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Some Helpful Hints on Winter Driving

Safe and Satisfactory Winter Driving Helped by Suggestions of Chrysler Service Manager

With cold weather due in many sections of the country, motorists will be interested in some advice on preparing their cars to give the best possible service in sub-freezing temperatures. J. H. Hickoy, general service manager of the Chrysler Corporation of Canada Limited, has the following to say on this timely subject:

"Motor cars are subjected to harder use in winter than in summer, even though the total mileage is much less. For this reason it is very important that owners have their cars thoroughly checked over and put in condition to resist the additional hardships imposed by cold weather.

"First of all, the engine should be given a tuning up, to avert starting trouble and other winter ills. Spark plug points and distributor points should be checked and adjusted to the proper gap. Wiring connections should be inspected to insure that they are clean and tight. The compression should be tested and brought up to normal, with an even compression in each cylinder. This means both additional power and greater smoothness.

"If carbon has accumulated, it should be removed. In some makes of cars the valves may need touching up, though we have a minimum of valve trouble in the Chrysler-built cars because of our valve seat inserts of heat-resisting steel.

"The fuel system should be cleaned out and carburetor adjustment changed for cold weather. The battery, which if neglected becomes a frequent source of trouble in cold weather, should be carefully checked so that it may be brought up to full capacity to meet the extra demands on it due to the heavier load on the starter. The generator output also should be checked. The lights are used more in winter than in summer and it is important that there be plenty of "juice" to take care of them, as well as of all the other electrical requirements. Battery cables should be checked and, if corroded at the terminals, cleaned and replaced if too badly damaged.

aged. Badly corroded terminals cause a very heavy current loss.

"Winter oil should be put in the crankcase and the proper grade of cold weather lubricants into the transmission and rear axle. The use of an anti-freeze mixture is essential in most parts of the country. In this connection let me warn motorists to select antifreeze that is free from impurities that attack radiator core, water pump and alloy metals used in the engine. Some of the mixtures containing the wrong ingredients do great harm to a car; as much harm as any one thing I could name.

"It is very important that lights should be in good condition for winter driving, because so much of it is done in rain, snow or fog. Lights should be aligned and focused properly to meet the legal requirements of the various provinces. Poor lights are not always to be blamed on the bulbs, but may be due to low battery, defective wiring or other things that cause low voltage. If, however, a bulb shows smoky, it probably needs to be discarded.

"Tires that are badly cut or that have been worn smooth should be looked after. Smooth tires are a great hazard on slippery streets and should either be retreaded or replaced. Don't risk a serious accident by failing to see that your tires are sound.

"A frozen door lock is sometimes source of great annoyance. With the coming of cold weather, these locks should be blown out to make sure they are free of water and then treated with powdered graphite, which in winter is better for this purpose than oil. By taking this precaution a motorist may save himself the discomfort of having to blow his warm breath into the key-hole of a frozen lock until he thaws it out, which is about the only way I know of doing it unless you have access to heat of some kind.

"The wind-lacing around the doors of your car should be examined to see that it is tight. This will keep out a lot of cold air.

"Brakes always of the utmost importance, should be checked for winter driving. See that they are equalized on all four wheels and that no foreign matter on one brake shoe or another causes it to perform less than its perfect function. The clutch pedal should be checked to see that it has full clearance.

"The windshield wiper comes in for a lot of use in the winter and should be

in good condition. Blades sometimes get fuzzy and do not clean the glass perfectly on that account. A new blade can be purchased for a few cents and is easily installed. If the wiper does not function properly it may be due to an air leak if it is of the vacuum type. Otherwise, it may be due to a failure in the wiper motor itself that probably can be cured by lubrication."

Accused of Hurling Stone Through Cobalt Window

Cobalt, Nov. 12.—(Special to The Advance)—After a 19-year-old youth had admitted breaking a plate glass window in the men's wear section of Sam Bucovetsky's store here early Sunday, someone as yet unknown to police twenty-four hours later put a hole corresponding in size to the broken glass through the temporary stopgap placed there and stole three pairs of gloves from the interior of the window. There is no clue to this second incident, Chief Miller said, but in the first Allan Cooper is held on a charge of wilful damage to property and will appear before Magistrate Atkinson this week-end. He has admitted breaking the window, the chief said.

