

Mr. CARVELL: No, there is no such proposal as that. Unless the province of Ontario make a contract with this Government by which they agree to furnish 60 per cent of the cost of the roads mentioned in the agreement, they cannot get our 40 per cent, and the whole thing goes for naught as far as Ontario is concerned.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: But the other provinces will get the money if they come to an agreement with this Government?

Mr. CARVELL: They will get their share.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: And the citizens of Ontario will be taxed to pay that money?

Mr. CARVELL: Well, in so far as we take it out of the consolidated revenue funds. It goes the way of taxation.

Mr. J. H. SINCLAIR: Is it proposed that the terms shall be uniform in all provinces?

Mr. CARVELL: Certainly. But there again I am answering what perhaps I cannot answer definitely. It will be such a road as the federal Government can agree upon with each of the provinces. I do not say it will be exactly the same kind of road in all the provinces. Take my own province, for instance, I have no doubt the road will be different in the western part of New Brunswick from what it will be in eastern New Brunswick, for the simple reason that in the western part we have splendid gravel which makes a good road. In the State of Maine, in the past five years, they have built a beautiful road of gravel. But on the eastern side of New Brunswick, where they have no gravel, they would no doubt have to use crushed stone. The construction will be the best and most economical for the part of Canada in which the road is constructed. In the western provinces, where they have no stone or gravel, I do not know

11 p.m. what the construction will be. They will no doubt have to import their material; probably it will be broken stone or asphalt.

I was saying that if we were paying all the expenses of building any one of these roads we would of course take into our own hands the construction of the road, but we do not propose to do that. We think the provinces should contribute something towards the construction of the roads because they will be the people to benefit in the end. Such being the case, either we must build the road or the province must build it. Well, I do not think we would

ever get any province to hand 60 per cent of the cost to the federal Government and say, "You build our roads." Therefore, we hand the money to the provinces and allow them to do the building, but with this condition, that before a dollar can be expended a contract must be entered into between the two governments, as I have explained, for each road. There may be a half dozen roads in one contract.

Mr. McKENZIE: Was this question discussed at the provincial conference?

Mr. CARVELL: Oh, yes.

Mr. McKENZIE: Take my own province. Is there a request from the province of Nova Scotia for this money?

Mr. CARVELL: I cannot remember what each representative stated, but I know there was no dissent, and it was strongly urged upon this Government that we should embark upon this policy. It was urged by all the representatives of the local governments present, and this is a direct result.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: I am sure the provinces will be glad to get the money.

Mr. CARVELL: Certainly, and this is the result of their request.

Mr. FIELDING: Were the terms of the resolution discussed in the conference?

Mr. CARVELL: No, but the general principle was discussed of assisting in the construction of roads. Now, to get back to the general thread of my discourse, I pointed out that either the Federal or the Provincial Government must build the roads. There must be no divided responsibility. My hon. friend from Toronto (Mr. Foster) suggested that if the money were handed over to the province, 35 per cent would be squandered. That, however, cannot happen, for it is provided as follows in the resolution—and will be similarly provided in the Bill—

—the aid to be given in any case shall be 40 per cent of the amount which in the opinion of the minister is the actual, necessary and reasonable cost of the construction or improvement of such highway.

The Government has appointed a gentleman who has been well known in Canada for a number of years in construction of highways—Mr. Campbell, former Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals—to have charge of this work, and he will have power to appoint engineers. There will be inspecting engineers over every road constructed in Canada, and the very moment