

**County provincial roads**—To these the Government contributes 60 per cent. of the cost and the county 40, with maintenance in the same proportion.

**County roads**—To these the Government contributes 40 per cent. of the cost, and the county 60 per cent., the county making the entire expenditure. Maintenance is in the same proportion.

**Township roads**—

Adjacent to municipalities of over 10,000 population a suburban area may be declared, and toward the construction of roads through these areas the urban municipalities contribute 30 per cent. and the Government 70 per cent.

Speaking approximately there are 58,000 miles of roads in Ontario. The mileage of roads selected for the county system is about 10,000. The mileage of provincial county roads is approximately 2,000. The provincial highway system will be about 500 miles in length.

The Government spends on roads not only the entire revenue from motor vehicle licenses but a large amount in addition out of the general revenues of the Province. The whole system is designed to provide the farmer with main market roads.

The expenditure on highway improvement in Ontario to the end of 1918 amounts to over \$10,600,000, and most of this has been under the Hearst Government.

### **A Fair Return of Revenue**

In 1918 the revenue from motor vehicle licenses was \$1,200,000. The principle has been adopted by the Government that the revenue from automobile licenses should be applied to rural main roads comprised largely in county road systems as well as provincial highways. In this way the fund is turned back to the rural districts in an equitable manner. While the Government undertakes the entire cost of the administration of the motor license branch, the municipalities on the one hand receive the full benefit of the money collected from fines imposed and on the other secures the more far-reaching result of improved highways made possible by the annual expenditure of this large sum.

When the present Government came into office owing to lack of encouragement and adequate state co-operation very few counties had adopted a good road scheme. To-day every county in the Province has responded to the generous proposals of the Government. A large part of the provincial highway system has already been designated and work is going ahead rapidly.