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NEW ROAD LAW FOR McDOWELL

Entitled An Act to Improve the Public Roads of McDowell County—Township Commissioner.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That all roads that have been laid out in any township in McDowell County are hereby declared to be public roads, and the Road Commissioners herein-after named in each and every township shall have the supervision and control of the public roads in their respective townships. They shall, with respect to this work, constitute and be styled Road Commissioners of such township, and under that name, for the purposes aforesaid, they are hereby incorporated the Road Commissioners of such township. The said Road Commissioners of any township shall have power and authority, within their respective townships, to order the laying out of any public road where they shall deem it necessary, to appoint where bridges shall be made, to discontinue such roads as shall be by them found useless, and to alter roads so as to make them more useful. The roads of their respective townships shall be in their exclusive control.

Section 2. All able-bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen years and forty-five years shall be required to work on the public roads in their respective townships except the members of the Road Commission, six days in each and every year, and in case of damage resulting from heavy rains or storm, they may be required to work twelve days.

Section 3. That Road Commissioners provided for in section one of this act are hereby required to meet in their respective townships within ten days after receiving notice of their appointment, and organize by electing a chairman and a secretary, and they are hereby empowered with authority to divide their township roads into sections, and assign hands to such sections, and appoint overseers over same, which overseers are required to serve for one year without compensation. Any road hand may pay to the secretary of the Road Commission one dollar for each day required of such hand in lieu and stead of working the roads aforesaid. When the secretary receives money from hands in lieu of work, he shall report same to the Road Commissioners of his township, and the same shall be expended for the benefit of the roads of such township in the discretion of the Road Commissioners. It shall be the duty of the Road Commissioners in their respective townships to meet at least once a year to receive the overseers' reports, and do any and all acts necessary for the good of the roads of their respective townships. The chairman of the Road Commissioners of any township may call a special meeting when he deems same necessary. The Road Commissioners of each and every township shall receive, as compensation for their services one dollar per day for such days as they shall necessarily be employed. The said

Road Commissioners in their respective townships are hereby vested with authority to draw orders on the county Treasurer of McDowell County for any and all funds due their respective townships, said orders to be signed by their chairman, and countersigned by their secretary and treasurer, and when so signed, shall be legal vouchers in the hands of the County Treasurer, and shall be received by the finance committee in his settlements as such.

Section 4. That any person, company, or corporation, which has in its employ men subject to work upon the public roads of the respective townships, shall upon application by any road overseer, or by the Road Commissioners of said township, furnish a list of the names of all male persons in its employ, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years of age, and at the same time give such information as it has, or can by reasonable diligence obtain, as to how long each one of such employees has been in the county, and from whence they came.

Section 5. That all male persons located or regularly employed in any township, as aforesaid, shall, after they have resided, been located, or employed in such township for ten days, be required to work upon the public roads as herein before provided for in this act.

Section 6. That if any person, company or corporation, or the employees of such, shall damage any public road, bridge or causeway, by hauling logs, engines, saw-mill timber or material for the construction of any railroad or tramway and shall fail to repair the damage thereto, and leave the same in as good condition as formerly, within five days after being notified of such damage by any road overseer, or if any such person, company, or corporation, or the employees of such shall by such hauling damage any cartway or any private road without the consent of the owner of the land over which such cartway or private road runs, and shall fail to repair the damage so done to such cartway or private road, within five days from the time of notice from the owner of the land over which such road runs, or any person who necessarily travels and uses the same, in either of such cases such person, company or corporation, or the employees of such, so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 7. That said Road Commissioners in their respective townships aforesaid are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and upon any lands in their said townships for the purpose of laying out any new road or changing the present location of any road, or for the purpose of getting any rock, timber, or other material necessary to macadamize or improve the roads of their respective townships, and if any person over whose land any road shall be constructed altered or changed, or from whose land any material may have been taken, shall claim damages for such location or change in any road, or for material taken, he may file his claim in writing before the commissioners in their re-

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FIRE AT RUTHERFORDTON Central Hotel and Carpenter Buildings Destroyed—Loss Between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Rutherfordton, March 14.—The Central Hotel and the Carpenter building were destroyed by fire last Thursday night before the flames could be controlled. The Morrow brick building just across the alley was badly damaged by falling wall. The Western Union Telegraph office was torn down to help check the spreading flames and all messages were forwarded from the Seaboard depot on Friday. The Baptist church and the Carpenter residence were saved by heroic efforts. The loss is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$50,000 with insurance approximating \$12,400. Following the names of the firms occupying the Carpenter building and the amount of insurance carried:

Carpenter Grocery Company, wholesale groceries, \$2,000.

J. A. Wilson & Company, dry goods, \$4,000.

H. S. Toms, groceries and furniture, \$2,000.

J. H. Wood & Company, undertakers, stock nearly all saved.

McBrayer & McBrayer, attorneys; J. C. Souther, jeweler; Carpenter & Son, dealers in lime; J. B. Higgins, shoe shop; no insurance.

The Carpenter building was a two-story brick structure, the property of Mr. K. J. Carpenter, carrying \$2,500 insurance. Mr. Carpenter will rebuild.

The Central Hotel was an old three story frame building occupied by Miss May Hester, who saved nearly all of her household goods and furniture, with \$1900 insurance. Miss Hester has moved temporarily into the Morrow building further south on Main street, where she has again opened the hotel.

