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than those of any other State or Territory of the Union. Long before the Territory was organized, there existed a number of great thoroughfares, located and established by the general government for the accommodation of the commerce of the Great Plains, New Mexico, the Government Military Outposts, Utah, and the emigration to California. Chief among these are the Santa Fe road, the Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley and the Fort Kearney military roads, which are annually traversed by many thousand wagons, carrying from three to four tons of freight each. All of these roads form parts of the different routes to the new gold mines, and will for ever remain the trunk roads of Kansas. They were located with great care by government officers, and follow, mostly, the dry ridges, and are for nine months in the year in excellent order. As settlements have progressed, new roads have been opened in various directions, to accommodate local interests, until the settled portions show a complete network of fine natural roads. The Territorial Legislature have declared many of these roads Territorial roads, and at their recent session passed a law providing for the location and opening of eleven new trunk Territorial roads, which are to be surveyed, opened and constructed forthwith. But little is necessary to be done in constructing a road in Kansas. An occasional short bridge, or a log culvert, for the small branches of streams, and a furrow across the prairie to indicate the route, is all that is necessary; and such roads, after being traveled a few weeks, are equal to the best turnpikes in the Eastern States.

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