

ROAD BUILDING TO BE RUSHED AS FAST AS MONEY ALLOWS

Hon. F. C. Biggs Tells Large
Meeting At Stratford of
Government Plans.

MUST BE MAINTAINED

Minister of Public Works
Strongly Opposed To
Statute Labor.

STRATFORD, Jan. 29.—"As long as I am in office, road development in Ontario will be pushed with every vigor, as fast as money and labor will permit," was the declaration this afternoon of Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, addressing upwards of one hundred delegates from municipalities interested in the proposed straight line highway from Toronto to Sarnia, together with as many more from Stratford and the adjoining municipalities this afternoon. From as far east as Georgetown and as far west as Parry Sound delegates were present. Large delegations from Sarnia and Arcona were held up at London because their trains missed connections. They sent a spirited telegram to the meeting strongly urging their sentiments in favor of it.

"For my part I do not think one trunk road is sufficient for Western Ontario," declared Mr. Biggs. "You can see what assurance you like from that." This was in reference to the rivalry between certain sections as to the location of the main trunk highway. The location of the minister was listened to with much interest, and his address was punctuated by applause, indicating the sympathy of the audience with his policy as outlined. The movement for the straight line highway was formally launched here in February, 1919, when at a meeting of several hundred delegates a Central Ontario Good Roads Association was formed.

Counties Interested. County councils in session in different parts of the province were well represented. Perth County was there in a body; six were present from Wellington, four from Waterloo and Kitchener, the clerk and reeve of London Township, and representatives from Huron County. It was evident that the enthusiasm roused at the first meeting had not suffered in the interval, and the delegates made it plain that they were looking to the Farmer Government to set a mark in the construction of highways.

R. T. Orr of Stratford, president of the Highway Association, presided and told Mr. Biggs that they desired not particularly a straight slab of concrete, but a road with a bottom that would not fall out and a top that would not blow away at the first windstorm.

Civic Welcome. Mayor Stevenson extended a civic welcome, and he pointed out that it was not Stratford alone, but a wide area, that was seeking this road. The proposed road would run through a country rich in agriculture, in industrial activity and well populated.

Warden McMillan of Perth held that the desirability of the straight line road could not be questioned. Perth had taken the front rank in road construction and would be behind the highway proposition.

H. B. Morphy, M.P., declared that the people of the district want as near permanent roads as they can get. "You will be supported in a good many sources where there is now criticism," he assured Mr. Biggs. "If you reach up to the best you can do, and not the least you can do, you will make a name for yourself that you never dreamed of." Mr. Morphy declared that over 50 per cent of the population of Western Ontario was north of the proposed straight-line highway, and 50 per cent of the agricultural production and industrial development of Western Ontario is located five miles north and south of the proposed route. These figures were based on fact and would indicate the great importance of the road.

Day of Road Building. Reeve Skelton of Palmerston declared that they were looking to the Government to see the good roads program carried out.

Reeve Tudor of London Township said the road appealed to them. The day was one of road building. We need the road, you need the road, and we look to the Government to give our claim due consideration, he said.

Reeve Young of Colborne Township, Huron County; Reeve Clark of Goderich, and Mr. Bowden of the Goderich Board of Trade, spoke of the desire to have a spur from the main line to Goderich eventually. Mr. Bowden declared that the most efficient and practical way to meet the war debt would be in developing first the main highways and then the spur lines into undeveloped territory.

Ald. J. Rebe and Mr. Debus of Kitchener, Mr. Foster of Waterloo and Mr. Brady of Georgetown all added words of support of the scheme and pledged their co-operation, as did also Reeve McMillan of New Hamburg, H. P. Moore of Acton and James Hill of Mitchell.

Appreciates Value. "I fully appreciate the value and importance of good roads and truck systems," declared Mr. Biggs at the outset. "I secured my schooling in

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A young physician practiced widely in Pennsylvania and became famous for his uniform success in the curing of disease. This was Dr. R. V. Pierce, who afterwards established himself in Buffalo, N. Y., and placed one of his prescriptions, which he called his "Golden Medical Discovery," in the drug stores of the United States so that the public could easily obtain this very remarkable tonic, corrective, and blood-maker. Dr. Pierce manufactured this "Discovery" from roots and barks—a corrective remedy, the ingredients of which nature had put in the fields and forests, for keeping us healthy. Few folks or families now living have not at sometime or other used this Golden Medical Discovery for the stomach, liver and heart. Evidence of the wonderful sale of this medicine is recorded in the books of Dr. Pierce's Laboratory in Buffalo, N. Y., showing that over twenty-four million bottles of this tonic and blood remedy have been sold in this country. No one can fight the battles of life and hold his own if his blood is not pure. No one suffers from colds, "flu" and catarrh who has plenty of red blood corpuscles and a good digestion. Catarrh is a stagnation of the blood. Introduce pure red blood into the system, and health is assured.

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Great Midwinter Sacrifice Sale At Grafton's

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In slip-on, waistline and form fitting models.

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Heavy quilted linings, Persian and marmot collars.

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WORTH \$37.50

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WORTH \$40

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Every garment must go, and to insure a quick clearance we've marked them all below mill prices.

