

Mr. S. E. Mitchell, County Clerk of Renfrew—"I wish we could all be possessed with the aggressive spirit of Mr. Campbell; it is all that is needed. Unquestionably our Association has had difficulties to encounter. The lack of interest in this question has been a great barrier. Until Mr. Campbell's appointment there was no incentive to do anything. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Cowan, the two forces, are just the men who are capable of doing something that will tell. Mr. Cowan is in the position of the man who was running a little postoffice for the honor of the thing and finally the government appointed him postmaster of the district at the 'same salary.' He wrote back and thanked the department for not reducing his salary for he would hate like the devil to have to pay anything. (Laughter.) We wonder that a man should be possessed with so much enthusiasm as to give his time and energy to a cause that reaped him nothing financially, as Mr. Cowan has done. True, the honor is worth something, but honor does not put much bread and butter into the mouth, and I am of opinion that our secretary should receive some emolument.

"I know what Mr. Cowan has done. It is he who has enthused eastern Ontario on this question, and who has brought about the present public opinion in regard to it. There may be a time when this Association will be in a position to show a more tangible appreciation of his work, but in the meantime I think he should receive some consideration. As to Mr. Campbell, he has enlightened the representatives upon the work they ought to do, and I am sure we will all go away the better for hearing his remarks. I think this Association should meet next year in Pembroke. We take a great interest in the question of transportation there, both by highway and water, and we are ready to take our part in the work of this Association."

Mr. W. G. Smith, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry—"Gentlemen, as a delegate I wish to say a word or two. Mr. Cowan referred to the past of the Association, and I want to bear testimony to the usefulness of the Association in the past. I remember Mr. Cowan coming and asking for a grant of \$300 to illustrate good road making. We looked upon the scheme favorably and we had some sample stretches of good roads made by the Association which have been an object lesson ever since. In our country we took up the question of taking advantage of the government grant, but it was beaten on a tie vote, the warden being against it. At the meeting of the council last week, however, it was recommended that the question be taken up again and I have no doubt it will meet with better results. I believe with Mr. Campbell that this Association is just on the threshold and just at a stage when our work is about to take practical shape. I just want to bear a word of testimony to the services of Mr. Cowan. While he has not received a salary, yet I feel that he made a name for himself in eastern Ontario that will not soon be forgotten." (Applause.)

Mr. Cowan—"I would like to say a word or two in this connection. The fact that I am working for nothing is not because I have not been offered something. Again and again it has been offered me but I have refused, because I hold the view that a man should do something for the cause of the people even though at some little sacrifice to himself. I felt that I could afford to do this for the sake of the work. Your remarks are too appreciative and I do not want you to think that my resignation has to do with the question of salary at all."

Mr. Abbott Johnston—"I have been urged by Mr. Cowan to accept the position but I must decline because we cannot afford to lose Mr. Cowan. A more efficient secretary cannot be found and I trust he will continue to act. I think with Mr. Campbell that the government will continue to help the Association, and that Mr. Cowan will be allowed by his department to devote a portion of his time to the good roads cause of Ontario."