

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOTOR WORLD

COLLECTING FAT FEES

As a result of the strong protest that was made to the Attorney-General, Hon. I. B. Lucas, by a deputa-

tion from the League recently with regard to the present system of fees for county constables and magistrates, motorists of the province may expect some adequate change in the near future.

Messrs. L. B. Howland the president, W. C. Robertson, secretary, and T. N. Phelan, solicitor, called on Mr. Lucas and explained to him how utterly unfair to motorists was the system of imposing fines for traffic irregularities now in vogue.

Figures were given to show that magistrates and constables were reaping a fat reward for summoning motorists for breaches of the law. Mr. Lucas promised to carefully investigate the question.

It was pointed out to the Attorney-General that in York County for five months, from March 1 to November 30, 1915, three magistrates and nine or six constables collected for themselves almost \$10,000 in fees. A summary of the figures taken from the magistrates' returns to the clerk of the peace showed that there was a great deal more collected from convictions for offences under Provincial statutes and the township by-law.

These figures do not include fees collected from criminal cases. Mr. Lucas promised to carefully investigate the question. The summary is as follows, and shows fees collected:

Table with 3 columns: Motor Convictions, Other Convictions, Total. Rows for Magistrates and Constables.

In the nine months, 1,758 motorists were convicted, most of them for speeding, and it was stated by the deputa-

tion that the whole system was used to tolerate and encourage minor breaches of the Act so that the officers might profit by the fines, and as a result no serious effort was made to detect the more serious offenders. Mr. Phelan emphasized the desire of the League to co-operate in the enforcement of the law, and suggested that the only effective way was the adoption of officers on motorcycles.

He further stated that all fines and fees should be paid to the treasurer of the county and the magistrates and constables put on a daily salary basis.

"The majority of motorists believe they are fined simply to help some officer pay his rent or taxes," said Mr. Phelan, "and it frequently happens that there is reason for this belief. In a recent investigation of constables' fees it was found that one constable had collected, from fines imposed on motorists, \$1,000 in June, July, August and September, and in addition collected as fees from the county \$150 for special duty which consisted in watching motorists."

It appears that constables are collecting one dollar and fifty cents for every conviction under the Act, and some constables have secured as many as ten, fifteen and eighteen convictions in one day. Although the law distinctly states that constables should be entitled to one dollar and fifty cents for each day's attendance in court, no matter how many cases he has, he has been collecting, with the sanction of the magistrate, one dollar and fifty cents for each and every case."

The Island Automobile Association of British Columbia started the year with a record-breaking month. More motorists affiliated with the club as

members during January than in any previous month during the past three years.

Vancouver city's receipts from automobile licenses for 1915 amounted to \$17,000.

Although the floors of the rear compartments of most touring cars are provided with some form of attractive carpet these soon become badly soiled and are, moreover, difficult to clean satisfactorily. To protect or replace these carpets a grass mat has been brought out that is more durable than a carpet and that may be cleaned with water without injury.

It is made from a special form of grass that resembles ordinary grass in appearance but is much tougher. It is made in an attractive green shade and in sizes suitable for all sizes of cars.

THE LOCATION OF MOTOR TROUBLES

(E. A. Hall Internal Combustion Engineer, in Motor Magazine.) Many a mechanic has lost customers by a simple mis-statement which has passed his lips before he realized that it was incorrect. Mr. Jones owns a motor car and brings it into the garage for repairs. The motor has a bad smell in it and will not start even. He asks you if you can locate the trouble, and you immediately say "Why, yes, your mixture is too rich." Then you lift the hood and readjust the carburetor, only to find that you have made a mistake in your diagnosis of the trouble. The carburetor is now out of adjustment more than it was when it came in to you, and you are un-

satisfied because you cannot possibly readjust the carburetor correctly until the real trouble has been located and rectified. Even then it is very difficult for the junior mechanic to properly adjust some of the more sensitive parts of carburetors, and the result is that the car very often goes out worse than it was when it came in. After reading the following details on adjustments, the reader should be able to test a carburetor and see if the trouble is really in it, or not, before he tries to change any adjustments. In my experience I have found that the carburetor is at fault only 10 per cent. of the time, and the other 90 per cent. is due to ignition, compression, timing and other unlooked for troubles. The mechanic who will look over a car and not make any statement as to the cause of the trouble until he has located it is the one who will eventually get the business.

