

TRUCK LOADS LIMITED IN NEW TRAFFIC ACT

New Act Comes Into Effect January 1, 1924, And Will Be Strictly Enforced.

The Government of Ontario intends enforcing to the letter the new Traffic Act which becomes effective after the New Year. No doubt the new Act will be found unbearably strict in some cases, but as a lot of car- and truck-owners openly disregarded the old one, it seems but fair to say that they should blame no one but themselves for the Government clamping down the lid on too fast driving and the overloading of commercial vehicles. Both of these are exceptionally hard on the highways and the Government has apparently found out that if they are to keep the roads in the condition demanded by motor travel, the motorists themselves will have to toe the scratch a little closer than in the past.

The number plate on the front shall be as far forward and as high from the ground as may be necessary to render it distinctly visible, and the number plate on the back shall be so placed that the lower edge thereof shall not be lower than the body of the motor vehicle. This does not apply to motor trucks. For a violation of this regulation a penalty of not less than \$5 and not more than \$10 is provided for a first offence; for a second offence, a penalty of not less than \$10 and not more than \$25; and for any subsequent offence a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 is provided. In addition, a motorist may have his license suspended for a period not exceeding sixty days.

The new law has also made some changes regarding the lamps to be carried and a new provision as to parking lamps has been enacted.

Whenever on a highway after dusk and before dawn, every motor vehicle shall carry three lighted lamps in a conspicuous position, one on each side of the front which shall cast a white, amber, or green-colored light only, and one on the back which shall cast from its face a red light only. This does not refer to a motor bicycle without a side-car. Any lamp so used shall be clearly visible at a distance of at least two hundred feet.

It is further enacted that no motor vehicle shall carry on the front more than three lighted lamps of over four candle-power.

Parking lamps are now permitted. Any motor while standing upon any highway at such times as lights are required may, in lieu of the lighting equipment specified in the section relating to parking, show one light, carried on the left side of the car in such a manner as to be clearly visible to the front and rear for a distance of at least 200 feet and to show white to the front and red to the rear for a distance of at least two hundred feet. This light must not be displayed when car is in motion.

Some entirely new enactments have been made concerning the weights of vehicles and their loads.

The Act says: "Subject to the provisions of sections 2 and 3, no vehicle shall be operated and no object shall

be moved upon wheels, rollers or otherwise, over or upon any highway in any municipality in excess of a total weight of ten tons, or of 7,500 pounds on any one wheel, including the vehicle, object and load, without first obtaining a permit as provided by section 31.

"(2) Up to and including the 31st December, 1925, motor vehicles which were registered with the Department prior to the 1st of January, 1923, having a gross weight in excess of ten tons, may be granted special permits to carry a load not exceeding five tons.

"(3) Unless otherwise provided by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, no motor vehicle having a gross weight in excess of eight tons shall be permitted to operate on any highway on and after the 1st of January, 1926."

As we have said previously, there may be bad features to parts of the Act that will meet with the disapproval of the truck-men, but the object of the Department, apparently, is to spare the roads as much as possible. More drastic measures are to be put in force, too, regarding too fast driving on the public highway. This, in 1924, we understand, makes provision for a jail term for persons driving over 40 miles an hour, and heavier fines for those breaking the prescribed speed limit.

SAILORS WATCH THE SKY TO PREDICT THE WEATHER

Many Theories Advanced Regarding Future Conditions.

Is old Sol dying?

The weather is a much discussed topic, as Mark Twain once humorously pointed out. At present all kinds of predictions are being made—one theory being that old Sol is surely dying and a glacial period about to visit Mother Earth. If Sol is dying, he is passing away with an abnormal fever.

Interest in the weather is often excited by the all-absorbing question, "Will the field be in good condition for the game?" Summer sports depend so greatly upon the weather that it proves a much more interesting subject during the mild months, but ski-jumpers, open-air skaters, and tobogganists, study closely the winter weather signs.

The average city dweller is usually not as clever as a weather prophet as the farmer, sailor, or villager. They live closer to nature and have a better opportunity of observing weather signs.

Sailors are famous as weather prophets and make very accurate predictions. The weather is an exceedingly important factor in their life's work. They pay particular attention to the direction of the wind.

"Men say they know many things, But lo! They have taken wings—

The arts and sciences, And a thousand appliances; The wind that blows Is all anybody knows."

The east wind is usually a bad wind, bringing raw weather and rain. While the wind is in the east, rain is on the way.

The north wind brings cold weather, but no rain, although dark,

threatening clouds are often driven through the sky.

The south wind brings heat in summer and often ushers in a thunderstorm.

The west wind is the best wind, because the weather will be fair so long as the wind is in the west.

The color of the sky, indicates to the weatherwise, what to expect on the morrow. Where it shows a normal blue, rosy at sunset or gray in the morning, the weather will be fine. When the sky is a brilliant yellow at sunset, there will be wind. As dew is not formed when it is windy or when the sky is overcast the presence of dew on the grass means fair weather.

The following old verse should be known by everyone. It is always true:


"Evening red and morning gray, Sends the traveler on his way. Evening gray and morning red Brings down rain upon his head."

But even rules sometimes go astray. Even the weather prophet who penned: "The west wind is the best wind, because the weather will be fair so long as the wind is in the west," may be wrong. He evidently knows little about Durham and vicinity, or he might remember some of those man-size thunder-storms that came up out of the west in the good old summer-time.—Editor.