According to information given the chief by the store caretaker, Cooper came to the door about 2:30 Sunday morning and sought admission, allegedly because he wanted to call police. He was refused and when ordered off he said to have picked up a stone and to have hurled it through the window. The matter was not reported to him, Chief Miller said, until after ten o'clock and then, on information supplied by the caretaker, enquiries led to Cooper, who is said to have confessed. During Sunday night, after cardboard had been placed over the break in the glass, some unknown person cut a hole through the protecting cover and, apparently with a hook, removed the gloves from a rack in the window.

Pictures of Quintuplets Save Lives in West Africa

The story of the Dionne quintuplets, told in West Africa, will save the lives of countless new-born children among the native Nigerians, according to Rev. H. W. Garbutt, native of Wallacetown and associated with St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Toronto, during a brief furlough to his native land.

The superstitious natives believe that one of twin children always possess evil spirits, and for centuries they destroyed one of twin babies born. Government legislation forbidding the practice was of no avail as the parents simply neglected one of the children till it starved or became ill and died. Hundreds of pictures of the Dionne quintuplets taken with Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn, distributed among the natives, have had a tendency to relieve their superstitious fears, particularly when they see that the children have become the care of the government and are photographed with the leader of the government.

Thrilling Experiences in Cochrane Coroner's Life

Coroner E. R. Tucker Alone in Bush With Axe Murderer. Magistrate Attacked With Axe. Followed by Pack of Wolves. Indian Killed by Dogs: Other Experiences

There have been several recent references in The Advance to Magistrate E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, who is also chief coroner for North Cochrane district. Indeed, for many years past there have been frequent references to Mr. Tucker because his work has been so useful and valuable as to be worthy of special note. This whole area of the North has been particularly fortunate in its magistrates and coroners, and the high character and outstanding ability of these men in authority has been of undoubted service to this new country. Magistrate Atkinson, chief magistrate for this part of the North, has given over 25 years of notable service to the country. Careful consideration of his work on the bench will indicate its value to the North. He is in the news every issue because of his courts held each week in the various communities of the territory. Magistrate Tucker, covering a territory further north, may not be as frequently mentioned in these columns, but his outstanding work both as magistrate and as coroner wins him special notice on frequent occasions from all interested in the North. Recently The Advance was giving special space to a suggestion of Mr. Tucker as coroner in reference to protecting settlers' homes from fire. From his wide knowledge in the matter Mr. Tucker knew that most of the fires at settlers' homes were caused by defective chimneys, unprotected stovepipes passing through light partitions, stoves placed dangerously close to light wood walls, or similar errors. In most cases the danger could be removed, he said, at practically no cost. His suggestion was that the duties of the fire rangers be extended to include the inspection of settlers' homes for fire risk. The rangers now have to inspect settlers' lands for fire risks so the new duties would not unduly extend their work or mean any particular cost. At the same time the danger of fire at settlers' homes would be much reduced by such a plan. Again this week Coroner Tucker was given merited publicity in connection with another suggestion made in connection with an inquest at which he presided. The inquest was into the death of two men whose lives were lost in a fire that destroyed a logging camp. Coroner Tucker recommended that a watchman be employed at all logging camps where more than 50 men were employed, that fire extinguishers be provided and that a close check be made on all heating apparatus in such camps. At the conclusion of the inquest a representative of the firm owning the logging camp where the tragedy occurred stepped forward to say that his firm would immediately put the recommendations into effect. It is also hoped that the plans for greater safety in logging camps will be adopted by all other firms in the North.

The last issue of The Northern Tribune, of Kapuskasing, carries a very interesting story of the work of Chief Coroner E. R. Tucker. The Northern Tribune says:—

"Magistrate E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, gained an unusual distinction last week when he was appointed chief coroner for the district. It is an unusual distinction because he becomes the first non-medical man in the province to assume such office, as well as being the first to combine the two offices of magistrate and chief coroner.

"The announcement of his appointment to the dual offices was explained in a press despatch from Toronto as being "due to unusual circumstances affecting this district." Beyond that lies another reason, however. Magistrate Tucker has been coroner in this area for the past 16 years, and during that time has demonstrated his ability to carry out the duties of the combined offices in a praiseworthy manner. His appointment as chief coroner gives him technically, jurisdiction over some ten coroners in the North Cochrane district.

"For a layman, he possesses an unusual amount of practical medical knowledge. When he first assumed the office of coroner along with his judicial role, he set about to make himself as proficient in the understanding of medical phraseology as his duties demanded. To-day, when Magistrate Tucker conducts an inquest, he has a keen understanding of the medical evidence.

"For the past 16 years he has been travelling through the district, many times in out-of-the-way places and in all kinds of weather. His duties have, many times, entailed hardships. But it is safe to say that during those years Magistrate Tucker has had more thrilling experiences than any three men have during their entire lifetimes.

