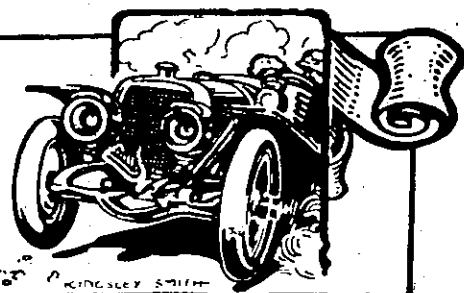


MOTORING & CYCLING



Photographs of private motorists in their cars, snapshots taken while on tour, or accounts of motoring trips and other items of interest to car-owners, will be inserted in these columns if posted to "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," P.O. Box 52, Auckland.

Mr. d'Eyncourt, the Marylebone magistrate, was recently called upon at the instance of the police authorities to decide an important point in cab law: the right or otherwise of a taxi driver to refuse to take a fare further when his meter records 4s. (the fare for a six-mile journey). In giving his decision, Mr. d'Eyncourt said this was a fare made up by distance and time, and, in his opinion, the driver was quite wrong in refusing to go further because the meter recorded 4s.

Proposals made at a recent conference of South Island motor organisations were discussed by the Christchurch Tramway Board the other week. The subject was brought up by Mr. D. Sykes, who said one proposal was that the stopping place of tramcars should be 30 yards before reaching the corner. The acting-chairman said the Board had passed a resolution some time ago that every tramcar should go beyond the corner before stopping, so that it could be seen. If a car stopped 30 feet behind the corner it would not be seen, and accidents would be frequent. He suggested that the board's officers submit a report on the matter. Other speakers said that the miraculous escapes in Christchurch from motors passing standing cars were legion. It was decided to ask the traffic manager and the general manager to report on the traffic question.

Questions regarding motor ambulances were asked in the House of Representatives. Mr. Wilford (Hutt) wished to know from the Minister of Defence whether he would arrange for the handing over to the Mayor of Petone and the Mayor of Lower Hutt, on behalf of the residents of those districts, two motor ambulances in order that those districts might be properly served in time of stress and trouble through sickness or accident? Mr. W. H. Field (Otaki) is asking the Minister of Defence whether it is true that the motor ambulance provided by children's subscriptions in the Otaki-Levin district for the use of our men in France, and which was attached to the Pioneer Native Battalion, has been sent out to the Dominion and has been appropriated for use in Wellington City; and whether, if this is so, the ambulance in question shall be at once forwarded to the district which provided the funds for its purchase and which therefore has the best claim to it and where it is urgently needed?

