MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS TELLS OF ROAD WORK

Hon. G. S. Henry, Ontario's New Minister of Highways Says Much Extravagant Roadwork Has Been Done in Past .- Promises Curtailment This Year.

That a great deal of extravagant road-building has been done by the Department of Highways in the past, and that roadwork would be curtailed very greatly this year, wa the gist of an interview the Owen Sound Sun-Times had with the Hon G. S. Henry on Monday night of last week. The Hon. Mr. Henry, together with Mr. W. A. McLean, Depuly Minister of Highways; Mr. George Hogarth, Chief Engineer; Mr. R. M. Sith, Divisional Engineer, and Messrs, C. A. Robbins and W. Bush Resident Engineers for the Department in this district, was on a tour of inspection of the Highway system throughout the Province. He went to Owen Sound by way of the Provincial Highway from Brampton. through Orangeville, and he went south to Guelph, by way of Durham, and was then going through Palmerston and Walkerton to Kincardine. down the Blue Water Highway to Goderich and back through Stratford to Toronto.

Mr. Henry is a plain man who says about the bush. He lives on a farm in York County, a few miles out of Toronto, and has a great deal of experience in the building and maintenance of country roads. While he says he is thoroughly in sympathy with a good roads policy, he feels that too much money has been spent. He cited the instance of a stretch of road between Orangeville and Shelburne. It was a wide gravel road with the sides nicely trimmed up, | but it has cost over \$12,000 a mile. He considered such expenditure entirely uncalled for on a country road. In the future, although the greater part of the road was built through Grey County, the remainder would not be carried on on such a pretentious scale. Thirty feet, he considered, was much too wide a top on any road, and next year this would be cut down on the roads being built. As far as the carrying on of the construction of the roads was concerned, he assured the Sun-Times that this would be done.

Mr. Henry would not say anything about the Blue Water Highway, but it is understood that nothing will be done by the Department in the way of taking this road over for some time at least. The Conservative Government has adopted the policy of retrenchment in all highway work, and it is unlikely that any new roads will be designated as Provincial Highways for some time.

The Minister was equally silent on the widening-out policy of the late Government. All widening has been definitely suspended, however, and it is understood that the Provincial Highways, where they have not already been widened, will be left at their present width, sixty-six feet.

The Hon, Mr. Henry is an ardent advocate of gravel roads in the counfry, except at the approach to cities or towns. In such places he intends to build waterbound macadam roads unless traffic warrants more permanent construction.

When asked as to the intention of the Department with regard to the construction of diversions south of Chatsworth on the Toronto Road to avoid railway crossings, Mr. Henry said that one diversion was now being built south of Chatsworth and that it was the intention of the Department/to put through another one at Berkeley.

Mr. C. A. Robbins of Durham, Resident Engineer on the Highway from Guelph to Owen Sound, accompanied the party on the tour as far as Kitch-

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Eiton Rozell, one of the proprietors | the defendant. of the Clinton Creamery, recently MAN KILLED AT WINGHAM had a close call from death by electrocution. Something had gone wrong with the motor which supplies the plant with power, and Mr. Rozell went to the main switch intending to cut off the current. But the trouble in the motor had in some way charged the switch handle, so that on taking hold of it Mr. Rozell was instantly paralyzed and unable to let go. Mr. Lawson, a partner in the business, succeeded in releasing his hand but not befort Rozell became unconscious. He was thought to be dead, but soon showed signs of recovery, and though suffering from the shock, was soon at work again.

ENNISKILLEN MAN SENT UP

of Greenock Township.

hearing the evidence of the girl and were not hurt.

her mother, the Magistrate sent HAD CLOSE CALL Schlosser up for trial before the judge. He will likely be tried at the December Court Sessions. In the meantime he is out on \$2,000 bail. Crown Attorney Dixon prosecuted and Lawyer O. E. Klein appeared for

IN LABOR DAY ACCIDENT

Thrown Into Road When Front Axle Broke and Died Soon Afterward.

Robert Austin, an employee of the tally injured in an automobile accident which occurred about a mile north of Wingham on Labor Day, Austin occupied the back seat of car driven by William Wilson. They were proceeding north and when approaching the turn in the road near the old brickyard the front axle of the car broke, the fender coming down upon the wheel. The brakes were applied and the car came to a FOR TRIAL AT FALL ASSIZES sudden stop. It appears that on seeing there was trouble Austin Serious Charge Laid By Young Girl jumped to his feet and was shot out over Wilson's head and on to the ground in front of the car. He a-The adjourned preliminary hear- lighted on the side of his head, susing of the case against Domenic taining such an injury that he died Schlosser of Enniskillen on a serious soon after without regaining concharge brought by a young girl, Mar- sciousness. He had a shotgun in his garet Tennant of Greenock, was held hand and Wilson received a severe what he thinks without any beating before County Magistrate Alex. Mc- blow on the head as it passed over Nab last Thursday afternoon. After him. Other occupants of the car

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state I used no sense in what I ate. Some unripe fruit I'd often take, which later on was sure to make my little what you call it ache. Perhaps I'd go to bed all right, all free from care and happy quite, but pains would seize me in the night. Then I would open up my jowls, emitting most unearthly howls. Poor ma would sigh and pa would swear, but they would snatch my tummy bare and rub it gently here and there. Though long and patiently they knelt the more they rubbed the worse I Stove Foundry at Wingham was fa- felt. I'm older now and wiser grown with broader girth of stomach zone. I must be careful how I grub it, for if it aches no one will rub it. I feed myself with greater care, my apples must be ripe and fair, and very little pie or ham is stowed beneath my diaphragm.

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