges as far as we have heard. There are no less than eight bridges on the Saugeen river between Priceville and the Town Hall Glenelg which year after year takes an enormous amount of funds to keep in repairs so the representative in ward No 2 will rejoice to find that he has no new bridges to contend with, with the exception of the one further east on the 2nd con N. D. R. We hope then that of the \$1800.00 that was placed in the Treasury in Glenelg for bridges a fair share of it will be used in gravelling the roads as they are getting in bad repair.

Miss Matheson writes to her brother Rev. Matheson of this place that she arrived safe to her destination in Montana to her brother's place and she likes the country tolerably well although a stranger to a strange land.

The woods are beginning to show indications of being in bloom before long.

Fall wheat looks well after the frosts of spring, in general it is fairly good.

Mrs. Duncan McArthur is very low at present and cannot stand many days now.

Hector McLean at the corner townline received injuries from one of his horses which disabled him for the last two weeks.

Martin Storobens is working teacher D. McDonald's farm this year again.

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Dromore.

Seeding is in full swing around here now, and so far there has not been much sweat lost. Looking around there are to be seen teams in almost every field crossing and recrossing, while the weary footed farmer plods on behind feeling thankful when his day's work is done, and he can say as in days gone by, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Rev. Mr. Campbell and Rev. Mr. Kenndal of Conn. exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The collection taken up last Sunday in Amos church in aid of the famine sufferers of India amounted to \$52.40.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark of Varney attended service here last Sunday.

Mrs. C. Renwick who has been for the past four weeks in Toronto Hospital undergoing an operation, returned last Saturday much improved, although not as well as we would like to have reported.

BORN.

McAULEY.—In Durham on March 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McAuley a daughter.

BOYCE.—In Bentinck on the 15th inst., the wife of Edward Boyce of a son.

TWAMLEY.—In Bentinck, on the 21st inst., the wife of Robt. Twamley of a daughter.

McLURE.—In Williamsford on the 24th inst., the wife of Alex. McLure of a son.

MARRIED.

McKECHNIE—CAMPBELL.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Hanover on Thursday April 28, by Rev. J. Craigie, Mr. John McKechnie, of the firm of N. G. & J. McKechnie, Durham, to Miss Nettie, daughter of Duncan Campbell, Clerk of Bentinck and Hanover.

DIED.

KENNEY.—Near Allen Park on Saturday April 29 John Kennedy aged 79 yrs.

Jasper.—In Hartney Manitoba, on Monday April 30, Mr. Richard Jasper aged 60 yrs. Deceased, who is the father of Mrs. D. Greenwood, Edge Hill moved from Belmont, Ontario, to Hartney, Man. 16 yrs ago, and survived his wife about 3 years. Ed.]

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Farmers are busy sowing round this neighborhood.

Sorry to hear Mr. Jos. Firth Sr., was laid up with grip last week. Hope he may soon get over it. Mrs. Staples continues to improve.

Miss Minnie Topham, is visiting old friends in this neighborhood.

Miss Fannie McNally is home after spending the 7 or 8 mo. is Toronto.

Mrs. D. Greenwood received a sad telegram on Monday announcing the death of her father that day at his home in Hartney, Manitoba.

Good Sale.—Mr. D. Greenwood sold a 3 year old Colt to Mr. John Picken for \$110.

Maple Park.

Jack McKechnie leaves to-day for Wa. city. Jack will be greatly missed for he was a favorite among all his acquaintances especially the fair sex.

Wm. Frock leaves for Walkerton next week where he has secured a job in a saw-mill.

Joe Campbell has moved back to—? again. He intends to remain there.

We think that Boothville cor. must have made a mistake about the wood cutting we think it must have been hours instead of minutes.

H. McCrae had a large gang of men river driving last week. They were all pretty dry excepting Joe he got a cold bath.

Mrs. Joe Campbell is going to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Douglas till the weather gets warmer.

Mr. Chas. Moore and bride have settled down to the stern realities of married life. We wish them a long and prosperous journey. May all their troubles be little ones.

Mr. Chas. Ferguson has rented the Elder farm again. We presume that Chas will run the Big three this summer.

Dugald Ferguson sold a horse to George Haw for the sum of \$70 dollars.

W. Porter bought a horse from Sandy McDonald for the sum of \$65 dollars. Billy says he is cross.

Lewis Frock is engaged for the summer with Donald McLean.

A Calder is engaged with William Foster for the spring work. A is a hustler.

The young lads and lasses spent a most enjoyable evening at D. McIntyre's Wednesday dancing and singing.

Miss Florence and Mary McKechnie were visiting in this part Saturday.

Miss Kate R. Ferguson was visiting friends at Boothville Tuesday.

What we would like to know: Who got over steam? If it was sold standing at the time that night with thanks.

THE WAR.

A Great Movement On.

The feature of the week has been the great turning movement stretching to the Southeast of Bloemfontein and sweeping northwards with that point as a pivot. The intention to intercept the escaping Boers seems to have failed for they have not only escaped from Weperner and Thaba Nchu, but they have taken supplies with them, and of course their guns. A rear-end fight is in progress, and French will make it a very harassing one. They are making for Ladybrand in the centre of a fine agricultural district which is bound soon to be in possession of the British.

The Canadians have been in some of the engagements which all seem to have been of a minor character. Col. Otter has been slightly wounded in the neck, but details are wanting.

The situation in Natal is the same, though the Boers are reported to be mounting guns at Elandslagte.

Mafeking has now been over 6 months besieged and is holding out bravely. Gen. Hunter, who was next to White in Ladysmith, is to move north from Kimberly with a force supposed to be aiming for Mafeking.

A Canadian battery has been landed at Beira, and the Portuguese there warmly welcomed the British.

The Transvaal delegates have failed completely in Europe; and are now on their way to get Brother Jonathan to interfere.



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