

Morris, Man.
November 15/1954

The Committee members representing the Municipalities of Ritchot, Montcalm and Morris, met on the above date to formulate a brief to be studied and presented to the Department of Public Works, requesting it to take over the St. Mary's Road as a Provincial Trunk Highway or as a Class "B" Highway.

Estimated expenditures re this road by the above Municipalities during the past years were:

Ritchot	\$65,000.00
Morris	50,000.00
Montcalm	<u>30,000.00</u>
	\$145,000.00

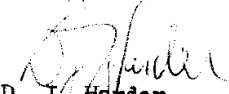
The above amount does not include the cost of bridges built.

St. Mary's Road, from Letellier through to St. Vital serves more ratepayers, due to concentrated population on River Lots, than any road in these Municipalities.

There are 10 schools situated along this road, serving about 270 families, which necessitate proper road facilities throughout the year; as well as being the main outlet for numerous market gardeners and farmers.

Due to lack of bridges across the Red River from Morris to Winnipeg, and no Ferry Service during the Spring and Fall seasons of the year, the St. Mary's Road is taxed more heavily with traffic from year to year.

With the above points in mind it is definitely felt that favorable consideration should be given the request to be submitted.


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Committee:

B. MacKenzie, Chairman)	
C. J. Neufeld)	Morris Mcpty.
Art Beabien		Montcalm Mcpty <i>absent</i>
Andre Marion	"	"
D. Proteau		Ritchot "
H. Paul		St.Vital " <i>absent</i>

Dec. 8, 1954

The above committee met with representatives of the Dept. of Public Works to-day to discuss the possibility of taking over the St. Mary's Road as a P.T.H. or Class "B" Highway. Mr. F.C.Bell, acting Minister of Public Works, Mr. Collins & Mr. Cameron gave careful consideration to the request, but could not see how this could be done with the finances available. ~~It~~ The St. Mary's road was considered to handle mostly local traffic, which is the responsibility of the municipalities concerned. Furthermore, the municipalities concerned, had ~~Public~~ Provincial Trunk Highway of one kind or another passing through its boundaries already, whereas many other municipalities had none.

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