

Highway Improvements

Harrisburg, Pa., July 31.—Forty seven of the counties of Pennsylvania have asked for State aid in the construction of roads aggregating almost 740 miles in length in less than a year, and as rapidly as estimates can be made and the approval by county commissioners and local authorities given to these estimates, the State Highway department will take the steps necessary to award contracts. Many of the applications for the assistance of the commonwealth on a basis of one half the cost, as provided by the Sprout law of 1911, have not been followed by officials in the districts proposed to be improved, with the result that work of bettering highways has been retarded.

The provisions of the act of 1911 are similar to those of previous good roads laws, except that where boroughs or townships unite with counties in asking for State aid they are to receive but 50 per cent. instead of 75 per cent. of the cost. The State aid feature of the earlier laws was retained in the Sprout law, which, however, is best known because of its provision for a system of main State highways. In other words, the means of obtaining State aid in construction of roads is in force as much today as it was five years ago, only the terms have changed. Where applications have been made for construction of roads on the basis of one half of the cost to be paid by the State the engineers of the State Highway department make estimates which are then forwarded to local authorities for their information and approval before bids are asked for construction.

The total number of applications is over 300 and it is expected by the end of the year this number will be materially increased. The proposition of State aid in road building is being better understood and the improvement of such roads will supply important connections to the State's main highway system and also link up sections already constructed.

Under the proposed issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds for improvement of highways State aid work will be facilitated, as it is recognized that this is destined to create a system of roads through communities not touched by main highways. The constitutional amendment providing for the bond issue was passed for the first time by the legislature of 1911 and the men now running for the legislature of 1913 will vote upon it for the second time, this action being necessary before it goes to the people for ratification.

The bond issue will put Pennsylvania in the very front rank of States which are bettering their roads and provide means for the development of smaller highways as well as those designated as main routes. The plan is to issue the bonds as needed so that the cost of interest and sinking fund will be distributed over a period of years. The fixed charges will vary according to the issue of bonds, and as Pennsylvania levies no State land tax the rural communities will be the greatest beneficiaries without bearing the cost.

The poor bosses! Even the Prohibitionists denounce them.

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