



over by pressing vigorously useful public works." In a long newspaper interview recently given in Victoria, the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, in referring to the very satisfactory increase in Dominion Revenue during the past seven months and the otherwise greatly improved conditions throughout the Dominion, expressed the same idea, and said: "It must now be the policy of the Government to prepare for the day when the war ends. We must see that there is no gap between this period and the period of normal conditions." Similar utterances have been made by the Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, and by other prominent public men, and we think that included in the suggested public works some Federal expenditure upon the Canadian Highway might well figure.

The campaign for the Canadian Highway is no new undertaking for the Island Automobile Association. Our organization is one of the oldest automobile associations in Canada, dating back to March, 1905, and from our inception the project of a cross-Canada highway has always received the strong support of our members. In May, 1912, the Island Automobile Association organized the largest automobile run that has ever taken place in Western Canada (from Victoria to Alberni and return; 260 miles), when over one hundred cars arrived at Alberni, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering there planted the first post of the Canadian Highway on the 4th of May, 1912. Since that date this Association has marked every crossing and turn on the Vancouver Island portion of the Canadian Highway with substantial sign-posts. In addition, the Island Automobile Association has upon every suitable occasion urged upon the British Columbia Provincial Government the desirability of completing the British Columbia portion of the Canadian Highway to the Alberta boundary, and as far back as the year 1910, and ever since, the policy of the British Columbia Government Road Construction Department has been such that ultimately it is ensured that the Canadian Highway from Alberta to Tofino will be a first-class well engineered road. Our Association was also chiefly instrumental in 1912 in inducing Mr. Thomas Wilby to attempt to cross Canada in an auto, and though he failed in making a continuous tour, and was forced early in the journey to break the rules governing the contest for the Gold Medal held by us for the first car across (still unwon, yet he pluckily kept at it till he reached the Pacific, at Alberni and Victoria, finally writing a book upon the subject: "A Motor Tour Through Canada"; (Bell