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FORGING CONNECTING LINK

Good Road Between Washington and Richmond Nearing Completion



THE connecting link in the motor journey North or South, between Washington and Richmond, promises to be a reality of the near future. ¶ At present there remains less than fifteen miles of road to be constructed, says the *Washington Star*, and the principal difficulty in the way of the completion of the road is that portion in Prince William County, and it is necessary to provide in some manner approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 to secure a first-class road from Washington to Richmond. If this fund were on hand the work could probably be completed by summer time, so that there would be an excellent road all the way through and this important enterprise would thus be consummated. While donations have been made all along the route of the highway, nothing has been donated by the city of Washington.

According to Henry W. Anderson, president of the Richmond-Washington highway, it will cost when completed, more than \$250,000 for the work. The task has been one of great difficulty and attention has been given to every detail. ¶ The route of the highway is through Henrico, Hanover, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Prince William, Fairfax and Alexandria counties. Among the donations received were several large ones from hotels and clubs in the southern capital. ¶ Progress of work on the highway up to the present time follows:

HENRICO COUNTY.—No actual work has been done on the road in this county during the past twelve months. With the exception of a small portion of the road, it is in passable condition. The city of Richmond has recently appropriated the sum of \$100,000 to aid in the construction of roads in Henrico county in connection with the annexation proceedings, and assurances have been given by the chairman of the county board of supervisors that part of this sum will be expended in the improvement of this road to the Hanover line.

HANOVER COUNTY.—Several forces have been at work during the entire past year on the road from the Caroline County line to Newman's mill, where it connects with the improved road extending from that point to the Henrico County line. This entire road through Hanover County has been completed with the exception of about 2,500 feet.

CAROLINE COUNTY.—The road through Caroline County from Hanover line through Chilesburg to the Spotsylvania line has been completed and is in good condition.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY.—The road through Caroline to Spotsylvania courthouse has been constructed during the past year. A good gravel road from Spotsylvania courthouse to Fredericksburg was constructed a few years since and is in good condition. That portion of the

road from Fredericksburg to the bridge across the Rappahannock River, has been constructed by the Automobile Club of Fredericksburg and is in good condition.

STAFFORD COUNTY.—The road through Stafford has been constructed from the Rappahannock River to a point a short distance beyond Mountain View, where the county and state funds were exhausted. The Richmond-Washington highway Corporation arranged with the county authorities to have the convicts, used in the construction of this road, begin work at Chappawamsic Creek and build south to connect with the improved road, the corporation supplying the funds for this work and the convicts doing the labor. It is believed that the corporation can provide funds to complete the road through Stafford County, which will give a first-class road to the Prince William line.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—Several sections of the highway have been constructed in Prince William County. The road between Neabsco Creek and Chappawamsic Creek, four and one-half miles, is graded, but only graveled three and one-half miles, thus leaving a section between these two creeks of four miles which has not been graded and one mile which has not been graveled. Between Chappawamsic Creek and Occoquan there is a section of two and one-half miles which has not been graded nor graveled. The state highway commissioner estimates that it will require about \$12,000 to complete this road through Prince William County, as the construction is heavy and the material is not readily available.

FAIRFAX COUNTY.—The County of Fairfax during the past year provided a bond issue for the improvement of the road from Alexandria south to Pohick Church. This will leave about one and one-half miles of road between Pohick Church and Lorton station unimproved. From that point south to Occoquan the road has been improved by the reformatory of the District of Columbia, located near Occoquan. It is estimated that it will require about \$3,300 to complete this road, and efforts will be made to secure the co-operation of the reformatory and county authorities to accomplish it.

ALEXANDRIA COUNTY.—A good road has been constructed between Washington and Alexandria without aid from the funds of the corporation and the same is now in good condition.

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