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THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS A BIG PROGRAM OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FOR PRESENT YEAR

The Total Amount to Be Expended Will Be \$2,375,000—Rebuilding of 65 Miles of Highway in Seven Counties Provided For in the Seven Contracts to Be Awarded.

Inaugurating the biggest season of highways construction New Brunswick has ever had since the introduction of the Province's good roads system, Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, has called for tenders on nine highways building projects which embrace 65.1 miles of roads in seven counties.

The Highways Division of the Provincial Department of Public Works have a programme for 1928 which Chief Highway Engineer B. E. Kinghorn estimates will involve expenditures totalling \$2,375,000 and will constitute the most extensive work that has ever been undertaken in any one year from provincial funds in New Brunswick. The calling for tenders for the first nine projects for which plans and specifications have been completed and approved is the first move in initiating that programme. It is estimated that the nine projects for which tenders are now being called will cost half a million dollars or more to complete.

An Early Start

With a more extensive programme than ever before mapped out it is appropriate that an earlier start is being made than in any other year in getting out the call for tenders. Contractors were notified under date of April 5th., notice of the call for tenders appears in the Royal Gazette today and with Friday, April 27th., set as the date for tenders to close, it will thus be possible for the Minister of Public Works to make awards of the contracts by May 1st. Thus the contractors will be able to have work commenced early in May and by this time next month a good many hundreds of men will be employed and the whole province will be reaping the benefits accruing from the circulation of the payrolls' money.

Seven of the Projects

Seven of the nine projects for which tenders are being called are on the Main Trunk Highways and the biggest job in the list is the rebuilding and widening of 10.5 miles of the scenic Saint John River Valley highway between Gagetown and Westfield. Early intimations by Hon. Mr. Stewart had been that little more than half of that mileage could be rebuilt this year, when the Lower Saint John Improvement Association discussed matters with him, but the Minister has been able to include the entire section of the road from Hampstead to Oak Point in the 1928 construction programme.

There are two other projects extending over 10 miles in length, one being that from Upper Blackville to McCann's in the Parish of Blackville on the Fredericton-Newcastle Highway and the other from Petitcodiac to Lindin Bridge on the Moncton-St. John highway in the Parish of Cardwell, King's County.

Another important project in the list is the rebuilding of 8.9 miles of the Woodstock-Andover section of the Saint John River Valley highway from Jacksonville Corner to Hartland, via Waterville, in the Parish of Wakefield, Carleton County. This is part of the Trans-Canada Highway as are the Hampstead-Oak Point, Petitcodiac-Lindin Bridge and the Lincoln Diversion, making a total of 30.9 miles of the Trans-Canada Highway through New Brunswick which will be rebuilt this year. The Lincoln Diversion, while only 1.1 miles, is one of the most important projects being undertaken; it will eliminate a dangerous double S curve six miles south of Fredericton on the Fredericton-St. John highway along the Saint John river which has been the scene of some runoffs and collisions in the past.

On St. Stephen Road

The rebuilding of 6.4 miles of the Fredericton-St. Stephen highway will complete the entire road between St. Stephen and Calais, Me., and New Brunswick's capital up to No. 1 Trunk Highway standard, while the construction of 4.5 miles between Taymouth and Covered Bridge in the Parish of St. Marys, York County, will be another improvement on the main trunk highway between Fredericton and Newcastle on which an additional 10.8 miles from Blackville and McCann's in Northumberland County is also provided for.

Improving Motor Roads

The two projects which are not on main trunk highways but on so-called secondary trunk highways are both on scenic routes in districts visited by many motorists, one being 4.4 miles between New Zion Cross Road and Sypher's Cove Bridge, parish of Canning, Queen's County, which is in the Grand Lake district, while the other is 8.4 miles from Musquash to Dipper Harbor in the parish of Musquash, Saint John County, which leads down to the fishing villages on the Bay of Fundy Coast from the main trunk highway leading through Saint John from the international bridge between St. Stephen and Calais Me., and which is really a continuation of No. 1 Highway which follows the Atlantic Coast from Florida right up to and across the State of Maine to the Canadian border, whence the Province of New Brunswick will continue the No. 1 highway numbering through to the City of Saint John.

List of Projects

No. 100—Jacksonville Corner-Hartland via Waterville on the Woodstock-Andover Highway, Parish of Wakefield, Carleton County, 8.9 miles.

No. 101—Hampstead-Oak Point on the Fredericton-St. John River Road, in the Parish of Hampstead, Queen's County, Parish of Greenwood, King's County.

No. 102—Petitcodiac-Lindin Bridge on the Moncton-St. John Highway in the Parish of Salisbury, Westmorland County, Parish of Cardwell, King's County.

No. 103—Upper Blackville-McCann's on the Fredericton-Newcastle high-

CATS STILL USED TO SAVE BUMBLEBEES

Yakima, Wash., April 11—Wanted—Cats to eat the field mice that eat bumblebees that help to pollinize melons and tomatoes in the Northwest.

