

GOOD ROADS LEAGUE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

B. C. Government's Road Improvement Policy

(Extract from Minutes of Victoria Convention)

At the Tuesday evening session of the Good Roads League Convention, held in Victoria, March 2, 1920, Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, by special invitation, addressed the convention on the Highway Improvement programme of his government, and furnished specific information regarding the following questionnaires, which had been presented to him by Alderman A. E. Todd, of Victoria, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee:

- (1). As to Resolution No. 2, and more particularly the result of the surveys of the Hope-Princeton and Hope-Kamloops (Fraser Canyon) routes of the Transprovincial Highway.
- (2). As to Resolution No. 3 the progress of improvement in the Kootenay section of the Transprovincial highway.
- (3). As to the government's classification of trunk roads, and the measure of assistance to be granted the various classes of highways by the government.
- (4). As to Resolution No. 10, government assistance to Clarke road, Coquitlam.
- (5). As to what assistance may be expected from the Dominion government in connection with the recently passed Canadian Highways Act.
- (6). As to the government's policy in support of ferries.
- (7). As to the government's policy with respect to earmarking motor car license revenue for good roads purposes.
- (8). As to the intention of the government with respect to pushing forward the work of paving the Pacific Highway.
- (9). As to what is the general highway policy of the government.

No. 1.—Linking Coast and Ladner

Answering Question No. 1 Hon. Dr. King said:

That the Fraser River canyon route was the natural one for connection between the Coast and the Interior was proven by the fact that it had been selected by the railways, and two transcontinental lines now paralleled it. It was possible to construct a motor road over the Fraser Canyon route even with the railways there, but the surveys encroached at places on the railway right-of-way and some bridging would be neces-