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TORONTO TO SARNIA HIGHWAY.

Those who on Tuesday attended the Highway conference at Stratford came away convinced that a provincial thoroughfare will, in the near future, be constructed from Toronto to Sarnia.

Representatives from thirteen interested counties were present. They represented the most populous and wealthiest section of Ontario. Their expressions left no room for doubt that they are seized of the importance of a standard highway and will enthusiastically back it.

When the movement to secure a provincial highway through these northern counties was initiated here, it was concluded that there might be only one and a race made between the northern and southern counties to reach the goal first. The outlook has since been brightened. It is seen that as far as Western Ontario is concerned its thriving industrial and agricultural interests cannot be served by one provincial highway. The early rivalry between north and south has disappeared and both are convinced that each section merits a good highway that will converge at Toronto.

Judging by the remarks of rural representatives, the early antipathy to the building of provincial highways is disappearing. Where it was once believed these thoroughfares would chiefly serve as speedways for motor cars, it is now seen that the chief benefits will accrue to the farmer in the marketing of his produce and purchasing supplies to market towns.

The possession of a motor-driven vehicle, whether truck or pleasure car, is not the exclusive privilege of the urbanite. They are within the reach of both town and country and promise to become as general in use as the horse and buggy. As a matter of fact the farmers of Ontario own more automobiles than any other class, and when their serviceability is more widely recognized they will realize that it is a needed utility and buy more of them. "Motorize and tractorize" will become their slogan.

Conceded, the farmer will admit that he has not always seen the benefits derivable from good roadways. These have hitherto appeared as bills of expense instead of investments, which return good dividends. It is becoming more and more apparent that roads which are not only impossible for six months of the year cause too much wear and tear on vehicles and horses, limit the loads which may be conveyed to and from market, waste valuable time and increase the cost of everything he sells and therefore of everything he buys. To the oft-criticized motorist belongs the credit of impressing on men's minds the high cost of poor roads.

Although the Toronto-Hamilton permanent highway only a few years old, it is proposed to double its width, an attempt to accommodate the traffic that flows over it.

People now go out of their way to reach and use it. It is a good thing then a similar highway will be an asset to any other populated section.

The first cost has, in the past, appalled the public. It seemed quite all right for steam railways to expend \$1,000,000 per mile on their lines but beyond the taxpayers' ability to expend \$12,000 to \$15,000 per mile on good roads, notwithstanding that there are several times as much farm products and merchandise conveyed over common roads than there is by rail.

From its motor license tax the province received last year \$1,250,000. It has in the treasury, received from this source and carried over from previous years \$2,250,000. There is an assurance that the Federal Government will bear 20 to 25 per cent. of the cost of provincial highways. Perceiving this and a million and a quarter per annum in motor car fees, the way is opened for an extensive road building campaign in Ontario, without the necessity of any heavy levy on the municipalities.

A provincial highway is not the only kind of road needed, else the taxpayers of Ontario would be justified in asking the province to defray its whole cost, less any assistance received from the Dominion. There are suburban and county roads to be constructed, and which will be of benefit to the municipalities. In view of this, the municipalities to be benefited will be called on to contribute a small percentage of the cost of the provincial highway—ten to twenty per cent.

Contributing toward it they will have a voice in determining what class of material shall be used on the proposed highway from Toronto to Sarnia.

Addressing the conference at Stratford, Mr. W. A. McLean, Deputy Minister of Highways, encouraged the delegates to press for the construction of this provincial highway. There was one point in his address, however, which issue could be taken. He said:

Where the highway will not be called upon to bear heavy traffic, it would be wise to build at moderate cost. But in the approaches to cities or large towns it is wise to build of concrete, so that the road-bed will stand up to the traffic demands that are made upon it.

Mr. McLean is considered to be a capable road engineer, but car owners will differ where he says that cheap construction will answer the purpose between towns, where traffic is light. May it not be that a provincial highway between Toronto and Sarnia, will approachably be as generally used as that between Toronto and Hamilton? So then it should be a concrete highway from Dan Boersbeke.

A road costing less than concrete would mean macadam or gravel. Under motorcar usage these have proven totally unable to withstand a single year's wear and tear, the end they are more costly than concrete.

A provincial highway, as he presently conceives it, will consist of concrete approaches to the towns and cheap macadam in the long stretches between them. This plan would prevent the attainment of the main object.

