

1 The old woman who enjoyed poor health — we might as appropriately say N.C. enjoys poor roads & with the old system in vogue we may confidently expect to enjoy still poorer. So it is not a matter of choice that we have determined to change but one of necessity. It has been often asserted, and truthfully too that every one measures distance by time & cost except the farmer. The city man rides 10 miles to his business for a nickel. The improvements of suburban roads & improved

2 streets made this 10 miles shorter than the overage 2 miles in the country.

Each year the R.R. transported a thousand million tons of freight - accurate. Every pound of this freight was sorted to the R.R. at a cost in excess of the R.R. charge to the nearest market. Besides this millions were hauled into the nearest market towns for local consumption.

574, million tons of Hay

94, " " " Cereals

6, " " " potatoes

2, " " " Cotton making

a total of 156, million tons were hauled by the farmers teams at a cost of twelve hundred million dollars

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Compare the over good and bad roads -

Every good country road increases the value of every farm along its course -

5% increase in U.S. adds \$650,000,000
at same ratio for U.C. and the
value of rural wealth would be
increased \$16,000,000

Good Roads

Jan 1894

Inches

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 8

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