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PAVING TO GIVE WORK TO MANY UNEMPLOYED

Brantford Deputation Re- ceives Favorable Reply From Highways Minister

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Brantford, March 27.—Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Highways for Ontario, gave an encouraging reply to Brantford's representatives, Mayor Beckett, Ald. J. H. Matthews and Kenneth MacDonald, who were in attendance at the Department of Highways in Toronto to petition for the institution of public works in this district to relieve the unemployment conditions. The Minister promised that considerable work, starting early this spring, would be done on the St. George and Burford roads, also that some paving would be done this year on a shorter Brantford-to-Toronto highway.

Since the bridge in Paris is not likely to be rebuilt soon, the Minister said, the Burford road to Eastwood had really been made a detour, and in view of the increased heavy traffic using that road, considerable work would be done on it early this spring. Although it would probably not be paved, a more permanent surface would be put on. The work would be carried on without closing the road.

If the Counties of Brant and Oxford wanted to undertake the paving of the Burford road now, but felt they were unable to finance it, the Minister said, the Government was prepared to advance them the money for that purpose.

The Government also considered the possibility of relieving Brantford of some of the traffic by the extension of the Dundas Highway by Governor's Road to St. George. That would make a nearer road from Brantford to Toronto than at present exists, and the section from Clappison's Corners to St. George would be paved. This route would not touch Hamilton.

Activity at Tillsonburg.

Tillsonburg, March 27.—Tillsonburg will be the centre of an extensive road-

paving program beginning about the second week in April. Oxford County Council passed a grant of \$24,700 for permanent work in town. The town will also have the privilege of having the first concrete road yet laid under the county road system on Tillson Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$22,000, and bona fide residents will be given the preference for work. Adjoining this road, the county will spend \$4,360 for resurfacing on to Otterville and \$4,000 for resurfacing west to Delmer. The Highways Department will also start paving May 1 eight miles from the town limits to Mount Elgin on the Ingersoll-Tillsonburg road, recently taken over by the Province.