

for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public. It shall be the duty of the members of the Commission to travel over and personally inspect the public highways in the several parts of the State and the work being done on the same, in order that they may have, as far as possible, personal knowledge of the requirements of the several sections of the State in reference to the matter of roads as well as of the progress from time to time of the work of said Commission.

## XI.

### *The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.*

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall continue to have and exercise all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions now or hereafter conferred by law.

## XII.

### *The Conservation Department.*

SECTION 1. The terms of office of the members of the Conservation Commission shall continue or be extended, as the case may be, until the taking effect of this Act, whereupon the same shall cease and be at an end and the said Commission shall be and stand abolished.

SEC. 2. On the taking effect of this Act, Section 1 of Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Volume IV, title "Conservation of Natural Resources," is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

1. The Conservation Department is hereby created and established. The head of this Department shall be the Conservation Commissioner, who, as far as practicable, shall be specially informed in the following subjects: oysters, clams, fish crabs, terrapin, wild fowl, birds, game and fur-bearing animals. The Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor. The term of the Commissioner shall be four years from the first Monday in May succeeding his appointment, except that the Commissioner first appointed under this Act shall be appointed and his term shall begin on the taking effect of this Act, and he shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall qualify. The Governor shall have power of removal for cause and he shall fill any vacancy however occurring. The salary of the Commissioner shall be \$4,000 a year, and he shall be entitled to receive in addition thereto the neces-