"A brutal murder that took place some 13 years ago a few miles from Hearst provided one of them. A watchman in an abandoned lumber camp was found hacked to pieces in his lonely cabin. Magistrate Tucker and several police officers proceeded to the scene. Magistrate Tucker picked up the trail of the murderer and followed it, alone, into a lonely swamp. There the killer, armed with an axe, lay in hiding. The two were alone in the swamp for several hours until police officers arrived and effected the capture.

"At the preliminary hearing, the murderer, who was himself an unusual character, a Harvard graduate whose mind had collapsed because of over-study, was placed between two husky officers. All during the trial he kept staring fixedly at the magistrate. When the axe was produced as evidence, he broke from his guards and made a grab for it. He was swinging it wildly in the

direction of the magistrate when officers finally overpowered him.

"A few years ago, a settler was found dead in bed in his lonely cabin in mid-winter. It was in an almost inaccessible spot with but a bare wagon trail leading for miles through the wilderness to the main highway. Magistrate Tucker, as coroner, and a police officer proceeded to the spot to investigate and decided that the man had died a natural death.

"They bundled the corpse into a sleigh, and late at night set out for civilization. A pack of wolves were attracted by the scent of the dead man and trod a steady circle around the sleigh, slowly narrowing in. It was a decidedly uncomfortable experience, but Magistrate Tucker does not believe they would have attacked. In all his experience in the North, and with his many contacts with trappers and settlers, he has never met one who believes that a wolf will attack a man unless the man becomes physically disabled and powerless to make a show of defence.

"Particularly gruesome was the time he helped pick the scattered remnants of an Indian, who had been torn to pieces by his dogs. It occurred in the middle of the winter and following a fresh, heavy snowfall. The dogs turned on their master and tore him apart as if he had been a chunk of raw beef-steak. The snow for a considerable area was bespattered with blood as if a furious battle had raged.

"These have been only a few of his many and varied experiences. He once cut down the body of a suicide which had been hanging all summer in a clump of trees a few miles from Cochrane and but a stone's throw from a well-travelled highway. The skin had shrivelled from the body. The neck tendons, however, had been preserved and were holding the skull in a gruesome position.

"He has seen the North grow up and perhaps more than any other man in the North, has an intimate knowledge of the growth of this area into one of the most thriving in the province. When he first ascended the bench, Kapuskasing did not exist. Towns that sprung up were then mere collections of huts. His intimate knowledge of this district, and his varied experiences during those years tell the story of his appointment as chief coroner much better than words.

"He has seen life in all its phases. He has seen the North extract its annual toll of death through hatred, suicide, greed, and that most deadly enemy of all—the winter elements. Magistrate Tucker has a keen understanding of psychology, gleaned from his many years on the bench. Fair and impartial, his decisions have seldom been questioned either by accused or their counsel.

"In one respect Magistrate Tucker is following in the footsteps of his father. Many years ago, before he ascended the bench, his father, the late Dr. W. J. Tucker, was coroner for Algoma district which at that time included a large part of what is now the North Cochrane district. That he is aptly filling his father's shoes needs no further proof than the terse press dispatch that came out of Toronto, announcing his appointment as chief coroner.

"He has covered this territory, which



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Water Raised in Cobalt Lake for Town Fire Pumps

Cobalt, Nov. 12.—(Special to The Advance)—Raising of the level of Cobalt Lake to improve conditions under which the town fire pump there operates backed up the water in the lake to such an extent that some flooding was experienced in the workings of Cobalt Properties, Ltd., damage there being estimated by Arthur Brocklebank, one of the partners, at between \$600 and \$700. Mr. Brocklebank, in his capacity of chairman of the fire and light committee of the town council, had undertaken to have the water level raised when it was stated at the last council meeting that the pump was handicapped by low water. For the purpose, a board was added to the dam at the northeast corner of the lake, and when the water started to back up across the slimes it flowed down into the workings through the crater-like opening left when Mining Corporation of Canada carried out a blast there some years ago when getting at the site of its last operations in Cobalt.

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A considerable quantity of mud, slimes and other rubbish was washed into the mine, Mr. Brocklebank said, and would have to be removed before work could proceed there. He said he would now raise the level of the lake gradually—the board, a foot high, has been withdrawn—leaving a watchman on duty to observe developments.

Blairmore Enterprise.—A press report states that triplets, all boys, were born in Edmonton on Friday last—and that the mother was doing splendidly. Well, guess she was, at that.

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