

as to justify their being called interprovincial bridges, they are certainly strong enough, having regard to the general convenience to be derived from them for the benefit of the whole of Canada, to justify the Federal Government in making the necessary provisions for their construction. The fact that the request for these bridges comes from everywhere in Ontario as well as in Quebec further supports the move advocated. On the 20th of January, 1913, a group of prominent citizens of Montreal and elsewhere held a meeting at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, under the auspices of Interprovincial Highways and Bridges Committee, to create considerable and fruitful agitation in favour of the construction of these bridges. Among the gentlemen present I may mention, as far as I can remember, the following: C. E. Ranger, Mayor, Dorion, P.Q.; F. L. Wanklyn, Mayor of Senneville, P.Q.; Andrew J. Dawes; Eugene Tarte; Lt.-Col. A. E. Labelle, president of Chamber of Commerce; Dr. L. de L. Harwood; W. C. Murray, Vice President Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association; L. A. Sauve, Coteau; E. D. Maguire; A. Arthur Ross; H. Pilon, M.L.A., Vaudreuil; C. A. Harwood, K.C.; F. H. Anson, Chairman of Good Roads Committee and Bruno Lalonde, Mayor Ste Anne de Bellevue, and many others, as well as myself. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved:

That it is of the greatest interprovincial importance and necessity that bridges be constructed at the earliest possible date, one from Ste. Anne de Bellevue to Ile Perrot and another from Ile Perrot to Vaudreuil, so as to connect the Island of Montreal with the mainland, and establish a highway connection between Montreal and Toronto, and with that end in view that this meeting undertake at once to solicit the support of the Federal and Provincial Governments, as well as the co-operation of the municipalities and county councils situated between Toronto and Montreal.

Certified a true copy.

(Signed) A. Cholette, Chairman.
Geo. A. McNamee, Secy.

This resolution was forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Monk who acknowledged it on the following day in the same encouraging terms of his previous correspondence. On the 22nd of January, 1913, the Montreal Board of Trade passed the following resolution which was also forwarded to the Government:

Resolved that the need of bridge communication between the Island of Montreal and the roadways to west points thereof has been felt long ago:

That, because the connection of the provinces by good highways is a matter of public convenience and promotes business, the Council

hereby prays the Dominion and Provincial Government to join in providing the much needed road communication between the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario by the construction of bridges across the Ottawa River at St. Anne's and Vaudreuil.

Certified a true copy.

(Signed) Geo. Hadrill, Secretary.

This period marks the beginning of a movement which has increased almost daily ever since. A large number of the members of the City Council of Montreal also brought up this question, and especially Alderman Joseph Elie and one of our colleagues in this House who is an ex-alderman of the said city, Mr. L. A. Lapointe. These two gentlemen had a resolution passed recommending the construction of the said bridges. This shows the importance that the city of Montreal attaches to this question. Several delegations to the Quebec Government composed of citizens of Montreal and of other parts of the province had the result of causing Sir Lomer Gouin and his colleagues to decide to co-operate largely in furthering this project. Other committees of citizens are actually taking steps to bring about a favourable conclusion to this enterprise which can be rightly considered as being a national undertaking. In order, Mr. Speaker, to show that the need of bridges over the Ottawa river at the points indicated is not only a local one, I shall read a resolution adopted by a number of municipal councils and boards of trade who have no particular interest in Vaudreuil or Soulanges:

Whereas a general movement in the province and in the country at large is being manifested for the improvement of roads and bridges and more facilities of communication between important localities in the province;

And whereas a strong movement has been inaugurated for the improvement of the highways and bridges between Montreal and Toronto and Montreal and Ottawa;

And whereas such highway and bridge improvements would facilitate the means of communication between the said cities and the intermediate districts;

And whereas also such highways and bridges would be of great advantage to trade and commerce in said cities, and in the rural districts lying between said cities;

And whereas it is advisable that all public bodies should concur in this movement;

And whereas especially to carry out the said project, a bridge is required to connect the Island of Montreal with the mainland at a point in the County of Vaudreuil;

Be it therefore resolved that this Council is favourable to the improvements of this great interprovincial and national road between Montreal and Ottawa and Montreal and Toronto, and that it asks the Local Government of this province and the Dominion Government to take immediate and necessary steps for the establishment of such a road between Montreal and