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## The Pest of Too Many Laws

Realizing that reckless driving over railway crossings is causing a large and quite unnecessary loss of life, the Guelph, Ont., Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution to the effect that the governments. Provincial and Federal, one or both, should bestir themselves and enact legislation which will make it compulsory for motor and other drivers to bring their vehicles to a complete stop at a safe distance from a crossing, and ascert in that all is clear and safe before pro-

While naturally we have every sympathy with the purpose of the resolution, it is none the less a piece with a lot of other well intentioned but useless legislation that is now crowdthrough the years adopted the pernicious United States custom (they do better in Great Britain) of running of special pleading, asking for laws

In the case in point the result would naturally he nil. If people are such fools as to drive over railway crossings without taking obvious precautions and we pass a law or amend statute to cover the case, how are we to enforce it? It would merely mean another law that is passed and forgotten almost before the ink is dry. If people are willing to risk their lives by carelessly crossing a railway track,, are they the sort who would pay any attention to a law framed for their protection?

We have on the statute books in all provinces a multitude of laws, illconsidered, half-baked and mostly useless. Fortunately they perish nat- that sub-titles could be used in the hew no favoritism toward any parurally from lack of use. For instance, advertising to set forth the fact that ticular route across Ontario. in some provinces there is a law the rorute follows the north shore of against fishing on Sunday. Who Lake Erie and through the Gar en ever paid any attention to it, even in Ontario? The States of the Ameri-

In one western State there is a law able name for the route be competitive via a endeavoyed to affiliate with the against women over thirty-five us- ar ong the municipalities on the route blue Water Association and thus proing cosmetics. In another all hotel sheets must be at least seven feet. The towns and villages that are in ing to do with one's personal conduct,

day and sunvise Monday morning. forbidden in Boston, but as there Ald. Webster. were plenty of playhouses in New the Boston people began building "music halls" and "lecture halls" and pret-

In this country we enact a hundred in our Provincial legislatures where be tendered by Windsor. one new law goes into effect in Great Province of Quebec, where they are still extremely cautious in this re-

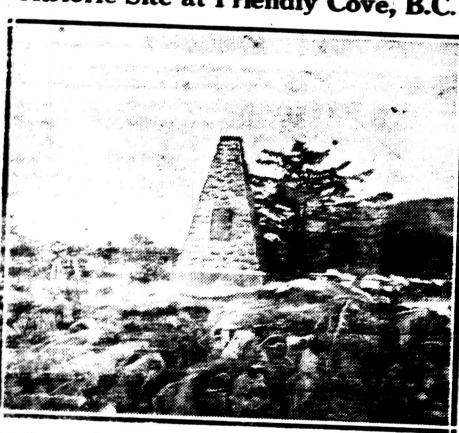
to our legislators with this or that his a British Columbia attorney, "whether these batches of amendments do to cover the case, without any clear not result from our legislators having idea of what the ultimate effect is little else to do, and when all else fails some member from somewhere gets to work and amends some section of some statute without anyone competent really realizing or caring what the ultimate effect is going to

governed. Legislatures should take ports of entry about four months of an extended holiday, with or without the year to distribute Southern Oxpay, and the same might well apply to our governing bodies at Ottava.

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of Canada. Ald. J. T. Webster advocated weit-

which no one pays the least heed. who made that the choosing of a suit-Historic Site at Friendly Cove, B.C.



The historic past of the Nootka section of the West Coast was recalled recently when Lieutenant-Governor Walter C. Nichol, of British Columbia, unveiled and dedicated a monument commemorating the explorations of those great English navigators, Captain Cook and Captain Vancouver.

The monument was built under the auspices of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada which is placing similar memorials across the

Monuments Board of Canada which is placing similar memorials across the Dominion on sites hallowed by interesting chapters of Canadian history.

A large party travelled on the Canadian Pacific S.S. Princess Maquinna for the ceremony and left the steamer at the cannery wharf, boarding launches for the short run to Friendly Cove. The party included Lieut.-Governor Nichol, H. J. S. Muskett, his secretary, Judge Howay and Mr. Forsyth, Dr. C. S. Newcombe, the well-known historical suthority who wrote the "Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island," Prof. W. N. Sage of the University of British Columbia, Mrs. R. B. McMicking, representing the LO.D.E., Mrs. and Miss Howay. Thomas Deasy, late Indian agent for LO.D.E., Mrs. and Miss Howay, Thomas Deasy, late Indian agent for the Queen Charlotte agency and a pioneer of 1859, Dr. David Donald, Mrs. Cave-Browne-Cave, and Professor Macmillan Brown, chancellor of the University of New Zealand. Dr. Macmillan Brown is one of the leading

the University of New Zealand. Dr. Macmillan Brown is one of the leading ethnologists of the Pacific, and has been spending the summer on the coast investigating the Indians and their customs.

The new monument is seven feet broad by eleven feet high, with a "Nootka Sound, discovered by Capt. Cook, in March, 1778. In June, 1789, Spain took possession and established and maintained a settlement until 1796. The capture of British vessels in 1789 almost led to war, which was avoided by the Nootka Convention, 1790. Vancouver and Quadra met bere in August, 1792, to determine the land to be restored under the convention."

