

# In the Automobile World

## MOTORISTS INVITED TO ROAD CONGRESS

### Federal Aid Up For Discussion Before the Canadian Good Roads Association.

The eleventh annual convention of the Canadian Good Roads Association at St. Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, from 24th to June 27th inclusive, will provide an exceptional opportunity for motoring delegates to see the big advance that has been made in highway improvement in the Maritime Provinces. The Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of New Brunswick, has issued an invitation to the motorists of Canada to make the trip to St. Andrews by automobile, in the following letter sent to the officials of the Canadian Good Roads Association:

"As the convention of the Canadian Good Roads Association will this year be held in St. Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, between June 24th and 27th, I take pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to all delegates who anticipate attending this convention to motor to the

Convention City, and I would especially invite them to do so by way of the all-Canadian highway between Montreal and St. Andrews. I have myself taken this trip on several occasions from Montreal to Quebec City thence on to Riviere du Loup to the town of Edmundston, N.B. This entire route was, last year, in first class condition. The route from Edmundston to the Convention City would be by way of Grand Falls to Woodstock, and on to Fredericton, thence to St. John and from St. John on to St. Andrews. This highway, which is entirely in the Province of New Brunswick, is also in first class condition. The beautiful scenery all along the St. John-River from Edmundston to St. John is one which I am sure will be immensely enjoyed by you all. Hoping that a goodly number of the delegates to the Convention will avail themselves of the route above outlined to reach the convention city and enjoy the scenery through the Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick, I am, respectfully yours, P. J. Veniot, premier."

The officials of the Association are arranging an itinerary for those motoring to the convention, details of which will be furnished later on.

The motoring delegates will by this trip also have brought home to them

the international and interprovincial character of modern highways and will thus be able to participate more freely in the discussion of one of the most important topics to come before the convention—who should pay for the roads, with particular reference to the question of further federal aid. The Canada Highways Act, with its grant of \$20,000 for the provinces, spread over the last five years, came to an end last month, and strong representations have been made to the Dominion Government to continue the policy initiated in 1919, the necessity for which will be further emphasized at the St. Andrews convention. At the Hamilton Congress last year, Premier E. H. Armstrong, of Nova Scotia, spoke strongly on the subject of federal aid, maintaining that it did not intrude in any way on provincial rights under the B.N.A. Act, and argued that as it was the taxpayers of the whole country who provided the federal revenue, and that it was generally admitted that present-day traffic on the highways is much more national and interprovincial than it was in years gone by, the Federal government should set aside part of the national taxpayers money for the betterment of highway transport facilities, with a view to encouraging production and stimulating trade and commerce.

The chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, S. L. Squire, now deputy minister of Highways for Ontario, speaking at the annual convention of the Ontario Good Roads Association on the same subject, maintained that those who benefited by the roads should pay for them inasmuch as the use of roads is universal, then it was necessary that everybody who uses the roads should pay a fair share of the cost of construction and maintenance of them. Roads could be no longer considered as performing a simple and local function and the improvement of them has a national aspect. Mr. Squire pointed out that the Post Office department, in its rural mail service and stage routes, used 120,000 miles of highways and it was in the general public interest that those roads should be in good condition so as to reduce the cost of transportation of the mails over them. He further argued that it was no good spending millions for colonization and immigration unless the settlers were given accommodation in roads so that they could get their produce to market. Good roads aided the development of the automobile industry from which the Federal government received a big and ever increasing revenue, and as good roads contributed to the wealth of the Dominion they should be contributed to by the Dominion government, who should also do everything in their power to encourage inter-provincial good feeling, in which laudable object improved highways were a most important factor.

**ONE ENGLISH COMPANY OPERATES 2,500 TRUCKS**  
More than 2,000 trucks belonging to the Pickford's Colonial, Inc., were pressed into service in English ports to assist in relieving the freight traffic congestion which has resulted from the strike there. In all, this company operates a fleet of approximately 2,500 trucks throughout England.

**Auto Ran Into Van.**  
Perth, April 26.—While a freight train was proceeding over the Canadian Pacific Wilson street crossing at about 12 miles an hour on Thursday morning, an automobile, approaching from the north, ran into the side of the van. There were no personal injuries, but the auto was badly damaged.

