



Ashore at Race Point Light. ----- 1900



OVER THE NEW STATE ROAD, TIP END OF CAPE COD, BEYOND PROVINCETOWN



Back on road and going to Coast Guard Station.

October 1st, 1873

Road To The Backside

The above question is being agitated again. Years ago it was looked upon as an absurd idea of hardening a road to the back of the Cape from the town. But opinions have changed in many matters. The making of our present main street (?) was opposed "tooth and nail" by many of the strongest men, also our sidewalk. We can now see how unwise it was and that it ought to have occupied twice its present width. We have been very conservative as a town in many public matters and now at the eleventh hour we discover that we have been carrying out a penny wise and pound foolish principle. We have not looked sufficiently to the future; have never seemed to think the town would need any other business, educational or advantages for pleasure seekers. We have not been wisely economical.

We do not advise lavish expend-

itures by towns or individuals. We do not believe prodigality or penury ever produce real and permanent thrift in any community. We should look well before we leap and examine carefully any enterprise before we undertake it. It is now believed that the expense of constructing a road to the ocean would not be enormous. It is a practical work. The beach can be hardened and protected with grass so as to remain, men of knowledge in these matters believe. It is not essential that this road should be more than wide enough for one team and it is not necessary that the whole of such a road should be built in one year. Owners of back land ought to rejoice in even the contemplation of such a work and their own interests should prompt them to cordially second any effort to procure it. We feel very confident that this will eventually be undertaken and the sooner the better for the town.

*Rembert?
see ahead*