

UP-TO-DATE ROAD FROM MORRISBURG TO OTTAWA, WAS URGED AT MEETING

Gathering at Winchester Advocates Building a Highway as Memorial to Late Premier, Sir James Whitney.

Recent activity on the part of the Ottawa Valley Motor Car Association and various individuals and bodies along the route of the proposed Ottawa-Prescott road in advocacy of the projected improvement, has stirred up the advocates of an Ottawa-Morrisburg highway, and resulted in a bumper meeting being held in the Winchester town hall, a few days ago, to consider ways and means of promoting the scheme. The proposal is to construct a good road from Morrisburg to Ottawa to be called the Whitney Memorial road, in memory of the late premier of Ontario, whose home was at Morrisburg. Dundas residents have been thinking of building a museum in memory of the late Conservative chieftain, but the new proposal for the Whitney memorial road is meeting with widespread support. Ottawa motorists look with favor on both projects, although most of them would like to see the Prescott road proposition tackled first. There cannot be too many good roads in Eastern Ontario to suit the automobilists of the Ottawa district.

Meeting at Winchester.

Mr. J. Moffatt Ross, president of the Ottawa Valley Motor Car Association, attended the meeting at Winchester and was much impressed by the enthusiasm for the Ottawa-Morrisburg road shown by the two hundred men who crowded into the town hall. Addresses were given by Irwin Hilliard, M.L.A., Reeve Fisher of Winchester, Mr. J. Moffatt Ross, and others. Mr. O. D. Casselman of Cherterville, was appointed to take charge of the propaganda in favor of the construction of the road.

The road would be about 50 miles in length and would run through a splendid farming country—Gloucester and Osgoode townships, and between Mountain and Winchester and Matilda and Williamsburg townships. Not only would the road be a great boon to motorists, but would be of inestimable value to the farmers, who, with motor trucks, could run their produce into Ottawa in a very short time. Ottawa is not yet committed to either the Prescott or the Morrisburg road project, and it will likely be a case of the first come, first served. In view of the memorial character of the proposed Whitney road, it is

thought that the Ontario government would vote an unusually handsome grant and the Dominion government might also make a contribution, the balance of the cost being borne by Ottawa, and the other municipalities benefited by the road.

Would Use Austrians.

An Ottawa motorist has made a suggestion which is meeting with favorable consideration. It is that now would be a splendid time to con-

construct good roads as the thousands of Austrians and Germans could be employed on the work instead of being kept interned as at present. It is urged that with the cost defrayed by 30 and 40 year debentures the expenditure would not be appreciably felt at the present time.