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## A BOOZE DETECTOR FOR RECKLESS DRIVERS

### San Francisco X-ray Specialist Offers To Aid The Police.

San Francisco, April 25.—Motorists charged with intoxication have caused numerous deaths in this vicinity recently, and in the campaign against reckless driving, Dr. O. W. Ginsburg, an X-ray specialist, has offered the police a "booze detector."

The machine, according to Dr. Ginsburg, has been known to physicians for some time and is called the metabular. It is a simple apparatus that determines the quantity of oxygen consumed by a patient. When a man is drunk, and how to prove it, has long been a problem to courts. This is Dr. Ginsburg's explanation of how to apply the metabular to the question of intoxication: "It is known to medical science that a person under the influence of liquor consumes far greater quantities of oxygen than he does normally. This is natural, for alcohol is a great heat producer and calls for great quantities of oxygen to equalize the consumption of heat. All that is necessary to determine the degree of intoxication is to find out the heat production going on in the body by the intake of oxygen. The metabular does this. The suspect is fed pure oxygen through a nozzle. The machine registers how much is taken into the system. Comparison with the normal intake, which can be made when the suspect is sober, will establish beyond doubt whether he was under the influence of liquor at the time of his arrest."

The city authorities have under consideration Dr. Ginsburg's plan to install metabular machines at all police stations.

It formerly was the custom here for drivers suspected of intoxication to be taken to the emergency hospital, where they were examined by a physician, who signed a certificate expressing his opinion of their condition. At present, however, the police take such a prisoner direct to headquarters, where, if he is held to show evidence of drunkenness, he is booked on a charge of driving while intoxicated, a felony. Neither method has proved satisfactory in checking the evil, according to the police officials. They point out that often men too far gone in liquor to drive safely are able to appear sober when subjected to medical examination, and also that the opinion of policemen usually is discounted when the cases are brought up in court.

## MORE DELEGATES COMING TO WORLD MOTOR CONGRESS

Five more delegates from abroad have definitely arranged to participate in World Motor Transport Congress, which will be held in Detroit May 11-14. There are more than 40 acceptances to date. Among the more distant countries to be represented are: China, Syria, Australia, Venezuela and Argentina. Countries less remote include: Cuba, Jamaica and Mexico. Acceptances are also coming from such automotive manufacturing nations as the United Kingdom, Italy, Austria and Germany. The A.I.C., O.M.L. and C.A.A. are among the Canadian organizations co-operating with the N.A.C.A. to make the congress the world's greatest highway transport meet.

