

There are, it is said, 300 curates in the motor transport.

Some strong remarks were made at the meeting of the Canterbury Automobile Association in connection with what was termed an unwarranted raising of the price of motor spirit. It was stated that though the stocks of petrol were large, the price had been advanced over 2s a case, far in excess of the proportion of the reported rise in freights, which had not been paid on the stocks on hand. The association decided to set up a committee to go thoroughly into the matter with a view to seeing if something could not be done to alter the position.

"In my opinion," said Mr. W. B. Clarkson, of Christchurch, who has returned from a trip to the Old World, to a Christchurch reporter a few days ago, "the time is ripe for New Zealand to embrace a 'good roads movement,' which should be operated by a committee of business men, and should be supported by a special tax on wheeled vehicles and also by a tyre tax, levied through the Customs. This money should be capitalised and earmarked for special uses in making sound arterial roads throughout New Zealand. Such roads would be available for military purposes, and they are absolutely necessary to the interests of a country such as New Zealand." Mr. Clarkson is having a large amount of data on the subject sent to him from the United States, where there has been great progress, during the last few years, in scientific road-building and in the formation of high-ways traversing the whole of the North American Continent. Some interesting remarks on the motor trade at Home were also made by Mr. Clarkson. "After the war," he said, "the British motor car manufacturers will be ready to supply a very large number of motor cars at prices much lower than they have been in the past. They are seriously considering how they will be able to compete with foreign makers in the world's markets, and they are realising that this can be done only by specialisation and by better organisation than they have had in the past."

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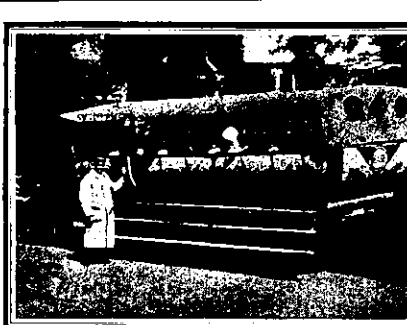
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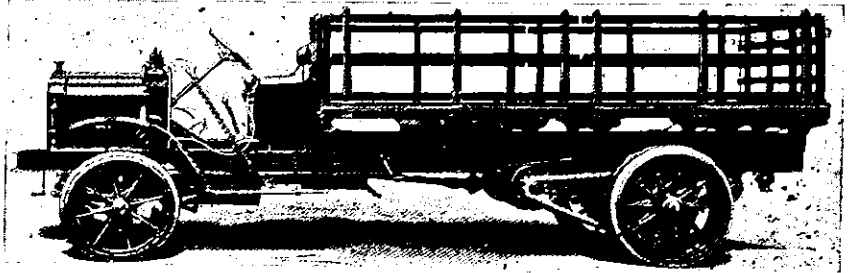
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