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# **ROAD MATTERS B** LEGISLA

Hon. Mr. Veniot Explains M for Highways and Asks S Premier Presents Bill to E Valley Railroad-Notice

on, March 12 .- The Hous t at 3 p. m

tures on the Harvey-McAdau ring 1918, and the amount of

Tation. Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bil mend an act relating to the St. J and Quebec Railway. He explai-that the bill authorized the exten-comparison of the ' ange the agreement on government in r Concurrent legislatio

Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill amend the Highway Act of 1918. J said the object of the measure was suspend for a period the election by-road and trank road commissi-crs, which, under the law, should ta place in April. At a conference, whi-he had with the minister of railway and commissioner of highways at tawa, an agreement was reached der which the province could pla-in the category of trunk roads certa roads now known as byroads, a make the same eligible for Domini roads now known as by-roads make the same eligible for Don aid. The province possesses miles of roads, which are now b as trunk roads. They run from Quebec boundary to the Nova Sc border along the St. John river, f Fredericton to Chatham and e border along the St. John river, i Fredericton to Chatham and d where. There was one road, on a side of the St. John river, but as i could not be classified as trunk no it was proposed to bring one u the secondary system. The Domi authorities had consented to the sifecation of several other roads w would make them eligible for Do ion aid. As the conference at Ott took place in January, and the Ion aid. As the conference at Ottaw took place in January, and the ele-tions were to be held in April, ther was not time for the reclassificatio of all the roads, and the only pla was to take the secondary roads an classify them as had already been en-plained. The meetings of rate payer would not be cancelled, but only su would not be cancelled, but only su pended until the new plan could be in working order. The suspen could be revoked at any time by der in council. While on the faction to the peculiar position wi Vention to the peculiar post New Brunswick occupied w to the proposed federal aid. tem, that had been adopted New Brunswick under the syste-in vogue here. New Brunswick the only province in Canada the roads are maintained by th ernment without placing any burden upon the municipalities. as a poll tax and a sn municipalities bear the greater p the cost of construction and ma ance of highways. In Ontario cities are taxed to maintain roa jacent to those cities. He ha definite information as to the ing of the proposed schemes for eral but it had been intimated twas to be on a 40 to 60 per cent. The Dominion government was t The Dominion government was to a tribute \$80,000, to the province in lition to fifty cents per head of population. He did not think that plan could be worked out to ad tage in this province as there w no large cities to draw upon as the case in the upper provinces. ut in New Br





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