What would the owners of cars, who by the way are paying for the provincial highway, gain in going from here to there? For instance, were there a half mile of concrete between the city limits and gravel or macadam up to this half a mile of gravel? It would simply mean that the car has made it as clear as mud that macadam and gravel belong as much to the past as the old-fashioned shoe and cradle.

In pressing for a western provincial highway the Toronto-Hamilton object lesson should not be overlooked, for the probability that there is one motor-driven car today there will be two tomorrow and a host of motor trucks.

When Mr. McLean recommends concrete construction for the approaches to towns does he forget that every car and vehicle rolling over these would first have to travel ten miles to reach the concrete? And that such a road would only in spots be worthy of the name of a provincial highway?

When the dozen counties interested in this provincial highway go to press for its construction, a twin duty will be to request that it be a concrete road in its entirety. The point to be driven home is this: that while the approaches to a town may require to be 40 or 60 feet wide, but the whole highway should be of concrete.

Gauge the width according to the volume of traffic but have the highway built from end to end to a standard of quality.

CARING FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Canada's first duty towards the estate of a deceased soldier is to insure that his dependents are properly cared for. It was for this end that pensions for widows and children were put into operation but the responsibility of the Government toward these dependents does not end with the mere payment of certain sums of money.

The people's money is held in trust for the welfare of these wards of the country and it is the duty of the Board of Pension Commissioners to see that money so paid shall be expended for the purpose it was intended and not diverted to other objects.

Pensions in Canada have been put upon a business basis and are operated through a series of departments, each dealing with various phases and aspects of the work.

Among the many departments of administration of the Board of Pension Commissioners is one that might be entitled the "Service Department". It is here that pensioners are interviewed, complaints registered, mistakes rectified, and false notions cleared up, no stone being left unturned that might help the applicant to a rightful understanding of his or her position and the amount of indebtedness to which the country is liable on their behalf.

Cases where the general public hear of a family or individual not in receipt of a pension, who by certain local conditions have been deemed eligible for such, are very apt to be judged offhand, without due regard to all circumstances, each of which has been taken carefully into account by the medical authorities, social workers and others connected with the work of the Board.

It must be remembered that it is the duty of the Board to make a thorough investigation of every case upon its own merits. No pension can be withheld from any person or persons rightfully entitled to such, but a pension may be administered if, in the experience of those who are qualified to judge, its payment in full would not be beneficial to the parties for whose welfare it is awarded.

A case in point is where a mother of a family of several children, who is entitled to a pension for each child, has neglected her duty in providing for them suitable food, clothing etc. In such an instance the Board of Pension Commissioners, in their Department of Service, undertake to pay the money directly out for the supply of food, clothing, etc., and to see that the children receive all the benefits that should be coming to them.

By such procedures Canada's heritage in the children of her heroes, who have sacrificed the greatest thing they had for their country, is kept intact and invested to the lasting good of future generations.

BY THE WAY.

It is estimated by Secretary Baker of Washington, that the total cost of the great war has to date been \$193,000,000,000. This includes the expenditures of all the belligerents. In addition 20,000,000 lives were directly or indirectly sacrificed. Well may the peoples of the world say: Never again!

In a booklet issued by A. E. Ames & Co. it is asserted that \$1,400,000,000 is the total investment by Canadians in their war bonds, upon which there is annually distributed in interest the sum of \$78,000,000. It also quotes the New York Times, which says that "in developed wealth, Canada is the richest country in the world today, in proportion to her population."

Government ownership of steamships has paid in Australia, according to advices received at Ottawa. In 1916 the Commonwealth Government purchased 16 cargo steamers at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000. The first year's operation of this fleet showed surplus earnings of \$4,500,000. At the present time the original cost of the vessels has been entirely paid and there is a surplus of nearly \$100,000. This good showing was made despite the fact that two of the ten steamers were torpedoed by submarines.

A close observer of events at Paris concludes that the five, large, associated powers rule the roost. He advises Canada not to expect to receive anything in the way of indemnities and thus avoid disappointment. Also he is of the opinion that the economic advantages from the League of Nations are unlikely to be worth while. Future wars may be prevented but the economic struggle will be resumed and will be keener than ever.

