

are not responsible for the deplorable railway situation which developed, but Union Government had to clean up the mess.

(21) All former Governments neglected to deal with the question of technical education, than which none could be more important to the country. They either did not have vision enough or were afraid to spend the necessary money. The Union Government grappled with the problem and provided a grant of ten million dollars for the purpose to be spent on condition that the provinces spend a similar amount. A scheme of co-operation was developed which is now working out successfully.

(22) For many years political squabbles between the two old political parties prevented action by the Dominion to assist in the construction of good roads. The old Tory Party wanted to assist but the Liberals objected to the manner in which the money was proposed to be spent, with the result that nothing was done. The Union Government, casting politics aside, voted twenty-million dollars to assist the provinces in the construction and improvement of highways, the money to be spent within four years, and to represent forty per cent of the total expenditures to be made by the provinces. Plans covering every detail of superintendence and otherwise are now in full operation.

The provinces following the lead of the Dominion Government have voted in the aggregate no less a sum than fifty-three million dollars, so that the total expenditure on good roads in Canada within the next few years will be something like seventy-three million dollars.