Mr. M. B. McDaniel's stock of goods were considerably damaged by removing from the old Morrow building and some goods were stolen we understand.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman about 9.50 p. m. in the rear of the Carpenter building and an alarm given but it was impossible to stop the flames owing to lack of a water supply. The origin of the fire is unknown.

HOWARD.

The Closing of North Cove School.

On Friday evening, March 10, the closing exercises of North Cove School was given.

The house was prettily decorated with evergreens. Songs, recitations, dialogues and drills composed the program.

"Nebuchadnezzar," a recitation by McKinley Lonon, was well spoken and showed what a great task it is to hold the temper as well as the lines in ploughing. The many other well chosen selections did credit to both pupils and teachers.

Mr. D. F. Gilles was present and made an inspiring talk. He urged the boys and girls to continue their studying through vacation.

Everyone went away feeling well paid for coming out.

The teachers, Misses Lynch and Brown, deserve much credit for the good work they have done in the school.

FREE DUTY ON UN-FINISHED LUMBER

How Lumber is Treated in the Reciprocity Agreement With Canada.

Mr. J. Q. Stevenson of the Enterprise Manufacturing Co., has received the following letter from Mr. Geo. Koehler, acting Chief of Division of Customs, explaining how lumber is treated in the reciprocity agreement with Canada. This is a most important matter now before our people and the letter will be of general interest. The letter follows:

"The Department duly received your letter of the 10th ultimo inquiring how lumber is treated in the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

"The following articles the growth, product or manufacture of the United States are to be admitted into Canada free of duty when imported from the United States, and reciprocally such articles the growth, product or manufacture of Canada are to be admitted into the United States free of duty when imported from Canada.

"Timber, hewn, sided or squared otherwise than by sawing, and round timber used for spars or in building wharves.

"Sawed boards, planks, deals and other lumber, not further manufactured than sawed.

"Paving posts, railroad ties, and telephone, trolley, electric light and telegraph poles of cedar or other woods.

"Wooden staves of all kinds, not further manufactured than listed or jointed, and stave bolts.

"Pickets and palings.

"The following articles the growth, product or manufacture of Canada are to be admitted into the United States at the undermentioned rates of duty when imported from Canada.

Laths, per 1000 pieces 10c.

Shingles, per thousand 30c.

Sawed boards, planks, deals and other lumber:

Planed or finished on one side per M feet B. M. 50c.

Planed or finished on one side and tongued and grooved, or planed or finished on two sides per M feet B. M. 75c.

Planed or finished on three sides, or planed and finished on two sides and tongued and grooved per M feet B. M. \$1.12½.

Planed and finished on four sides per M feet B. M. \$1.50.

And in estimating board measure under this schedule no deduction shall be made on board measure on account of planing, tonguing, and grooving."

School Closing at Dysartsville.

The annual entertainment of Dysartsville High School will be given Saturday, April 1st. The exercises will consist of two programs. One at 3:00 p. m. will be free to everybody. The evening exercises will begin at 8 o'clock. Admission: Adults 15c, children 10c. Proceeds for the benefit of school. A literary address will be one of the features of this program. The public is cordially invited.

H. S. Barger, of Asheville, has been appointed a clerk at \$900 in the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C.

HANKINS SCHOOL

Commencement on March 4th a Great Success.

On the night of March 4th, the Hankins school held its first commencement entertainment. The program consisted of songs, recitations, declamations and other stage exercises, interspersed with music furnished by a string band. The entertainment from first to last was a marked success. The songs were well rendered, the recitations were very good and the declamations were generally well delivered and some of them unusually well, showing marked oratorical talent in some of the boys.

The house was filled to overflowing with people, and the most perfect good order prevailed throughout the entire evening. The behaviour of even the small children was so perfect as to give undoubted proof of the fact that they had been well taught by their teachers, and well raised at home. The parents of the entire community were present, mothers being present with the little ones, showing the greatest interest in the occasion and the education of their children.

No one could witness this entertainment and doubt that the teachers of this school, Mr. Z. C. Camp and Miss Jennie Hunter, are good teachers, and have gained the confidence and affections of the people of this community for the excellent school they have taught during the past session, to say nothing of the great benefit to the children on account of their participation in so excellent an entertainment as this proved to be, for which the people of the community owe them an additional debt of gratitude.

Parents have reason to be proud of such a school as this one is, and of children who can provide such an entertainment, and teachers have reason to be proud, as it was evident these teachers were, of such children.

The people of Hall Town it is evident are waking up to a realization of the importance of educating their children, and much may be expected of this section, and its talented boys and girls in the near future.

A VISITOR.

Famine Still Raging.

Washington, March 8.—There is no abatement in the crying needs of the starving people of China as indicated by advices received by the State Department. As a further measure of relief, the American National Red Cross today cabled \$2,000 to the American consul general at Shanghai for distribution to the famine sufferers. Information received by the State Department by mail continues to reiterate that women and children are being sold by the sufferers to buy food. Great numbers are dying of starvation, in some instances entire families perishing in a single day.

Corporation Tax Constitutional.

Washington Dispatch, 15th.

The corporation tax provision of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act was sustained today as constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. The decision of the court was unanimous.