Extracts of Exchange

CANADA LAND OF PLENTY
Toronto Telegram—Canada's production of natural wealth in grain, crops, cattle, sheep and swine, fisheries, timber and minerals was TWO BILLION DOLLARS in 1917.

If all the natural wealth produced in Canada in 1917 were equally divided, each man, woman and child in a population of 8,000,000 would receive an income of \$250 and each family of five an income of \$1,250 per annum.

Canadians produce natural wealth at the rate of \$1,250 per annum per family. A country that produces a yearly output of natural wealth at the rate of Two Billion Dollars with nearly five hundred thousand Canadians in the army and over five hundred thousand more in war work, should not starve to death in the period of after-the-war reconstruction.

WAIT A MINUTE

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1786—James Appleton, the first to advocate a law to prohibit the liquor traffic, born at Ipswich, Mass. Died there Aug. 25, 1862.

1819—Gen. James G. Martin, who first suggested the use of blockade-runners by the Confederates to bring army supplies from Europe, born at Elizabeth City, N.C. Died at Asheville, N.C., Oct. 4, 1878.

1869—Sol. Smith, noted actor and manager, died at St. Louis. Born in Oswego County, N.Y., in 1801.

1890—University of Toronto buildings destroyed by fire.

1894—A widespread conspiracy to establish the freedom of Poland was discovered by the police of Warsaw.

1915—Germany sent a reserve army of half a million men to West Galicia.

1916—All single men in Great Britain called to the colors.

1917—German Ambassador, von Bernstorff, sailed from New York for home.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR
Germany prepared for a renewal of military operations against Russia.

Bolo Pasha convicted of treason in Paris and sentenced to death.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, the foremost leader of the women suffrage movement in the United States, born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, 72 years ago today.

Florence Roberts, a celebrated actress of the American stage, born in New York City, 48 years ago today.

Israel Zangwill, famous as an author and playwright born in London, 55 years ago today.

Prof. Andrew C. McLaughlin, head of the history department of the University of Chicago, born at Beardstown, Ill., 58 years ago today.

Kidneys Never Cause Backache

Rub pain, soreness and stiffness right out with old "St. Jacobs Liniment"

Kidneys cause backache? No! They have no nerves therefore can not cause pain. Li ten! Your backache is caused by lumbago, sciatica or a strain, and the quickest relief is soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Liniment. Rub it right on the aching or tender spot, and instantly the pain, soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears. Don't stay crippled! Get a small trial bottle of "St. Jacobs Liniment" from your druggist and liberally apply it. A moment after it is applied you'll wonder what became of the backache, sciatica or lumbago pain. "St. Jacobs Liniment" stops any pain at once. It is harmless and doesn't burn or discolor the skin.

It is the only application to rub on a weak, lame or painful back or for lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, sprains or a strain.

CARELESS SHAMPOOING SPOILS THE HAIR

If you want to keep your hair looking its best, be careful what you wash it with. Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle and ruins it.

The best thing for steady use is just ordinary mulified coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than anything else you can use.

One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulified coconut oil at any pharmacy, it's very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months.

International Force Has Been Dropped

UNITED STATES, UNDER THE REVISED SCHEME, WILL MAINTAIN AN ARMY OF 500,000 MEN

Paris Feb 13—The Bourgeois proposition for an international military force to enforce peace was defeated by an overwhelming vote at the meeting of the society of nations commission today. The French and Czech-Slovak were the only representatives voting in the affirmative.

The draft of the society of nations plan was then unanimously adopted as a whole. The final draft consisted of 26 articles.

President Wilson will personally read the draft to a plenary meeting of the peace conference to-morrow. The conference will not be asked to finally adopt it at this time.

Jap Amendment Dropped
The Japanese delegation presented an amendment providing that racial discrimination should not be tolerated in immigration laws.

Several delegates urged that this would open such a large question that great delay might ensue and the matter was dropped without a vote.

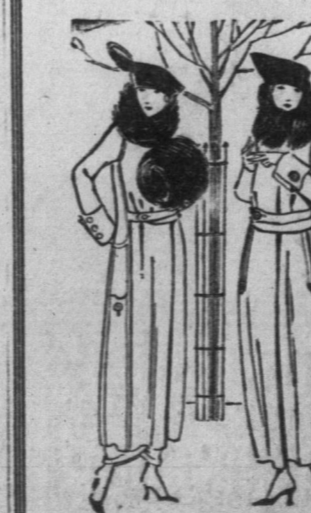
President Wilson was not present at the session this afternoon having to attend the supreme war council. Lord Robert Cecil acted as chairman during his absence.