A feature of the entertainment provided those who took part in the unveiling ceremony was the Indian dancing, arranged by aborigines from Clayoquot Sound, the Wicaninish of the early navigators' journals. Tentative plans are afoot for an elaborate pageant to be held at Friendly Cove, Nootka Island, in four years time to calebrate the 150th anniversary of events commemorated by the unveiling of the cairn.

The Places Included

long. In New England the statute the allotment of the budget plan are books were full of "blue laws" hav as follows: Essex, Kingsville, Leamington, Wheatley, Blenheim, Ionu, Sheddon, Eagle, Morpeth and Walsuch for instance as that which for- la etown, one contributing group; St. bade women dressing their hair in a Thomas, Port Stanley, and Talbotville manner which would attract atten- as another group; Aylmer and Port tion, or to wear ribbons or silks. Fir Bruce: Courtland and Delhi: Tillson-New Jersey today if anybody paid Dimerile, Cayuga and Port Colbourne ful advertising, Mr. Heard pointed any attention to the laws on the the allotments were made by a spestatute books, not a motor car could cial committee named at the meeting interest United States tourists in their o utilized between sundown Satur- consisting of officers of the association and Mayor Shillington of Blen- did not think many tourists would be The time was when theatres were W. H. Heard, Mayor Sloggett na. route in starting. heim, C. H. Denton of Tillsonburg, diverted if they decided on some other

York, the people of the "Bean City" of \$10 per 100 inhabitants. It was C. H. Denton, W. C. Coloff, Fred Mawent there for entertainment. Then the unanimous opinion of the repre- kee, Charles Parlow. Simcoe was ty soon the law was forgotten and of Blenheim reported that he had McPherson, James McVittie, D. W. J. Boston vied with New York as a the- been in communication with Means. Mott. Aylmer sent J. P. Coyle, J. I. No. 128-Iv for Canfield Jc. 5.10 p.m. iaws or amendments to existing laws, was confident valuable assistance will Henry Downey and Morpeth by Th s.

The objective was first fixed at Britain. The shining exception is the \$5,000 on motion of Mr. McPherson HOLDERS OF VICTORY BONDS and Vice-President J. P. Coyle of Aylmer, but President Harding agreed with others that a \$6,400 budget would be more appropriate if possible "Sometimes one wonders," writes to raise that amount. Mr. Thayer and Ald. Webster suggested \$10,000, pointing out the large amount work ahead of the association.

R. M. Anderson, city, asked for information in regard to the manner in which the money was to be expended. Mr. McPherson offered explanations. Attractive booklets, well-illustrated and containing authentic maps of the road and a complete log, should be - ued and thoroughly distributed in the United States and in addition he The amount of it is we are over- favored the retention of men at the tario Highway literature among ircoming motorists and furnish information. This would cost money if carried out properly, he explained.

Ald. Webster reported that there was a possibility that this latter exnse could be eliminated as he had heard that the Ontario Department of Highways also had under consideration the opening of information bureaus at each port of entry with arnonious name and he explained alle men in charge, men who would

## Third Largest Business

Mr. McPherson of Blenheim urged the importance of the movement. It can Union are filled with laws to ways has reported. Suggestions were general that the United States tourist traffic is a desirable thing to acquire he said. Government statistic for 1923 showed that the tourist traffic was the third largest business in Ontarib. United States visitors leaving approximately \$135,000,000 here. To acquire its share of this traffic meart that all persons resident along the Southern Highway would be benefitted. He reported on semi-official figures for traffic over the Blue Water Highway during the past summer. More than 25,000 United States motorists, he had learned, took out 30day permits at Sarnia for the purpose of touring that route while approximately 5,000 Americans enterat Windsor took out 30-day permits and followed the Blue Water Loute. Estimating that those tourists spent an average of five dollars a day while in Ontario, that meant that they left \$150,000 a day along the route. Such figures made one begin to realize just how desirable the American tourist traffic was. Mr. McPherson did not think it would be a bad idea if the Southern Ontario Highway Associa-

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te an extension of that route along the north shore of Lake Erie to Niugara Falls. At present the Blue Route follows the shores of Lake Huron to Goderich and Barrie.

Ald. Webster and Mr. Heard urged the importance of getting the South ..... Highway literature in the hands of all the big motor clubs in the United States. Getting back at the out. It was up to the association to rotte before they started on our. He

The Tillsonburg representatives at The assessment was based at a rate the meeting were: George H. Hollier, sentatives present that Windsor should represented by R. W. Wallace and be invited to join the association and W. H. Youngs. Blenheim's quota was From Se. Pt. Dover to Canfield Jc. give financial assistance. G. F. Mott Mayor Shillington, G. F. Mott, C. W C'mmers and Lundy of that city and T ayer, E. C. Davis, Dr. H. J. Davis, From No.—Hamilton to St. Thomas had learned that they were in sym- J. E. Lindsay and George Sears. Se- No. 234 arr Jarvis pathy with the movement. Mr. Mott dar Springs was ably represented by No. 235-ly for St. Thomas. 11.15 a.m. Hedley.-Tillsonburg News.

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