## WOULD BAR CRIMINAL AND UNFIT FROM MOTOR DRIVING

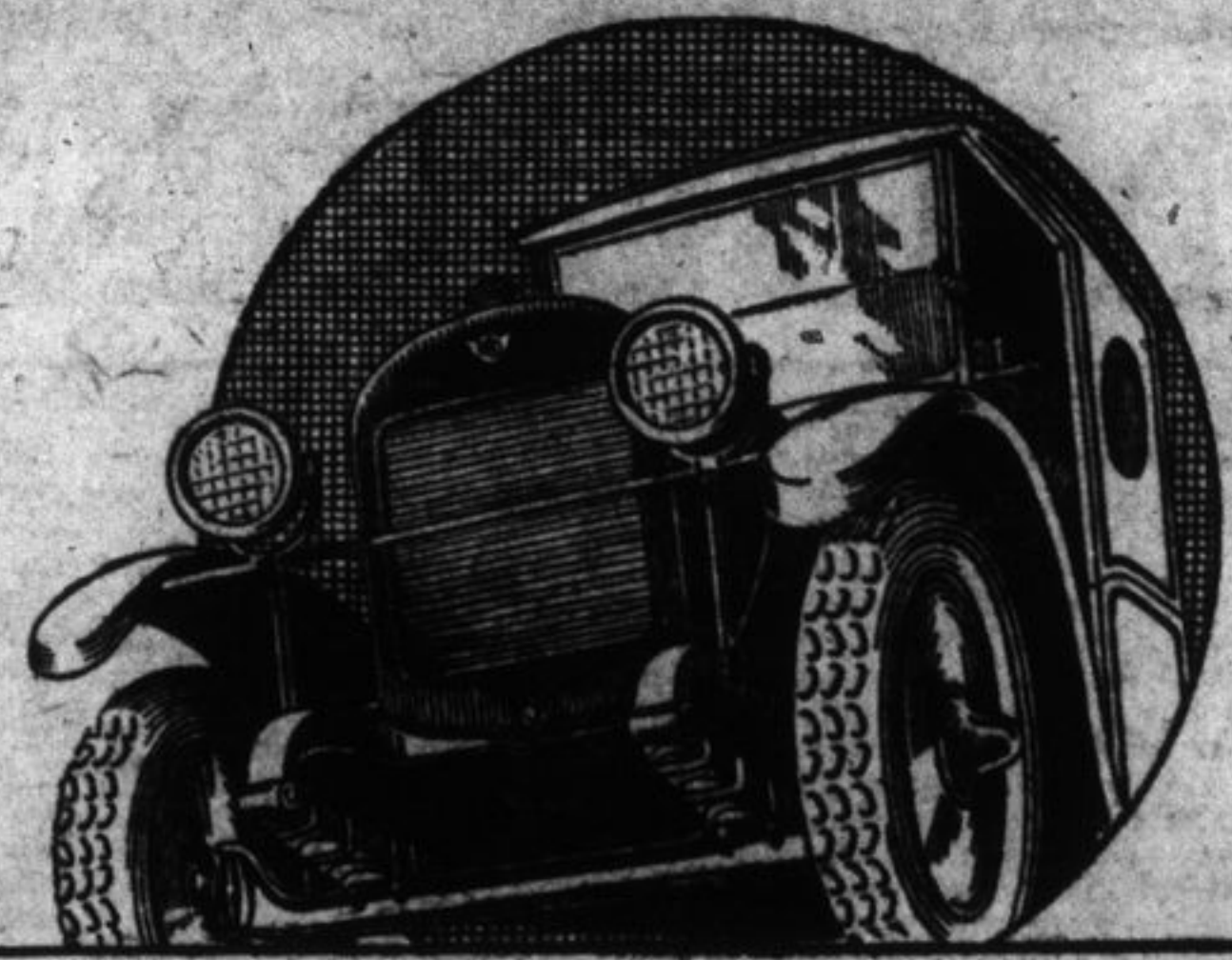
Governor "Al" Smith, of New York State, states that there should be a State Department of Automobiles, and that there should be a medical and mental examination of all persons who want licenses to drive cars. The mentally and physically unfit, for the sake of themselves, the pedestrian and motor car owner, should not be permitted to operate cars. James P. Martin, Probation Officer of New York, declares that there should be an examination of the character of all applicants for licenses. It is necessary, he says, that the candidates for licenses should be fingerprinted to make sure they have no criminal record.

## LOS ANGELES IS TERMINAL

The Pike's Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway will have its western terminus at Los Angeles instead of San Francisco. The directors of the highway, in the annual meeting at Durango, so decided. Their decision was due to the increasing importance of Los Angeles, and to the fact that the Southern California city has proven such a magnet to tourists.

## ILKES DIANA!

Benny Leonard is willing to buy a statue, if necessary, to preserve his good luck in the ring. Diana is the lightweight champion's good omen, and his faith in her was disclosed when he made a bid to purchase the figure of the goddess of the chase atop the tower of Madison Square Garden, historic arena, which is to be razed to make way for a business skyscraper. Leonard asserted he had always made it a point to get a look at Diana before going into the Garden ring, and that invariably she had brought him good luck. If his bid is accepted, the titleholder said he would make every effort to place the statue "where everyone could appreciate its beauty and where it will preserve my luck."