SHOULD BE TESTED Before a carburetor is changed, it should be tested if at all possible. On the average carburetor there is an automatic air valve and a dash adjustment. Take the air valve, for instance. The first thing to do is to see that it closes properly when the motor is idling or is at a standstill. If the motor is running real slow, this air valve should be closed, because all the air that is required to idle the motor must pass through a constant or set air opening. If his air valve is open the smallest fraction when the motor is standing still, it will be found almost impossible to make your engine idle evenly, and will also make it very hard to start, when cold. The reason it makes a motor hard to start when cold is, that there is not enough air passing through the constant air opening to pick or suck the gasoline off the spray nozzle or jet, because the car-

burator is drawing the air through the open valve which offers the least resistance, and therefore cuts down the suction on the jet. The air coming from this valve usually does not pass the jet or spray nozzle, but mixes with the air from the constant air opening, and which is already vaporized with gasoline from the jet. So that if air is allowed to be drawn from other sources such as an open air valve or an air leak at any of the manifold joints, in sufficient volume to make your constant vaporized air too lean, you cannot expect to get results in low speeds or in starting.

ADJUST AIR VALVE. The first thing to do if the air valve is found in this open position is to adjust it until it is just seating lightly and with but very little tension, at the same time noticing if there is any improvement in the idling of the motor.

On some carburetors such as the Stromberg, which has a set jet, the motor should idle evenly after you have adjusted the air valve properly. On this type of carburetor it is necessary to unscrew the nut which relieves the tension on the high speed spring, thereby freeing it from doing any work while you are getting your speed adjustment. Then, when you get your low speed adjustment, screw your high speed nut up until you have only 1/32 in. clearance for the spring. Whip open your throttle and if your motor does not back-fire, give the spring more clearance until it does.

Then start from that point and increase the tension on the same spring until the motor stops back-firing and yet is not sluggish in picking up. If the motor develops a knock, try increasing the tension on the high speed spring. A gas knock is always due to too lean a mixture. For low speed adjustments set the spark at retarded position, for high speed adjustment at advanced position.

CUT DOWN HIGH SPEED ADJUSTMENT. On the older type Rayfield carburetor and other types which have an adjustment jet, stop your motor and adjust the air valve until it is just seating lightly. Then start your motor, and with retarded spark depress or open your air valve with your finger about 1-16 in. to 1-8 in. If your mixture is too rich you will notice a show quick tendency to stop. Adjust your low speed jet until your motor will not show any perceptible increase in speed when you push open the air valve with your finger. This also will not die down too suddenly. This adjustment gives you the best mixture for idling and slow pulling. It would be well always to set for low speed adjustment, and then half-way open when making the low adjustment, because, sometimes the high speed adjustment affects the low speed mechanism on the carburetor. Next, whip open your throttle and give her enough gas on the high speed adjustment so that she will not spit back and yet will not be sluggish or make the motor knock. If your motor shows a sign of loading on a get-away or a hill, it is a sign that the mixture is too rich. But if at the same time she idles well, do not tamper with the low speed adjustment of the air valve, but cut down the high speed gas adjustment until this loading has disappeared. The application of heat to the constant air opening is the greatest remedy to the carburetor that has a tendency to load up despite your efforts to get rid of it by adjustment.

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To-day's Games. Providence at Toronto. Richmond at Montreal. Baltimore at Buffalo. Newark at Rochester.

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Cleveland Wins Again From Tail-End Braves

Cleveland, May 27.-Cleveland defeated St. Louis 4 to 3 yesterday, making the most of its long hits and bases on balls. Score: R.H.E. Cleveland . . . 100 002 00-4 7 2 St. Louis . . . 000 000 101-3 6 2 Kiepler and O'Neill; Davenport, Groom and Hartley. Only three American league games scheduled.

