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OVER EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS SPENT BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

The annual report of the Dominion Commissioner of Highways just issued for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1926, shows that 7,018 miles of highways have been constructed under the Canadian Highway Act, at a cost of \$48,426,713.00, the Federal Department having made payments to the extent of \$18,429,107.00.

In his report Mr. A. W. Campbell, the Commissioner, says that during the year very little change was made in rates paid for labor and materials. Most of the work was performed by residents of the locality, many of whom were connected with the works for the past three to five years. Their training and experience so fitted them that more and better work was secured with the same amount of labor and with no greater outlay. There was a largely increased use of bituminous emulsions for road dressing and dust laying during 1925, materials used being calcium chloride, light asphaltic road oils, tars and medium asphalt. These materials were used successfully where carefully and

properly applied.

During 1925 the improvement, as in former years, was carried on along progressive lines, the development being in proportion to the importance of the highway and the character and extent of the traffic it is called upon to accommodate at the time or within a reasonable future. Departments are becoming more seriously impressed with the importance of moving carefully from step to step until the best and most economical construction is obtained, realizing that stronger and higher types of road are necessary to carry the rapidly increasing volume and weight of traffic both passenger and heavy truck. The regulating of dimensions and loads to be carried by the motor truck is pressing itself more and more upon road officials, and the public generally. At the same time the improvements being made in the development of the motor car, balloon tires, broader wheel treads, shock absorbers and other improvements it is believed have decreased considerably the wear and tear on the highway surface. More and more have surveys on the ground been studied to secure the best practical location, as well as the rectification of alignment to better, more satisfactory and more economical construction and maintenance. These locations are being selected largely with a view to present and future requirements.

The matter of maintenance of the several types of road up to the standard of construction is impressing itself more each year upon road authorities until now it is receiving scientific study.

Mr. Campbell states that considerable progress was made during 1925 in the naming and numbering of roads erecting direction and warning signs and danger signals, together with the standardization of the higher type of specifications.

The amounts expended by the Federal Government on N. B. roads are as follows:—

Name of Road	Total to March 31, 1926
Matapedia-Bathurst	\$ 36,423.20
Bathurst-Newcastle	68,176.91
Newcastle-Moncton	103,750.00
Shediac-Port Elgin	13,273.33
Cape Tormentine-Aulac	26,189.77
Moncton-Aulac	21,158.65
Moncton-St. John	62,426.02
St. John-St. Stephen	168,181.78
Moncton-Penobscuis	17,503.07
St. John-Fredericton	78,388.41
Fredericton-Woodstock	213,934.68
Woodstock-Perth	21,426.93
Perth-Grand Falls	34,863.67
Grand Falls-Quebec bound-ary	33,466.91
Westfield-Oromocto	32,968.26
St. Stephen-Burden	30,862.34
Fredericton-Newcastle	92,150.58
Newcastle-Bathurst	38,983.55
Fredericton-Sussex	69,716.94

Total

*This amount completes the allotment of the Province.

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Jersey and kasha have carved niches for themselves which no flimsy fabric can hope to fill. Rodier and other fabric creators have glorified these materials, even to the extent of weaving metal threads with wool and to adding a sort of frosted surface. Such materials find great favor abroad and have all the appeal of novelty.

Whether these fabrics appeal or not, there is bound to be interest, if not enthusiasm, over the wool dress, the velvet or velveteen one. For, no matter how wedded we have become to crepes there should be variety in every wardrobe. Some fine and heavy corded silks are offered in lieu of crepes and while moire seems to be only faintly praised at the moment, it is because of the newer materials that have been offered.

The velveteen dress for day wear is replaced by the velvet one for evening, and over both one wears a velvet or velveteen coat. This makes for a certain richness, and added to this is the foreign information that evening gowns glitter with many paillettes and that it is the exceptional one that is of untrimmed chiffon or crepe.

DATE BUTTERSCOTCH TAPIOCA.

One third cup tapioca
Two cups boiling water
Half a cup brown sugar
Two tablespoons butter
One cup sliced dates
Eighth teaspoon salt
Half teaspoon vanilla
Half cup heavy cream, whipped.
Place all the ingredients except the whipped cream and vanilla in the top of a double boiler. Cook the mixture, stirring until the tapioca is transparent. Let it cool, fold in the vanilla and whipped cream and pour into individual serving dishes. Chill and serve.

DATE APRICOT CANDY.

One-quarter pound figs
One-quarter pound apricots
One package of dates
One teaspoon grated orange rind
One tablespoon orange juice
One-quarter pound shredded cocoa nut.
Run the cocoanut, dried fruits and nuts through a meat grinder. Moisten with fruit juice and knead in the rind. Roll into a sheet a quarter inch thick. Cut into one inch rounds or roll into balls.

PARSON'S SPONGE.

Line a large dish with lady fingers or pieces of stale sponge cake. Sprinkle thickly with a mixture of chopped nuts. Pour in a floating island, heaping the whites on top. Garnish with blocks of candied pineapple, candied cherries or jelly.

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2 cups cranberries
1 cup seeded raisins
1 cup chopped beef suet
1 cup breadcrumbs
½ cup syrup
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon

Wash and cut the cranberries in half; mix all the dry ingredients together; add enough cold water to make a stiff mixture; then add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Brush mould or kettle with butter put in the mixture and steam 3½ hours. Serve warm with fruit or vanilla sauce.

THE LOVER'S LAMENT.

Well, little girl, good-by,
Ended is our romance;
I feel that I could die,
(But you never could dance.)

Do you remember when
You promised to be mine?
I didn't doubt you then;
(But I never liked your line!)

I worshiped at your feet,
Not knowing how cold you'd become
I thought you sweeter than sweet
(But gosh, you were dumb!)

Well, little girl, we part
Perhaps it is better so;
Of course you have broken my heart
(But maybe I'll save some dough.)
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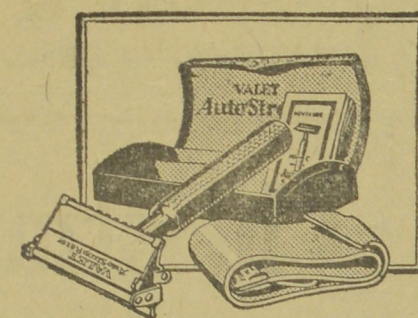
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