

# 'CROSS CANADA

## WITH THE "ALL-RED"

### ROUTE REO

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**T**HE All Red Reo was about to make history. Haney backed her down into the waters of the Atlantic, while his companion, Mr. Thos. W. Wilby, had taken some precious drops of the Atlantic to be poured into the far off Pacific.

The Good Roads movement had "arrived" in Canada. Something big—spectacular, was necessary to arouse interest. It did not take such a stretch of imagination to see Canada opened up as a Tourist Resort to which millions of Europeans and Americans might flock when a continuous "all red" macadam and gravel coast to coast highway was laid out and perfected.

A Pathfinder was necessary, and a Reo was suggested.

In 1905 the Reo had been the first to make a double transcontinental trip of the American continent, and in 1910 it had captured the speed record by crossing from New York to San Francisco in a little over ten days and thereby smashed all other records to smithereens.

Nobody has ever attempted to lower Reo records.

Precisely at four o'clock, the Deputy Mayor Martin of Halifax, handed in the letter for Vancouver, and with her escort of local cars, the clutch was thrown in, and the Reo had started on her memorable journey.

The pilot car, with Mr. Oland at the wheel, led the Reo to the outskirts, and left the Pathfinder with a parting.

At about night fall, the car had gone forty mile and it was decided to push on to Truro. Haney had his work cut out for him in that first baptism of mud. It was as a batter with a mingling of huge stones which had to be dodged. Truro, sixty-six