I'M ONLY A LITTLE BANTAM! I'm only a little Bantam, But you just listen to me, My heart is right, and I'm going to fight For my King and country. Don't think it's only the big 'uns Who can handle a gun and scrap; For the Bantam small and his comrade tall Will help put the Huns off the map. I'm only a little Bantam, But when it comes to a pinch, You'll find I can fight for a cause that is right. And I'd die ere you'd see me flinch. What though I lack those inches, I can make the Huns look an ass. I can pick 'em off with my gun (don't scoff) From behind a blade of grass. I'm only a little Bantam, But oh! how I sang with glee, And how I did dance when I knew I'd a chance To put on the old khaki. For up to now we were not counted (the Bantam) The Five Foot None; But we'll show up the fellow who is big and yellow. We'll do what he should have done. I'm only a little Bantam, But say, there are many like me, We are waiting for more, yes, many a score. So come, join the B. B. B. We'll give you good pay, little fellow, And put a new spring suit on your back, And our officers they will treat you O. K. For they are good fellows right off the crack. -SERGT. COHEN.

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This notification is given in the latest American communication to the two Governments, the text of which was made public by the state department yesterday. The time in which the change must be effected is not specified, but the United States expects prompt action.

"Onerous and vexatious" abuses which have been perpetrated by the British and French Governments in seizing and censoring neutral mails are recited in the communication, and answers are made to the legal arguments contained in the reply of the Entente Governments to the first American note on the subject. It is set forth that not only have American commercial interests been injured, but that the rights of property have been violated and the rules of international law and custom palpably disregarded. Notice is served that the United States soon will press claims against the British and French Governments for the losses which already have been sustained.

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Eight Pitchers Toil in 14-Inning Struggle Montreal, May 27.-In a 14-inning game marked by frequent batting rallies, Richmond won from Montreal when they scored six runs in the fourteenth inning. The Royals did not succumb without a gallant struggle, however, and before Richmond could claim victory, the home team hammered out five runs in their half. The errors of the Montreal team were a considerable factor in Richmond's scoring. The score: R.H.E. Richmond . . . 000320100000-16 15 3 Montreal . . . 000300000005-15 18 6

Trout's Injury May Keep Him Out Toronto, May 27.-Third Baseman Irving Trout of the Leafs was painfully spiked by Powell of the Grays yesterday when the Providence out-felder slid into third base. The injury was purely accidental. Powell's spikes inflicted a deep gash in Trout's leg just above the knee. It will not be known until this afternoon whether Trout will be able to play the final game against the Grays. If he is not ready his place at third will be taken by Manager Birmingham. He is an experienced guardian of the red light corner.

Wild Throw Wins for Alexander the Great Philadelphia, May 27.-Philadelphia took first place from Brooklyn by winning yesterday's game 1 to 0. The lone tally of the pitching duel between Alexander and Smith was scored in the 7th inning. With one out, Whitted doubled. Stock batted for Cooper and got an infield bingle. Smith knocked down the ball and Cuthshaw, who recovered it, threw wild, and Whitted scored. Score: R.H.E. Philadelphia . . . 00000000-1 7 1 Smith and Meyers; Alexander and Killifer.

Cincinnati Takes One From Weeghman's Team Cincinnati, May 27.-Cincinnati took the second game of the series from Chicago yesterday, 5 to 4. Sailer's error in the second inning was costly, the locals scoring two runs. Their other runs were made by opportunistic hitting. Score: R.H.E. Chicago . . . 100010000-4 9 1 Cincinnati . . . 020201000-5 9 1 Hendrix, Lavender, Seaton and Fischer; Toney and Wingo.

Leaf Pitchers Are Hit Hard and Often Toronto, May 27.-It wasn't much of a game of ball that Providence took from Toronto by 10 to 4 at the Island Stadium yesterday-not much of a game of ball from a Toronto standpoint. The Grays just belted and slammed three Toronto pitchers until they were tired-the Grays as well as the pitchers. Manning, Cook and Mc