

Mr. BENNETT: It means exactly what it says.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: According to my understanding of the English language it would mean that the federal government is to build a great national highway.

Mr. BENNETT: Quite so. I think what I said was perfectly clear. The province has a main highway in Ontario. That road is now called the King's highway. I daresay my right hon. friend has seen it designated by that name. The name had no relation to my right hon. friend, having been recently changed from "provincial" to "King's highway," which is an old term for such highways.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This will be the Bennett highway?

Mr. BENNETT: No. I do not think my hon. friend's name was the "King" which the authorities had in mind when they gave the highway that name, so that they will not change it to the Bennett highway. I think it meant His Majesty the King, and it still remains the King's highway, notwithstanding the election. What I endeavoured on more than one occasion to explain was that the building of a highway in the province would necessitate the acquisition of territory upon which to build the road, and the duty of supplying roads is not primarily that of the Dominion but of the province. I suppose the Minister of Justice had in his mind—

Mr. LAPOINTE: I am the member for Quebec East.

Mr. BENNETT: The hon. member need not say it so regretfully.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is my best title.

Mr. BENNETT: Oh no; there are other great titles by which my hon. friend will be long remembered.

Mr. LAPOINTE: My hon. friend may get some later on.

Mr. BENNETT: If titles are restored my hon. friend will not be overlooked. At any rate, may I add this. We made a grant in this parliament in years gone by towards the construction of highways, and that grant laid the foundation for the whole system of highways which we now have in the provinces, because there was imposed by the federal authorities a standard which was the real basis of the best highways of Ontario and the roads of Quebec. As is well known, that money was responsible for the hard surfaced and paved roads, in part in Saskatchewan, in part in Alberta and in part in British Columbia. But

the road to which my hon. friend from Vancouver Centre referred is a road which is being built under the parks appropriation, so far as the federal authorities are concerned. It is on federal territory that it is being built and not on provincial, because the land has now become a part—

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): The present road is on provincial territory.

Mr. BENNETT: The part that the province is building is on provincial territory, while the part which the federal authorities are constructing is under the parks.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): The part which is included under the parks appropriation is completed. We are now building the part which will extend to the glacier area.

Mr. BENNETT: At any rate, the road under federal supervision was in process of construction when I saw it. Apparently it is now complete.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I would ask my hon. friend another question with regard to the highway. Speaking at Woodstock, Ontario, on June 24, my hon. friend said, according to a report in the Toronto Mail and Empire of June 26:

Parliament has first of all to pass laws—not orders in council—that will institute great national undertakings, national highways. . . .

May I ask my hon. friend whether it is the intention of the government to bring in a law with respect to this national highway, as indicated here, or is it proposed that the money to be spent on the highway he has in mind shall be appropriated under order in council, arising out of the present legislation?

Mr. BENNETT: I have great pleasure in advising my right hon. friend that he will find, in the twentieth line of the proposed bill, provisions with respect to highways—the part of the law describing what the money is to be used for.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Can my hon. friend tell me? I have not seen the bill.

Mr. BENNETT: It will appear in the printed bill based on the resolution. It is provided that part of the money may be used for the construction of highways.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: How will that money be appropriated—by order in council?

Mr. BENNETT: No, by this parliament, if we adopt the resolution, as I hope we shall. This parliament will appropriate twenty million dollars for various purposes, amongst those purposes being provision for highways.