

hear the opinions of the members of the county councils on this subject, and it might be well to discuss some of these features before electing officers."

The Chairman—"It seems to me that if the secretary drops out it will be a great loss to the good roads movement. We might hear Mr. Campbell on the suggestions."

In response to the invitation Mr. Campbell arose to address the meeting amidst warm applause. He said:

"Not being a member of your Association I do not know as I should say very much on this particular matter. I have attended most of the meetings held under the auspices of the Good Roads Association, the Western Ontario Good Roads Association and this Association, and possibly while there have been meetings larger in number than the one held here this week yet it looks to me as if the Eastern Ontario Good Roads Association is making marvelous progress. I do not know of another subject affecting the interest of the general public that would draw together a more representative body of municipal men of the biggest possible type than has been drawn here to attend this meeting. I do not know how it would be possible for you to institute any sort of organization that can possibly advance the good roads movement to a greater extent than by continuing this Association. I do not think it would be wise at this time, even if we had to increase the present secretary's salary (laughter), to allow him to withdraw; in fact, we might double his salary rather than lose his services. (Renewed laughter.)

"There is an immense amount of work before you, and there is a great deal of work for the secretary. There is the collecting together of such meetings as this, which is quite an effort in itself. The local parties in charge of the work, I am sure, realize to a great extent the difficulty and trouble there is in making arrangements for the reception and entertainment of such a body and yet that is trifling when compared with the active work going on in the way of corresponding with different councils, receiving replies and rebuffs thrown in, and finally drawing up and arranging a programme that will be of interest to your Association.

"Now, sir, I believe you are moving along good lines; I think in eastern Ontario your Association has done a wonderful amount of good work, but you are just now on the threshold of the great good that can be done; you are just beginning to be alive to the situation and to grapple with that question as to whether or not you should commute or abolish statute labor; whether you should hand over to the councils some of your roads or not, and whether or not advantage should be taken of the legislative grant, and many other questions of great importance that have not been settled by yourselves and that must be more closely studied by you as the parties who are going to direct the thought of the people in your respective districts. Unless you cling together and arrive at the best conclusion for each of the counties comprised in this section, and undertake to carry this home and hold meetings in your districts to explain these matters to your people, then this whole effort that has been so loyally and faithfully made by you in the past four or five years will amount to naught. And why should you not continue your organization? Your work is not finished, nor will it be finished in the next half century. It is necessary that this agitation should go on and meetings be held every year, and the more meetings you hold in the school house and the township halls and the more of the people you come into communication with and explain these matters to the greater amount of good is going to come from this Association. (Applause.)

"You speak of some doubt as to what interest our department will take in this matter and whether they will continue the grant of \$200. That is about one-half of your expense, and I have this to say, that if it is not sufficient and if proper representations are made I believe that it will be increased so long as it is shown that you are doing general good with the money expended. We are anxious that the agitation should do good but there is no earthly reason why we should be more