

substantial. Everybody who knows anything about a road knows that the top is only a light cover, and is quite different from the foundation. I would like to know whether that road is finished or not.

Hon. Mr. REID: The road is not finished, so far as any agreement we have entered into is concerned.

Mr. STEWART (Hamilton): Is the foundation finished?

Hon. Mr. REID: I have not been over that road lately, but I will get detailed information and send it to my hon. friend about Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. STEWART (Hamilton): If the minister will give the information to the House that will be quite satisfactory to me.

Mr. LEMIEUX: If there is any difficulty in building roads in Ontario, the province of Quebec will be only too glad to lend its good offices and send its engineers to help in this work. In our province we have the best roads in Canada to-day, and we have any number of tourists travelling over the province in the summer. although, of course, there are many other reasons besides the good roads why tourists come to our province.

Mr. BEST: Has not the province of Quebec already lent its engineers to the Dominion Government?

Mr. LEMIEUX: Yes. Last fall a road near Ottawa was required to be completed in short time, and the Government of the province of Quebec did not wait for the application of the Ontario Government but sent along its engineers and the necessary machinery. There was a real love feast between the two provinces, and it was a striking evidence of the good spirit which exists between them to-day.

Speaking of highways, I would like the Minister of Railways to take notice of the decision which has been arrived at lately by the Government of the province of Quebec to rebuild a road, which is practically a federal road, in the peninsula of Gaspé. It is known as the Maritime road. It was originally built by the Federal Government at the time of Confederation, for the maintenance of light houses and the telegraph line. The telegraph line in those days was the property of the Dominion Government. Now it is the property of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, but the lighthouses are still dotting the coast from Cape Chat as far as Gaspé

basin. At my request, the Government of Quebec decided this year to undertake the renewal of that old road, which was badly in need of repair. The Hon. Mr. Perrault, of the Quebec Government, has told me that he is awaiting the decision of the Dominion Government as to contributing its share towards the reconstruction of that road. I will send the papers to my hon. friend, and I hope he will consider the application favourably.

Hon. Mr. REID: No agreement has yet been entered into by the Dominion Government as to that road, but when the application is submitted by the Quebec Government, we will try and do what we can.

Mr. BEST: When the Provincial Government asks the Dominion Government to say whether it approves of a certain road, does the Dominion Government send an inspector to inspect the road after it is completed, or does it send an overseer who watches the progress of the road from day to day?

Hon. Mr. REID: The roads are under the charge and supervision of the Provincial Government. They have a permanent engineer on the road. We also have engineers travelling over these roads as they are being constructed. We do not have a man on one particular road all the time, but he travels about to see whether the work generally is being carried on in accordance with the agreement.

Mr. CLARK (Red Deer): Does the minister expect this co-operation between the Dominion Government and the provinces to go on from year to year? Is it to be a perpetual co-operation? Is that to be the permanent policy of the Government, or is it only temporary?

Hon. Mr. REID: The hon. member understands that we are working under a Bill that was passed by Parliament regarding the construction of highways, and our assistance will continue until the \$20,000,000 has been exhausted. Then it will end.

Mr. FORTIER: Before recess the minister was reading, from a map approved by the province of Quebec, and submitted to his department, a list of the highways in Quebec. When the committee rose he had not concluded. I understand that another highway has been approved of by Quebec—probably it is mentioned in the plan—from Hull to Montreal. Many years ago the Government of Quebec contem-