

in general, did their little bit towards the general welfare according to their several abilities. There were the few, who filled the position in the more public sphere, such as, acting on various Committees, and road boards or councils.

I think it must be recognized that the school Committee, was the starting point, in the career of many public men, every where, some perhaps "pitchforked" as the saying is, into the position, there are the many who may say, "I can't do this or that," but with effort, the experience is gained and one thing leads to another, and so it was, that the community interest was born, as against the individual. When all is said and done, very often, the public man, ~~often~~ has to endure much, blame & censure, if things do not always turn ~~out~~ out as was hoped, but when labour is done in the public interest, and not for personal gain that person is entitled to be looked upon as a benefactor.

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In the development of our district, & surrounding ones, under local government such as the Road Board there was very much work to be done every where & very often, it was a question of which could be done first, and was of vital importance that some one should be elected, to see that it was accomplished. I suppose that is the general principle. But I have come across many instances, where it seems that improvements have seemed to

suddenly cease, when it has reached certain ^{a spot} a short distance off a members gateway or entrance to the property. But perhaps that was only natural and quite in order, and altogether different to the present method of making the highways for every body. There has been, at least until quite lately very many instances where folks have lived along back or side roads, and paid rates for half a lifetime & yet have ^{not} to contend with bad roads.

In those early times, it was steady development, according to local requirements. Like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" They grewed:

Well so it was amongst our early folks, & from them came those who have taken their share in the public interest all along.

At the beginning of this writing I mentioned perhaps all or nearly so, of the people, in the district. They came all came from the old Country, England, Scotland Ireland & Wales. But of those, there are comparatively few whose family representatives are in the district now. Amongst these or perhaps the only ones, are Chas. Mitchell's son; several of the Brooks family ~~and~~ Boaps, & Stephens, but this I think is nearly all.

What were the characteristic features of these well it would be hard to describe. There emjers