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Senator King Explains Hon. Mr. Cochrane's Idea of Providing for His Own---Senate's Amendment Would Have Secured large Grant for Use on Roads Throughout All Provinces Alike

(St. John Telegraph)

"In spite of the impression given by the statements of Senator Daniel n the Standard yesterday morning the high-way bill as presented to the senate by the house of commons did not provide for any part of the \$1,-00,000 grant being spent on the bycoads of the country," said Senator King, of Chipman, when seen by The Telegraph last evening. "The amendment offered by the senate would cause the money to be divided among the provinces according to populabut this was not at all the idea of Hon. Mr. Cochrane, who introduced the bill. Senator Loughead, the leader of the Conservatives in the senate, explained the nature of the oill and pointed out that the idea of the makers of the bill would not be carried out if the amendment went

SENATE LEADER REVEALED TRUTH

"Many of the members of the senthroughout the country but the leader of the Conservatives gave his explanation which you will see by the Hansard report was as follows: 'It seems to me that the honorable genrole of critics of this bill have a very great misconception of the policy, of the nature and the origin of the bill. Hon, gentlemen seem to be obessed, if I may use that term in its most courteous sense, with the idea that a great constitutional wrong has been done, not only to the provinces, but to the senate of Canada by the government in the introduction of this bill. Hon. gentlemen seem to be equally obessed by the idea that a very great discourtesy has been extended by the government of Canada to the senate on account of their failure to attach that great importance which certain gentlemen seem to think should be attached to this amendment which would be given to outlying roads. If

year. If the hon, gentlemen look at the preamble of the bill they will find that this is not a local undertaking. This has not for its object the improvement of the roads in any particular municipality or group of municipalities. It is not intended for a moment that this assistance should be given to the ordinary highway in a local sense.

NOT HELP SIMILAR ROADS

--Continuing, Mr. Loughead said: "Hon. gentlemen seem to think that the government of the day in its generosity has suddenly come to the conclusion that should be helped and that the provinces should only be helped and that provinces should be helped so far as the development of local highways are concerned. But there is a larger object than that in view. I main tain that while highways in their local sense are peculiarly provincial undertakings, that this is more than a provincial undertaking. This is an undertaking and does not come withate had the impression that the bill in that class of cases referred to by was to provide for good roads my honorable friends and particular-

ly the honorable gentleman from De Lorimier who cited to us last night section 92 of the British North American Act in which he sought to bring this undertaking under sub tlemen who have been performing the sention 10 of section 92 and within the language local works and undertakings.' Due regard is being paid by the government to the wishes and interests of every province of the dominion, and if the government of Canada desire to carry out an inter provincial or national highway ex tending from the Atlantic to the Pacific is it un reasonable to say that each province could participate in the advantages to be derived from that expenditure on a pro rata basis Quit the contrary.

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"In these statements," continued Senator King, "the leader of the Conservatives admitted that no help senate made to the bill last the bill had not been held up in the



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senate there would have been no reason why Hon. Mr. Cochrane could STOCK not have decided that the best road in New Brunswick as at present existing should be used for his nationpresent roads terminate. Then he could have taken practically all the grant to build that section from say, Cochrane, Ont., west. There is stretch there of about 1,000 miles which at present is almost virgin of forest. This would likely be fitted S up as an automobile road, but would be of no great benefit to the E farmers of the other provinces."

"If the senate amendment had been adopted each province would have shared in the benefit and there would have been money to spend on the local roads. The roads from farming districts to railroads could be put in first class condition and in this way farm produce could be more readily sent to market. The country is not so much in need of a national highway that we could expend this large amount before fitting up the local roads first.

"Senator Daniel also referred thepartizan feeling in the senate, but he must forget that Hon. George Ross after opposing the reciprocity measure in every way, and even going so far as to make speeches against it when his own son was running in favor of it, was elected as leader of the Liberal party in the

STOOD UP FOR WEAKER

"In regard to the Highway bill, the senate did its duty, and by introduc-ing the amendment merely showed that it was working in the interests of the weaker as well as the stronger provinces. For, if the bill had been passed, there is no reason at all to believe that New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island would have received any aid from the fund. It is my belief that the money should be divided according to population and then the smaller as well as the larger provinces would benefit."

"This was one last chance," said Senator King, "after redistribution there will be sixty senators from the west, including Ontario, so it was the last time we could stand up for our rights. Senator Daniel seems not to have gripped the real issue at stake, nor to have been familiar with the speech of his own leader."

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