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It is apparent from the policies adopted by the Minister of Roads and Transport that he is determined to preside over the dissolution of the Departments he is administering in order to give facilities to non-governmental organizations despite any harm to the public which may result. In cutting railway services to country areas, the Minister told a deputation that he represented private enterprise in the Government. It is apparent that the same philosophy is working to get rid of the Highways Department establishment and that Highways Department staff and equipment is left idle despite the public investment which has taken place in the training of the staff, and the purchase of that equipment, in order to give the work to outside organizations.

Mr. Hill proposes not only to spend under the M.A.T.S. plan vastly increased amounts of money on roads from the Highways fund, but another \$160M. odd in addition in the next twenty years, so he says. How this could possibly be achieved effectively without planning supervisory staff and the men to carry out the job, nobody could say.
