

## IMPROVE COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

There is no reason whatever why the city should not carry out, with the least possible delay, the widening and improvement of Commonwealth avenue, which Boston was pledged to do years ago. As the Transcript well puts the state of the case:

Years of waiting have brought to investors in this section a gasless, waterless, sewerless highway, finely macadamized from the reservoir gate to the junction with Brighton avenue, and a partly completed road as far as the "cross-roads" at Beacon street. The sixty-foot avenue of the former section wobbles around in the two hundred foot grant, touching now one limit, now the other, and in some places lies a hundred and more feet from the front line of the private estates. Meantime taxes have been assessed at higher rates, and even the richest holders are threatened with a sort of land poverty if they have not already been "frozen out."

It has been proposed—and no voice of dissent has been heard—to appropriate \$300,000 towards the work of widening Commonwealth avenue and carrying out the long-deferred agreement of the city with those holding land along the line.

The finance committee, which now has the matter in hand, ought to report this appropriation favorably, and the city council should pass it at the earliest opportunity. Even at this season much can be done in such work as blasting and stone crushing; and the coming of spring should find some decided advance in an undertaking that in all justice ought to have been carried through long before this Columbian year.

## HE HEARS THE PEOPLE'S VOICE.

It is interesting to note that brother GREENHALGE cheerfully admitted in his address before the Norfolk Club that the people of the country as a whole are determined to try the experiment of lower protective duties.

The charge of desiring to scale down duties, even to the ultimate point of strictly revenue tariffs, is thus shifted from the shoulders of the Democracy and laid upon "the people as a whole," including of course Republicans as well as Democrats.

Such evidence that brother GREENHALGE, at least, is alive to the general sentiment and purpose of the people is gratifying. With what the ex-congressman imagines the people have "probably in view" in the future we need not concern ourselves. It is much that he knows what the people really want now. All that is needed is that the DREW of the Spindle City should take one additional step and trust the people. Then all will indeed be well.

Brother GREENHALGE knows that "the people as a whole" are "in it" on this trip, and that the man at the helm of administration is emphatically the people's choice. Let him and all his brethren learn to trust the people, and they will all be happy yet.

## MAKE IT A GREAT SUCCESS.

Everybody who is interested in the work of common school education ought to lend a hand to make the approaching bazaar in aid of the teachers' mutual benefit fund a great success.

Assuredly the army of instructors of youth merit the most cordial public encouragement in this endeavor to help themselves, by providing proper pensions for those who by long-continued and faithful service have earned the right of untroubled and honorable retirement.

It would be easy to show that both pupil and instructor could not fail to benefit by the success of an enterprise which would free many a teacher from the anxieties which thoughts of coming years and failing powers must inevitably bring. But this is scarcely necessary in a community like Boston, which has been quick to recognize and appreciate the value of the careful, conscientious and thorough work in training others which is quietly going on, day by day, in hundreds of schools.

Make the Teachers' Bazaar the first week in December, in this city, a phenomenal success, "from start to finish."

## TO BE CONGRATULATED.

New England is fairly to be congratulated upon the possession of a great, growing and enterprising system like the Boston & Maine.

Energetic, skillful and far-sighted railway management always counts for the public's advantage as well as to the profit of stockholders. Faith in the future of Boston and of New England is amply demonstrated by the generous provision which has been made by this corporation for the years that are to come.

Under its present skillful direction, the Boston & Maine—as its recent annual report clearly shows—is not only making handsome earnings for its stockholders, but is also constantly providing better service for the great and growing public, whose interests it seeks to serve.