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## \$3,735,753 IS SPENT ON NORTHERN ROADS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

### Activities of Development Branch Outlined in Report

According to the annual report of the Department of Northern Development, which was tabled in the Legislature yesterday, the Ontario Government spent \$3,735,753.32 during the last fiscal year on the maintenance and construction of roads in the northern section of the Province. Of this sum, \$359,383.68 was devoted to colonization roads.

Other activities of the department included the rendering of assistance to creameries being operated in the North, and the purchase of cattle and seed grain for settlers on a loan basis. For the financing of cattle purchases the department spent \$11,388.57, and for seed grain, \$12,341.10. Aid to creameries and grain elevators totalled \$2,175.

The net amount of loans issued was \$52,850. It is stated that there were 377 applications for loans received and 174 granted. The average loan over the several years in which the department has been in operation has been \$355.07, says the report.

F. Dane, Settlers' Loan Commissioner, stated that the settlers have met their principal and interest payments in a most gratifying manner. The pioneering spirit, he states, is still in the people of the North and they are looking forward with great expectations to the coming summer when they hope to be able to make up their losses of last year.

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## ONTARIO GAME LAWS STRICTLY ENFORCED

### Seizures Are Summarized in Annual Report to Legislature

Some idea of the very strict enforcement of the game laws of Ontario as practiced by the Game and Fisheries Department, Queen's Park, can be gained from the annual report of that branch of the service which was tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

"Enforcement was performed in a satisfactory manner by the field officers charged with the work," says the report, "and the service rendered by the District Wardens and the various overseers under their respective jurisdictions was capably augmented during the spring and fall spawning and deer hunting seasons by additional seasonal overseers appointed during these periods for the better protection of fish and game, and enforcement of the Act."

In 916 cases in which parties were charged with fish and game violations, convictions were secured. Fines and costs assessed in these cases amounted to \$18,933.35. In 893 of these cases seizures of goods and equipment were made. These seizures are summarized as follows: Pelts, 2,512; deer and moose hides, 15; live animals, 26; fish, 5,650 pounds; gill nets, 123 pieces; dip nets, 20; hoop nets, 14; Seine nets, 16; bull nets, 9; trap nets, 3; hooks, 3,779; grapnels, 1; gaffs, 2; spears, 37; rods and lines, 122; traps, 1,200; firearms, 290; gasoline boats, 10; rowboats, 10; canoes, 22; punts, 12; motor cars, 3; jacklights and lanterns, 9; deer and moose, 10; venison, 450 pounds; moose meat, 435 pounds; partridge, 10; geese and ducks, 23; pheasants, 10; quail, 32; decoys, 45, and miscellaneous, 45.