He Caught It.

(Boston Transcript.)

"You look flustered, old man." "I've been chasing a hat." "Did your hat blow off?" "It wasn't my hat; it belonged to a pretty girl." "Did you catch it?" "Yes. My wife saw me chasing it."



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The hero of Jutland

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WIARTON GARAGE BURNED EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Building In Heart of Business Section, and Fire of Supposed Incendiary Origin.

Fire, thought to be of incendiary origin, almost completely destroyed McCrabb's Garage, in the heart of the business section at an early hour Monday morning of this week.

The Wiarton skating and hockey rink had a very narrow escape from meeting a similar fate. The rear of that building and the rear of the garage almost touch each other, being only about three feet apart, but the valiant efforts of the fire brigade were fruitful in saving the rink. Both the garage, which was almost entirely destroyed, and the rink building, were of frame construction.

The blaze, which started in the rear of the garage, was first noticed about 2:30 o'clock in the morning. A difficult task presented itself in coping with the flames, as they spread rapidly, due to the frame construction of the building. The proprietors are at a loss to know how the blaze originated as there had been no fire in the stove in the front office since Sunday. Incendiarism on the part of outside parties is suspected.

Fortunately, all the motor cars which were in the garage at the time the fire started were removed in safety. However, the workshop and stockroom at the rear, containing valuable tools, were destroyed, and the rink nearly caught fire.

The garage was a large building and the loss was necessarily of considerable extent. It cannot be estimated accurately. The building

was only partly covered by insurance. The proprietors will likely rebuild at once.

MEAFORD BAPTIST CHURCH NEARLY OUT OF DEBT

The Meaford Baptists are in the happy position of seeing their church debt wiped out, or at least of having sufficient pledges from members and friends of the congregation to clear off everything in the next three years. There was an actual debt of \$3,100 on the church which was quite a burden with a membership of only 140. To liquidate the debt a whirlwind drive was launched on Thursday last to raise money, the objective being fixed at \$3,600.

Mr. W. C. Senior of Toronto led the campaign with the gratifying result of "going over the top" by Sunday night with a margin of \$200 to spare. The pledges are to be redeemed in three years, and may be paid in weekly, monthly or yearly instalments as desired.



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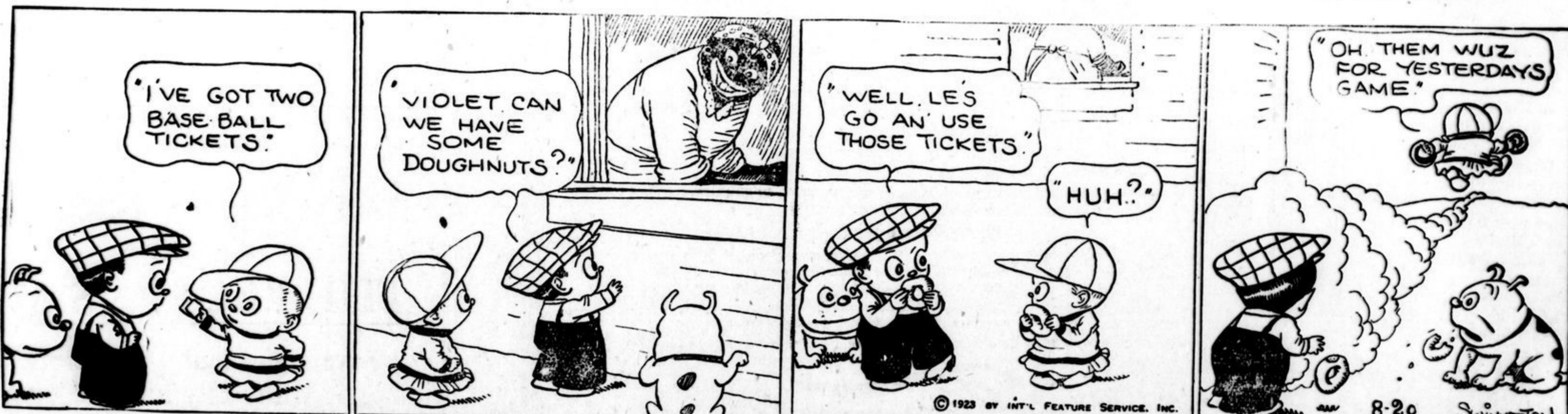
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CHRISTMAS CARDS and BOOKLETS

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LITTLE JIMMY

By Swinnerton



"I've got two base ball tickets."

"Violet can we have some doughnuts?"

"Well, let's go and use those tickets."

"HUH?"

"OH THEM WUZ FOR YESTERDAYS GAME."

JERRY ON THE JOB



"THE BOSS GAVE ME THIS DOUGH TO GET HIM A SANDWICH = AND HE SAID FOR ME TO GET SOMETHING FOR MYSELF."

"I NEED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MATTER = THAT'S WHAT I NEED."

"SAY, MR. GIVNEY = WHEN I BUY YOU THAT SANDWICH = WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO GET FOR MYSELF??"

"GET ANYTHING YOU WANT."

"OH THAT'S DANDY!"

"WHY ALL THIS JOY?"

"I'M GOING TO GET A NEW HAT."