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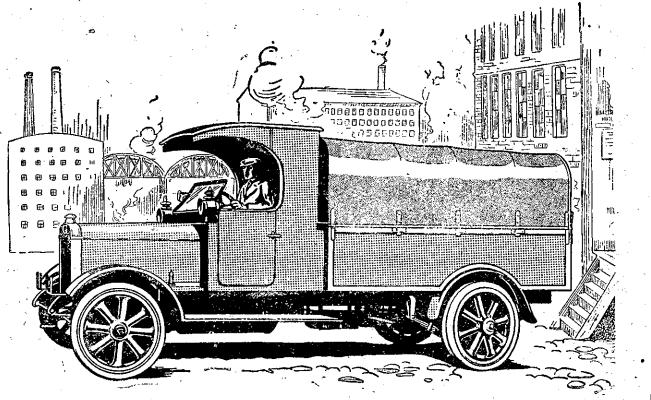
10,000 Miles on the Road In the N.B.A. Benzol Road Test. Average ton miles per gallon, 44.22. Maximum mileage per gallon obtained on any one day, 28.04; ton mileage per gallon 50.75. The trial lasted from August 28 till November 5, 1919. Average mileage per hour, 23.46. Weather normal. Average: 24-57 Miles per Gallon

An inquest concerning the death of Bertie Athol Rhodes, a returned soldier, from injuries caused by a motor collision was concluded at Gisborne last week. The coroner (Mr. Barton) said he had visited the scene of the accident, and found, according to the evidence and the marks on the road-way, that the speed of the car could not be less than 25 miles an hour. This was no safe speed, and the car was not being driven as it should have been. He returned the follow-ing verdict: "That Bertie Athol Rhodes died at the Gisborne Hospital on September 26 as the result of a collision of a motor cycle driven by him and a motor car driven by Mary Alice Leslie." That was his verdict, and he would take the responsibility of saying that the girl should not be further connected with the case. There was an anomaly that while engineers were required to show qualification for running stationary engines a child of 14 years was allowed to drive round the streets in a car of 40 h.p. The driver of the car had not shown the discretion due from one controlling a motor car, but when the driver was a girl of 14 years it was not reasonable to expect much discretion. His Worship took full responsibility for making his verdict an open one. He wished, how-ever, to add the following rider: "In my opinion it is urgently necessary that the Gisborne Borough Council should legislate, firstly, to provide a system for licensing drivers of motor cars, the licenses to be issued only to adult persons, each of whom to prove to the satisfaction of the council his or her ability to handle or drive a motor car in the borough traffic; secondly, to prohibit, under penalty, the driving of a car by a person other than a licensed driver within the borough."

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