Paris Feb 13—The United States, under the society of nations plan as it now has been amended will maintain an army of not less than 500,000 men which, after authorization of such action by the United States Senate would be used whenever necessary, according to a Havas Agency announcement today regarding newly adopted features of the plan.

This provision was agreed upon by the society of nations commission, the agency says, as a solution of the difficulties in the way of the plan arising from the American constitution.

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Beautiful Spring White Goods



Our special White Goods Sale and display this week is much appreciated. It is the first real showing of Spring goods and is always welcomed by the ladies. Besides the ready made White-wear, there are dainty Cotton materials for making up Underwear, Blouses and Children's wear, also a most attractive lot of pretty materials in the Dress Goods Dept. in Silks, Crepe de Chines, etc., in white, cream and evening shades.

New Spring Dress Goods Suitings Fancy Silks, Silk Foulards and Pussy Willow Silks.

FANCY SILK FOULARDS
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Soft and silky Crepe De Chenes in old rose, beige, lt. greys, mid greys, new blues, paddy green, tan, sand, maize, pink and white and Georgettes to match them all, makes it easy to buy that new gown, either for reception or street wear, 38 to 45 inches wide. Prices \$2.75, \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.00 and \$1.50

NEW SATIN CHARMUSE
Beautiful Soft Satin Charmuse in all the new spring colorings, new blues, sand, grey, navy, myrtle green, new brown, also black, elegant finish materials and good wearing qualities, 40 inches wide, Prices \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4.00

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New arrivals of Spring Suitings, including Broadcloths, Tricelines, Velours, Cheviots, Serges, Gabardines, Armour Cloths, Cordes, etc. These are all 54 inches wide, pure wool materials and will keep their shape. Colors include navy blue and black, new blues, sand, grey, myrtle, brown, burgandy etc. Prices \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$7.50

WHITE WASHABLE SILKS.
Ivory and White Habutai Silks for waists 36 inches wide, in 3 different weights, extra good quality will give the best of wear and not cut prices \$1.25, \$1.39 to \$1.75
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Merchants Are Fined

THREE GALT AND DISTRICT MEN MULTED \$50 EACH; INCREASES FOR GALT POLICE

Galt Feb 13—For breaches of the Inland Revenue Act, in that they sold certain articles which did not bear war tax stamps three flour and feed merchants and seven druggists of this district were brought before Magistrate Blake today on information laid by Inspector Iler of Guelph. The flour and feed merchants were fined \$50 and costs each, while in the case of the druggists, F.S. Merns of Toronto, made a strenuous fight and brought up

many legal questions with the result that decisions in the three cases were reserved.

Struck by the rear of a taxi-cab when the machine skidded when the driver tried to avoid hitting him, Robert Orr, an elderly man, suffered a slight fracture of the skull and a cut on the head. While taken to the hospital, his condition is not serious.

TODAY'S CALENDAR OF SPORTS.
RACING: Winter meeting at New Orleans.
Winter meeting at Havana, Cuba.
BILLIARDS: Augie Kieckhefer vs. Alfred De Oro, at Chicago, for world's three-cushion championship.

BOXING: Tommy Dixon vs. Chick Simler, 10 rounds, at Scranton.

Delegates from all the Canadian Provinces are expected in Winnipeg today to organize a Dominion-wide federation of all organizations operating under the Agricultural Education Act.

The average wage of the American chorus girl is more than double that of her sister of the English stage.

Forty-two years ago today Alexander Graham Bell sent the first long distance telephone message, from Salem to Boston.

EVERYDAY NEEDS FOR THE HOME

Saving money for our customers is the easiest thing we do. The difficult thing is to watch carefully everything we buy so the customers will be sure of the quality of the thing they get here. We often meet with customers who are skeptical and who must be shown, and it is a pleasure to us to know that our goods can stand on their own merits and back up everything we claim for them. In point of quality, service, and satisfaction, our good are as safe as gold bonds and yield better returns for the small amount invested. We are agents for the Famous Rexall Remedies, Vinol, Kodaks, Metcalfe's and Liggett's Chocolates. We give a Rogers "1881" Silverware Coupon with every purchase of 25c. Save them!

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