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Sixth Annual Meeting, Held Last Week in Quebec City, Attended by Official Representatives from Eight of the Nine Provinces in Canada—Sir Lomer Gouin's Discussion of Federal Aid Creates Mild Sensation

QUEBEC was well chosen as the meeting place for the "Sixth Canadian Good Roads Congress and Exhibition," which was held last week under the auspices of the Canadian Good Roads Association. In no other city could the delegates have received a more hospitable welcome, and in no other province could they have found officials more sincerely loyal to the good roads movement. Sir Lomer Gouin and his cabinet took an active interest in the work of the congress and assisted it in every way possible. The

At the opening session, which was called to order about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, Sir Chas. Fitzpatrick, lieutenant-governor of the Province of Quebec, was the guest of honor. Among the others on the platform were Sir Lomer Gouin; Hon. J. A. Tessier, Minister of Roads of the Province of Quebec; H. E. Lavigne, mayor of the city of Quebec; Hon. J. A. Caron, Minister of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec; Hon. F. Carrel, member of the Quebec Legislative Council; Hon. A. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, New Bruns-



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attendance rarely fell below 70, and was fully 200 at the opening session, while nearly 400 registered at some time during the three days' sessions.

The government of the Province of Quebec donated the use of its beautiful restaurant room, which was an ideal place for the meetings. Its high ceilings, excellent lighting and impressive decorations, and the general dignity of its architecture, lent to the meeting a tone and prestige which the association keenly appreciated.

There were six sessions at which addresses were delivered and technical papers read,—one each morning and afternoon during the three days, May 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Tuesday evening, May 20th, the annual dinner was served at the Chateau Frontenac. The following evening there was held the annual general meeting of the Canadian Good Roads Association. The congress concluded Thursday afternoon with a drive, by courtesy of the Quebec Automobile Club, to the Quebec bridge and to "Spencerwood," the official home of the lieutenant-governor.

wick; A. E. Arsenault, Premier of Prince Edward Island; J. T. Ross, Quebec Board of Trade; Hon. Sam Latta, Minister of Highways, Saskatchewan; L. B. Howland, president of the Canadian Automobile Association; J. A. Duchastel, manager of the city of Outremont, and past president of the Canadian Good Roads Association; Col. W. D. Sohier, chairman of the Massachusetts Highway Commission. S. L. Squire, municipal adviser to the Ontario Government, who is president of the Canadian Good Roads Association, briefly declared the meeting open and thanked the members of the Quebec Government for their interest and assistance.

Sir Chas. Fitzpatrick welcomed the delegates to the Province of Quebec and urged them to study Quebec as it really is, and to try to understand its conditions and ideals, and they would then realize the broad spirit of Canadianism which exists in as large a measure, he declared, in Quebec as in any other part of the Dominion.

Sir Charles was followed by Sir Lomer Gouin, whose address will be published in the next issue.