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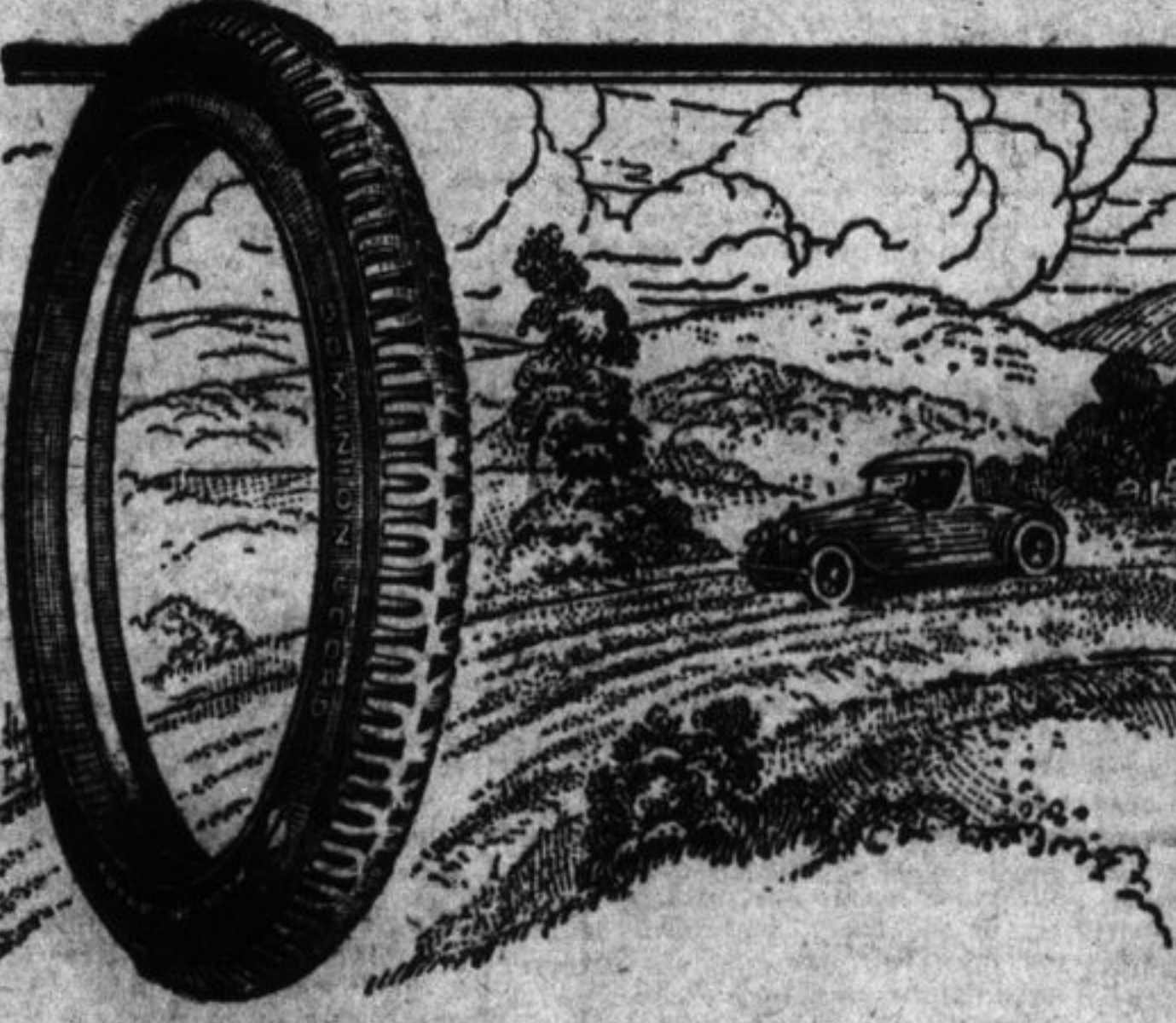
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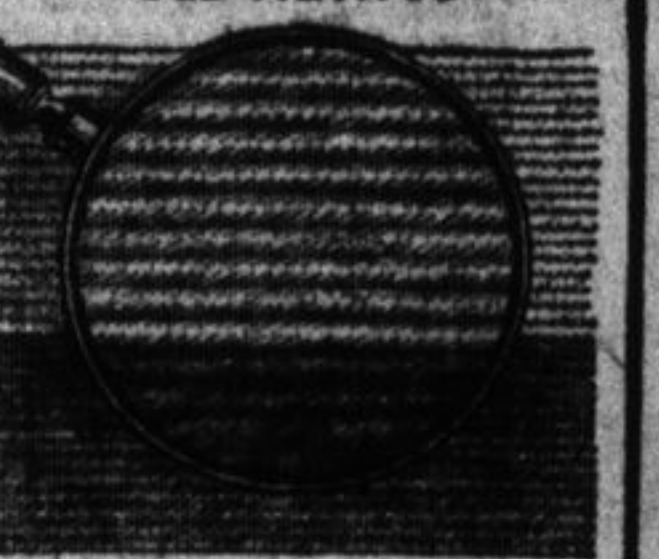
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