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Two-Piece Underwear. Regular \$1.50

\$1.00

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\$1.28

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Kiddies' Suits and Overcoats, ages 2½ to 8 years.

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WORTH \$8.00

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Row About Hens Ends in Fatality; Quebec Man Shot

Long-Standing Feud Results
in Killing At Victoriaville.

VICTORVILLE, Que., Jan. 29.—Alphonse Auger was shot and fatally wounded last night by Alphonse Letourneau, his father's business partner at

the hardware store of Letourneau & Auger. He died in hospital at Arthabaska this morning. There has been a long-standing feud between the two men, which culminated, so it is said, after a row about some hens. Letourneau's life, Letourneau wrote Auger a letter, which unprovokedly attacked Auger, and when Auger came to the store angrily protesting, Letourneau drew a revolver and fired five shots, all lodging in the abdomen.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

MILLION-DOLLAR ORDER FOR ASBESTOS ROOFING

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—(By Canadian Press).—Arrangements were concluded today by which Canadian firms will furnish \$1,250,000 worth of asbestos roofing for use in the north of France. The credits were on the usual basis by which the French Government issues bonds and of these the Canadian manufacturer or shipper takes three-eighths while the Government, through the government commission, takes five-eighths. Asbestos roofing, being manufactured from Canadian asbestos and Canadian cement, is classed as one of the purely Canadian products now finding an export market.

MENNONITES KEPT CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., Jan. 29.—Eight more Mennonites have been fined \$10 and costs each in the provincial police court for failure to send seventeen children to Canadian schools in the colony. The fines, amounting to \$235, were paid, and they were told that stricter measures would be employed in future cases.

VETERANS OFFER BLOOD TO COMRADE

WINNIPEG, Jan. 29.—(By Canadian Press).—Tests are being made here of

two dozen volunteers all returned soldiers, who have offered to give their blood for transfusion into the veins of a comrade, W. H. Hearn, seriously ill from pernicious anaemia in the hospital.

WORKERS IN COTTON MILLS WANT MORE

LONDON, Jan. 29.—In anticipation of the termination of the present wage agreement at the end of March, the cotton mill operatives are preparing to demand an increase in wages, says a dispatch to the Central News, from Manchester. In the case of weavers, says the dispatch, the demand will amount to 100 per cent.

Trafford's February Furniture Sale Starts Tomorrow With a Host of Money-Saving Specials

Parlor Tables Reduced

Two only slightly shop worn, mahogany finish.

\$12.00 Tables, for \$7.50

\$18.00 Tables, for \$12.00

Chiffonier

Royal Oak Chiffonier, four large drawers, one only.

Worth \$25.00 **\$18.75**

Rugs Will Move Quickly At These Prices

A limited number of Tapestry Rugs left from the old stock. Today's value is \$24.

For **\$13.75**

AXMINSTER RUGS.

9x9 ft. at **\$39.75**

9x10 ft. 6 in., at **\$43.75**

BEDROOM RUGS.

7x6 ft. 9 in., at **\$11.50**

We have an assortment of cheap Bedroom Rugs that are splendid values and are not governed by today's market prices.

RUSSELLS RUGS.

We have a large assortment of these. Prices:

9x9 ft., from **\$25.00 up**

9x10 ft. 6 in., from **\$37.00 up**

9x12 ft., from **\$48.00 up**

In the face of steadily advancing prices we come through with this remarkable sale of Home Furnishings. The person in quest of anything for the home will do well to take advantage of this opportunity to buy; a saving that runs from 20 to 50 per cent. A very article laid away till wanted for a small deposit. Goods shipped to all points in Ontario.

Rare Bargains In Dining-Room Furniture

This February Sale offers you a wonderful opportunity of securing Furniture at remarkable price reductions. Look at these:

YOU SAVE \$45 ON THIS FUMED OAK SUITE

Quarter-cut oak, worth \$142.50. Suite includes Buffet, Extension Table and six Diners, fumed oak finish. On sale for...

\$97.50

\$69 Buffets

Quarter-cut oak, fumed, finish; two only..... **\$45**

Buffet and Table to match above diners, at attractive prices.

\$100 Black Walnut Diners

Queen Anne Period, slip seats, upholstered, best A1 leather, for **\$73**

Dressers

One only, Ivory Vanity Dresser, with triple mirror. Worth \$50..... **\$44**

One only, Large Vanity Dresser, solid black walnut, 3 large mirrors, Queen Anne period. Worth \$150..... **\$95**

Rush Sale of Couches

Three only, double stuffed, spring seats, black and brown, on case leather. Worth \$25.50..... **\$23.50**

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\$245 Ivory Bedroom Suite

Bed, Dresser, Chiffonier and Dressing Table with triple mirror, William and Mary Period ... **\$187.50**

Ladies' \$32 Writing Desk

Massive design, mahogany finish, beautiful style **\$25.00**

Solid Mahogany Chiffonier

Five Drawers, worth \$55.00. On sale for

\$46.00

This piece was left over from a set, hence the price.

\$15.00 Writing Desk

White enamel, one drawer, one only..... **\$10.50**

\$33.00 Combination Library Tables

3 only, fumed or golden, at only..... **\$26.00**