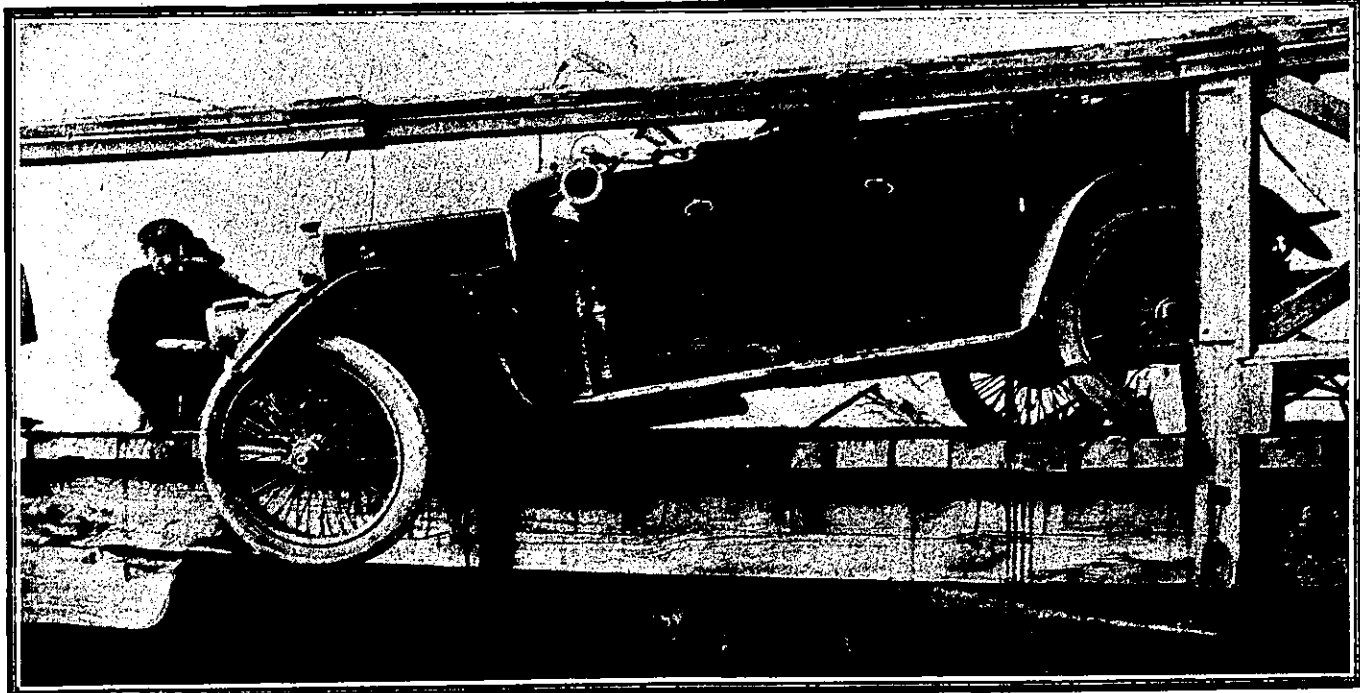
Mr. Buddo, during a discussion in the House on road improvement, said the main roads now were worse than they were 25 years ago. Indeed, the condition of the main New Zealand roads had become a byword, and had often been remarked upon by visitors. Sir William Fraser said it was the increase in motor traffic that had made certain people dissatisfied with the main roads, but it was absurd to say that the roads were worse now than they were 25 years ago. There were some journeys that a few years ago took two days which could now be made in five hours. He had received hundreds of letters from settlers thanking him for what had been done for them by the Government in the matter of roads. (Hear, hear.) He concluded by stating that as a result of this war the country would now have to pay millions in interest where before it was only paying hundreds of thousands, and the difficulty would be to find the money for the necessary requirements.

CHILDREN'S RESTLESSNESS.

A feverish and fretful child is a great bother in a household and disturbs the rest of others. Narcotics and soothing syrups should be avoided. Half-teaspoonful doses of Fluenzol (1/6 and 2/6) will rapidly allay feverishness without any injurious effects whatsoever. Health authorities commend Fluenzol.

The Westland County Council has decided to tax all motor cars and motor bicycles. The taxes will range from £15 to £1. There is also a movement on foot to have all drivers licensed.

The development of motor traction has been considerable during the past few years, and local firms have not been slow to make experiments with this comparatively new form of quick transport facilities, says the "Dunedin Star." Owing to the recent railway trouble, many people, in the country districts particularly, had to rely on motor waggons for the delivery of essential goods, and very good work has been done in this direction. The motor services have been of exceptional value in the Teviot district, both in the quick transport of fruit to markets and with return loading from Dunedin. A large waggon ready for the return journey presented an interesting and unusual appearance in Crawford Street, and testified to the heavy loads and the variety of articles which can be taken. The cargo included an oil engine, an iron bedstead, a large wooden sledge, household furniture, and bags of meal, and tied on with ropes was a calf, which enjoyed itself by chewing the leg of a table. The weight of the load was over five tons, and the driver expected to do the journey to Roxburgh in a day.



A close call. Motor smash on a bridge at Masterton.

Interesting experiments have been made in Nottingham with a new motor fuel, the invention of a South American, M. Andreade. Its cost is 5d. a gallon, and it is a mixture of water and a secret compound. Tests have produced smooth and rapid speed, and altogether the results are encouraging.

Referring to the high cost of production, Major Goddard, interviewed in Auckland on the motor outlook, said that while America had benefited at Great Britain's expense to a large extent, he believed that both the manufacturers at Home and the future purchasers of British cars would ultimately gain from the fact that the manufacturers sacrificed the profitable trade in heavy lorries and cars, and devoted their time to the much more intricate and infinitely less profitable work of aero engines. Not only, he said, were greater accuracy and standardisation obtained, but the steel-making position was studied and new high-grade alloys produced in quantity, which, before the war, had not even been contemplated. One of the immediate results was that America imported tool steel from Great Britain—a thing undreamt of in 1914. All this was bound to make for better service if applied to the building of motor cars, commercial vehicles and agricultural motors in the near future.

