

LARGER GRANTS ASKED FOR GOOD ROADS

DEPUTATION FROM ONTARIO GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION URGES MAINTENANCE.

The members of the Ontario Good Roads Association to the number of two hundred or more called upon Sir James Whitney and his colleagues yesterday and laid before them half a dozen resolutions approved at a general meeting earlier in the morning.

The chief matters brought to the attention of the Government were the need of a policy for maintaining the roads, the desirability of larger grants to county systems, and the appointment of independent committees to not only plan the county systems, but to direct the expenditure of money. The deputation received the usual promise of consideration from the Prime Minister. Hon. Dr. Reaume, Minister of Public Works, assured them that the department recognized the importance of keeping the roads in repair, and that the Government was prepared to co-operate with the counties in this direction. There was no word of what form the Federal assistance to the highways construction will take, the Minister remarking that plans have not been worked out yet.

Mr. L. A. Hambly of Lorne Park presented the resolutions urging that the manufacture of narrow-tire wagons be prohibited after two years, and their use in Ontario after seven years. These provisions, he explained, would be incorporated in the bill to be introduced by Mr. A. M. Rankin, member for Frontenac.

Mr. E. M. Young of Picton explained the resolution dealing with the taxing of motor carriages. The association approved of the following tax: Up to twenty horsepower, twenty-five cents per horsepower; from twenty to thirty horsepower, fifty cents per horsepower; from thirty to forty horsepower, seventy-five cents per horsepower; over forty horsepower, \$1.00 per horsepower. Mr. Young pointed out that the amount realized in this way could be devoted towards the maintenance of the roads.

The deputation left after giving three cheers for Sir James and his Ministers.