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HERNIA TREATMENT DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Dr. J. A. McQuibban Refers
to Compensation Board
Problem

APPROVED BY PREMIER

Suggestions regarding the treatment of hernia, which were made in Tuesday's debate in the Legislature, by Dr. G. A. McQuibban, Liberal member for Northeast Wellington, were termed by Premier Ferguson, following the debate, as "most timely and thoughtful," and, now, it is understood, are receiving the serious consideration of the Department of Health authorities.

"The question of hernia developed by workmen in the course of their industrial labor," Dr. McQuibban told the House, "has given the Workmen's Compensation Board much thought. So far it has not been included in the compensation list. The determination of the exact cause and the selection of these cases which are directly due to the workman's labor is contentious. Some cases occur suddenly and others are more or less gradual.

"Some argument has been advanced as to the predisposition and gradual onset of this trouble. Of this the workman is unconscious. He simply knows that he suddenly finds himself in a serious condition without hope of relief unless proper measures are instituted.

"In silicosis the campaign of prevention has been very successful. The same can be done with hernia. Medical examinations can be made. Those cases which are predisposed and actually in progress can be determined. The workman can be placed at work which is much safer, and treatment given him, and in this way the number of cases actually coming to the observation of the board would be lessened."

Dr. McQuibban felt that the Compensation Board would find the medical profession "willing and eager" to cooperate with them in this matter. Caisson's disease and silicosis had been included in the compensation list, he said. "I hope," he added, "that all measures have not been exhausted by the Government to give this condition to which I refer the place it rightfully deserves."

ROADS, ROADS, ROADS CRY OF DEPUTATIONS

Consideration Promised Plea
for Highway Extension
at Durham

PROBLEM IN STRATFORD

With the Ontario Good Roads Association meeting in Toronto at the present time, Queen's Park is fairly besieged with deputations. They come from north, east and west, and they are giving Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, and Hon. William Finlayson and his Northern Development Branch little rest. Roads, roads, roads! That is their battle cry.

Representations were made to Mr. Henry by a Grey County deputation yesterday for a 35-mile extension of the Provincial highway from Durham to Singhampton. The deputation asked immediate action, but Mr. Henry only promised consideration, particularly in view of the fact that the Government had already done considerable road work in this district in linking Owen Sound and Collingwood. With the ever-mounting boom in tourist traffic, the extension proposed would, the deputation argued, mean much to the Province.

From Stratford came a deputation headed by Hon. Nelson Monteith, Chairman of the Suburban Areas Commission, Mayor Andrews and Municipal Council, seeking from the department some adjustment with regard to the question of maintenance of a street one-half of which lies within the city and the other half in the county. They asked Mr. Henry for a basis of agreement, and he advised that the cost of the road be shared equally.

Perth County Roads and Bridges Committee, introduced by Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, also waited on Mr. Henry, as did a deputation from the Town Council of Kincardine, and Noble Arthur, Reeve of Meaford. Requests, in each case of purely local character, were assured consideration by the Minister.

Deputations to Mr. Finlayson's office were mainly two and three men affairs asking greater appropriation for work of developing Northern Ontario roads, with special attention to be paid to the back concessions.