

MUNICIPAL CONTROL FOR CITIES OF FIRST CLASS IN KANSAS.

Senator E. F. Porter, of Crawford, Kans., recently introduced a bill in the state senate providing for municipal ownership of telephones in cities of the first class.

SMALL DEATH RATE.

The State of Washington shows a smaller death rate of any of the United States. Washington has a number of women food inspectors, who look closely after sanitation, and it is said of be the only State that has a woman on the State Board of Health. Incidentally, it is also a State where women vote.

Deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 births, by cities:

Lowell, Mass	23.1
Fall River, Mass.	18.6
Detroit, Mich.	17.9
Seattle, Wash.	8.2
Los Angeles, Cal.	9.7
Dunedin, New Zealand	3.8

(The three last-named cities are in states or countries where women have the ballot.)—New York Tribune.

The large amount of road work contemplated in Canada during the immediate future has induced the Imperial Oil Company to place on the market the full line of road oils, binders and asphalt manufactured in Mexico and refined in the States, known there as the "Standard" Products. For many years Standard road products have enjoyed a high reputation and, with their own steamers and splendid facilities through their many branch offices, The Imperial Oil Company will be able to place these goods successfully on the Canadian Market.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Recently a large number of delegates from the various women's organizations throughout the province, met at Regina, the result being the promotion of The Provincial Equal Franchise Board of Saskatchewan. Its name implies the aim and object of the organization. However, it was decided that no active campaign would be conducted during the war, notwithstanding the impression of the gathering that the present moment was propitious. Meantime, the central committee will arrange a systematic scheme of educational work, and also get into touch with speakers calculated to espouse the cause eloquently. The matter of the Board's constitution has been left with a sub-committee. It was generally anticipated that sooner or later the agitation for female suffrage would take active form. It has been brewing now for some considerable time.

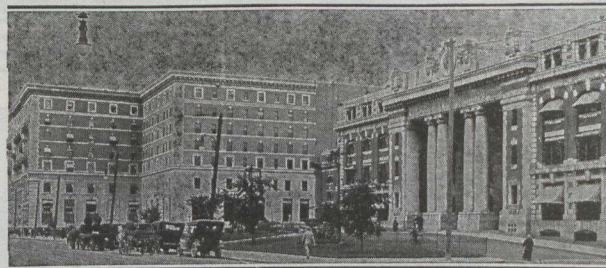
PROVINCIAL ROADS.

The financial situation is difficult and the Ontario Government is called upon to make many extraordinary expenditures, but it would be a pity if the good roads programme outlined a year or more ago were wholly postponed because of the war. Great progress was made by Government surveyors in all parts of the Province last year. Detailed descriptions of existing highways were obtained, together with full particulars as to local and through traffic and as to material locally available for construction purposes.

There are, and will be while the war lasts, many able-bodied unemployed in the cities. If the farmers need one thing more than another they need better roads over which to haul their produce to market or the railway station. If construction work can be financed on a number of Provincial highways during the coming spring, summer and autumn direct benefits will accrue to both urban and rural communities. The Government is giving this problem its most earnest consideration, and doubtless the good roads programme will be proceeded with as rapidly as revenue and money market conditions permit.—Toronto News.

LANDING THE BIG JOBS.

There may be a way of landing the big jobs other than working up to them. But don't try it. There is more work in trying to find that way than there is in the straight climb.—Everett R. Roeder.



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USING THE PUBLIC TELEPHONE IN LONDON.

Notices, printed in heavy black type, can now be seen in London and suburban post offices, bearing on the use of the public telephone. Readers are informed that before using a public telephone station in a post office, one must apply to the counter first before trunk line calls are made. The notice also states that two persons may not enter a silence cabinet together or successively for the same fee. The "silence cabinet" is, of course, the telephone booth.

TELEPHONE PATROL SYSTEM FOR MOUNTED POLICE.

The Canadian patrol system, with telephones at each point where the police "make their posts" will be put into effect in Louisville, Ky., in the near future over a large section of the southern and western parts of the city, the sections which are patrolled by mounted policemen. This is in accordance with plans which have been worked out by the chief of police and approved by the board of public safety.

There will be 24 mounted police in this branch of the service and the system will be worked out so that once each half hour every man visits the telephone station, at a central station some one of the policemen will be on duty 40 minutes out of each hour.

The large amount of Macadam roads finished with a binder has opened up a broad field for the refineries of road oils and binders. The Asphalt & Supply Company who represent the well known Mexican interests of Lord Cowdray, in Canada, have just completed arrangements to place on the Canadian market "Fluxphalte," a new asphalt macadam binder, which has enjoyed a splendid reputation in Great Britain.

The Company have leased space on the wharves at Montreal, where they will erect storage tanks to hold 160,000 gallons of "Fluxphalte" and fuel oil. They have also placed on the market a special "Fluxphalte" spreader, which will be loaned and not sold outright.