

thinking of the more serious weeks which lie before us when the weather is colder.

Mr. HEENAN: The Prime Minister is aware that the constituency of Kenora-Rainy River, which lies next to Manitoba, is very wide. In view of the fact that some of the provincial ministers promised during the campaign that the road would be built and that three different routes would be followed, and in view of the fact that the Dominion government is going to contribute something towards the building of this road, will the Prime Minister tell the committee whether the Dominion government will have any say as to the route to be followed?

Mr. BENNETT: I am not in a position to discuss the matter to which the hon. gentleman has referred. As to what the provincial ministers may or may not have promised, he will have to excuse me for passing that over. However, so far as the other matter is concerned, I would apprehend that the federal government would have something to say for the simple and obvious reason that—

Mr. HEENAN: It would have something to say?

Mr. BENNETT: It would have something to say, but that something may be very limited. We would have a very limited right to interfere with the jurisdiction of the province in connection with its highways.

Mr. HEENAN: I notice that the employment council has recommended that the work be done in close proximity to where the people live who would be employed. What assurance can the Prime Minister offer that the work would be gone on with in close proximity to Kenora, Rainy River, Fort Frances or Sioux Lookout?

Mr. BENNETT: I hasten to assure my hon. friend that I would not suppose that that would be a matter of which the federal government would have very much knowledge. The provincial authorities are charged with jurisdiction with respect to the matter and would, I assume, lay out their own roads with their own engineers, subject only to the condition that the standard of construction as to width, curves and general grades would have to be observed, just as is the case under the provisions of the General Highways Act which was passed some nine years ago. I am afraid that I cannot assist my hon. friend in this regard, but I must congratulate him upon the zeal for his constituents which he has always manifested.

Mr. HEENAN: I want to thank my hon. friend for complimenting me upon my zeal, because the fact is that I have a rather zealous feeling for the people up in that part of the country. While we are on that subject I might say that they are going to be very much disappointed, because I have before me an editorial from the Kenora Miner and News which would lead me to that belief. This paper is the Conservative organ in our riding, and in the issue of June 25, 1930, I find the following:

Bennett To Call Early Session Of Parliament
There is a reassurance for the whole Dominion in Hon. R. B. Bennett's undertaking at Edmonton to face the unemployment problem without delay, in his pledge to summon parliament as soon as possible after July 28th, in his promise to present a well-rounded program for immediate relief and lasting prosperity.

Then it goes on to say:

He will go on with the construction of a national highway across the Dominion.

That is written by the late Conservative member in the Ontario legislature, who is editor of that paper. I want to assure my hon. friend the Prime Minister that it is my desire to help him with the \$20,000,000 or any sum of money he wishes to vote upon the floor of this house to relieve unemployment. However when he does that I would like to know that at least some of the recommendations of the employment council will be adhered to. If we are going to contribute money from this parliament to assist the provinces I would like to know for instance that if there is unemployment at Kenora, the town of Sioux Lookout, Rainy River, Fort Frances, or in any part of the Rainy River district, the work will be proceeded with in that particular part of the country rather than in some other constituency just because it returned a Conservative candidate. I think my hon. friend will realize that that is a fair proposition. Also I would like to know which of the three routes promised by the Ontario Minister of Lands and Forests will be the one to which this government will contribute. Further I would like to know whether this expenditure will be used by the Ontario government to purchase American-made machinery to take the place of labour. Also I would like to say, and I am sure my hon. friend the Prime Minister will agree, that there ought not to be very great financial assistance given to the province of Ontario, when that province is paying its employees who are digging ditches on the highways only at the rate of twenty-five cents an hour, and those employees work ten hours a day. I think we ought to take cognizance of this fact. Besides we ought