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A Hupmobile car belonging to Mr. F. Sisson, Papanui, was taken from a right-of-way off High Street on a recent Saturday night by a "joy-rider." Later the police recovered the car, in an undamaged condition, on the Canal Road, Bromley.

In proposing the toast "Our Transport Workers," at the smoke concert of the Canterbury Automobile Association, Mr. A. S. Clarkson said that if the Government had had to pay the cost of conveying returned soldiers to their homes from the railway stations, the money would have been sufficient to build three Selwyn bridges.

The By-laws Committee has reported to the Wellington City Council that it has received a letter from the Minister of Internal Affairs with reference to the annual registration of motor vehicles, licensing of drivers and authority to local bodies to supply number plates for vehicles of a type uniform throughout the Dominion, in which he states that the importance of these matters is recognised, and that it is hoped to bring down legislation at the present session providing for the licensing of drivers, but that it will not be possible to deal with the other matters during the present session of Parliament.

Mr. Richard Holton, of the Sixth Haurakis (Main Body), is leaving Wellington shortly for Gisborne, and was recently presented with a case of pipes by his fellow workers of Magnus, Sanderson and Company's mechanical staff. Mr. Holton is known in New Zealand as a "motor skidding" expert.

Recently a young dairy farmer near Opunake (states the "Stratford Evening Post") decided to marry. On the wedding day he milked the cows as usual, motored a distance of 36 miles and said "I will," and returned home by motor with his bride in time for the evening's milking. Obliging neighbours, however, packed him off on a honeymoon.

At an inquest on Falkoner John McDonald, aged 42, a clerk belonging to Picton, who was thrown out of a side-chair on Banks Peninsula and killed, a verdict of accidental death was returned, and a rider added calling the attention of the County Council to a dangerous bend in the road and other parts of the main road.

At a reception at Papawai tendered to returned soldiers, it was stated that the natives from that district had put up a splendid record. Driver Ama Turei had been selected as the best driver in the New Zealand division, and had been awarded a bronze medal.

Major A. de B. Brandon, D.S.O., late Royal Air Force, relinquishes the appointment of staff officer to the Air Force Adviser, and is posted to the Reserve of Officers, General List.

Motorists are experiencing difficulty in negotiating the Waiau River, on the Motu-Opotiki Road, owing to the soft nature of the "bottom," and several cars are reported to have been hung up at this spot a few days ago. Pending the erection of the much-delayed bridge, local motorists have urged the district engineer to locate a winch on the river bank to haul the cars across.

Major R. E. Goddard, who is on a visit to New Zealand inquiring into the motor requirements and conditions of the Dominion, stated in Auckland last week that the object of his mission was to inquire into the possibilities of recapturing for British manufacturers the trade in internal combustion engine-powered vehicles and implements, which the British manufacturer commenced to lose in 1910 and finally lost in 1914. To do this, he said, he was collecting information as to the type of automotive products required to suit the special conditions of the Dominion, and would be glad to receive any suggestions on the subject.

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The Automobile Association has approached the proprietors of nearly 2000 hotels in the United Kingdom concerning the requirements of motorists in regard to hotels. It is pointed out that the total accommodation is insufficient to meet the demand, and that in many cases the service given is in need of considerable improvement. The warning is given that unless the proprietors of unprogressive hotels improve their establishments new hotels may be expected.

For exceeding the speed limit at the intersection of Queen and Victoria Streets, Ernest Bloomfield, a well-known Auckland resident, was fined 10s. and 11s. costs. Counsel for defendant stated that his client was driving three officers from H.M.S. New Zealand to the naval and military ball in the Town Hall. One of the three was in the official lancers set, which was to open the ball, and the party was at the foot of Queen Street just at the hour of commencement. Defendant then increased his speed, and reached the hall just in time. The police estimated the speed of the car at 25 miles an hour, whereas the Queen Street limit was six.

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