The crop failure in recent years in sections of the Northwest where tomatoes and melons are grown extensively is laid to the scarcity of bumblebees. No other insect has the strength to force open the calyx of a tomato blossom as the big buzzing bee.

Bumblebees make their nests at the roots of certain weeds and shrubs in open fields. They are victims of field mice that eat the adult insects as well as the honey larvae. Field mice are likewise destructive by gnawing, and have increased at an alarming rate in all parts of the West Coast states.

Victorian Order Met

The regular monthly meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses took place yesterday and the various reports of the committees were read. The Well Baby Conference Committee reported that the conference is now meeting in the Wilmot United Church. Contributions were received from the Hiram Lodge, Golden Rule Circle of the Daughters of the Empire and Picardy Chapter of the I. O. D. E. There was a good attendance of members.

Funeral Yesterday

The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles D. Young, took place yesterday afternoon from the late home at two o'clock, and was largely attended. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were received which attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The service was quite largely attended and was conducted by Rev. F. H. Holmes, assisted by Rev. Dr. Weddall. Interment was made at the Rural Extension.

Missionary Meeting

The Women's Missionary Society of the St. Paul's United Church held their usual Easter Thank Offering meeting yesterday at which there was a good attendance. A short program was carried out and Mrs. A. H. Barker, returned missionary from Korea, gave an interesting talk. The Mission Band of the church gave a selection and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Frank Good rendered beautiful solos.

It's the same now as it was a thousand years ago; If the right girl marries the right boy, familiarity breeds content.

way, Parish of Blackville, Northumberland County.

No. 104—New Zion Cross Road-Sypher's Cove Bridge, Parish of Canning, Queen's County.

No. 105—Musquash-Dipper Harbor, Parish of Musquash, St. John County.

No. 106—Lincoln Diversion on St. John-Fredericton Highway, Parish of Lincoln, Sunbury County.

No. 107—Harvey-Long's Creek on the St. Stephen-Fredericton Highway, Parish of Manners-Sutton, York County.

No. 108—Taymouth-Covered Bridge on the Fredericton-Newcastle Highway, Parish of St. Mary's, York County.

HIGHWAYS CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

Public notice is hereby given that all highways in the Central, Southern and Eastern Counties of New Brunswick are closed to all Motor Vehicle Traffic until further notice under provisions of the Highway Act for protection of the Roads during the Spring Season.

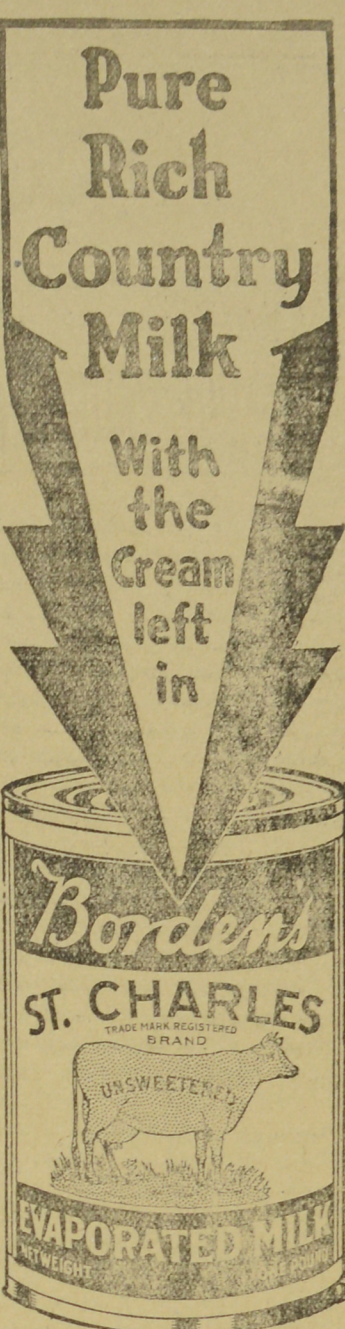
Warning is also given no vehicle carrying a load weighing more than 3,000 pounds, no portable mill on wheels, no log hauler tractor shall be operated on the highways from this date until public notice is given that the roads are open to all traffic.

Traffic Officers and Provincial Police have been instructed to apprehend all violators.

Public notice will be given when the restrictions are lifted.

Fredericton, N. B.
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Easter Concert

The annual Easter concert of the United Baptist church of Devon, was held last evening and the church was very largely attended. The Superintendent of the Sunday School, H. P. Lint, acted as chairman. The church was beautifully decorated and presented a very pleasing effect. An interesting program, was carried out and was much enjoyed.

CITY OF FREDERICTON**NOTICE**

Citizens are requested, if possible, not to use the City Dump at the present period of high water, as the river level has very much restricted the dumping area.

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