

it is necessary to put down a pavement to assure the highway being in good condition, the Government will contribute an additional \$3,000 or \$4,000 a mile.

Another Amendment.

An amendment to the "Ontario Highways Act" which Mr. Macdiarmid introduced permits the Government to designate as a Provincial county road any part of a highway in a suburban area. In the past a Provincial county road ended at a suburban boundary. In the future, where it is necessary, sections within suburban areas may be designated. If that is done the nearby municipality will pay twenty per cent. of the cost of construction and maintenance, and the county the same. However, the Province will pay sixty per cent. of the cost.

An amendment to the "Provincial Highways Act" was also introduced by Mr. Macdiarmid. It will permit the Government to apportion any money received from the Federal Government for highway construction. While it is expected that the Federal assistance, will go largely toward the extension of the Provincial road system, it will also enable the Government to relieve the municipalities of a portion of the burden they are carrying. Municipalities are only called upon to contribute thirty per cent. to Provincial road construction, but where the road is of an expensive type the burden upon the rural taxpayers is rather a heavy one.

"Proof of Death."

Hon. I. B. Lucas also introduced two bills yesterday. One of these is an act respecting the "Proof of Death of Soldiers and Sailors while on active service." It provides that the certificate of the Adjutant-General, the Assistant Adjutant-General or the Director of the Records Office will be sufficient proof of death in all matters within the authority of the Legislature, providing the person whose death is certified to was a member of the C.E.F.

At the request of the Ontario Law Society the Attorney-General introduced a bill providing authority for the shortening of the time an applicant for admittance to the bar is required to wait on the books, the time of service for clerkships and the period for being articulated. The power is given only that consideration may be given those who have served in the military or naval forces during the war.

Mr. E. W. J. Owens (Southeast Toronto) introduced a bill to regulate optometry, which provides for the appointment of a board to set standards and examine applicants for registration as optometrists. The purpose of the measure is to exempt those now practising, but to require registration of those starting in after the bill becomes law.

A Toronto bill seeking to give the city control over the expenditure of city money by the county on roads and suburban areas was introduced by Lieut.-Col. Price (Parkdale).

Mr. H. Hartley Dewart, K.C. (Southwest Toronto), has asked for a return of documents in connection with the Dominion Permanent Loan Company.