

Ottawa, March 8th, 1910.

Dear Sir,—

Your communication of the 3rd September last, asking on behalf of the Civil Service Amateur Athletic Association, for the use, on certain conditions, of a portion of National Park, was brought before the Ottawa Improvement Commission at a meeting held on the 4th inst.

After the matter had received careful consideration, I was directed to inform you that the Commission could not grant your request as it did not feel justified in giving any organization special privileges on any of the grounds under its control.

Yours truly,  
STEPHEN E. O'BRIEN,  
Secretary.

F. Grierson, Esq.,  
Civil Service Amateur  
Athletic Club,

Finance Dept., Ottawa.  
March 15th, 1910.

J. B. Hunter, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Public Works,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Hunter,—

I beg to enclose a letter received from the Secretary of the Ottawa Improvement Commission in reply to the application made by the Civil Service Amateur Athletic Association in connection with the plan prepared by Mr. Corriveau of the grounds in Rockcliffe Park.

If there is anything further we can do in this regard will you kindly let me know.

Yours faithfully,  
F. GRIERSON,

On behalf of the Ground Committee of the  
C.S.A.A.A.  
(Encl.)

16th March, 1910.

Dear Mr. Grierson,—

I have your favour of the 15th instant, enclosing letter from the Secretary of the Ottawa Improvement Commission, in reply to the application made by the Civil Service Amateur Athletic Association for a location on the grounds under the control of the Commission in Rockcliffe Park. I am very sorry to learn that the decision of the Commission has not been a favourable one, but do not think there is anything further that I am able to suggest at the present time.

I return you herewith the Secretary's letter.

Yours very truly,  
J. B. HUNTER,  
Deputy Minister.

F. Grierson, Esq.,  
Dept. of Finance,  
Ottawa, Ont.

## UNLAWFUL SPEED.

"The charge against you," said the magistrate,

"Is that of walking at a furious rate.

"Tis further charged against you that last night

"You trod the public streets without a light.

"Four miles an hour upon a public way

"Is most preposterous; what have you to say?"

"Please, sir," the pedestrian said, "I went,

"Without a light because my oil was spent.

"But surely this policeman here will tell

"That I did not neglect to ring my bell."

"Sir," quoth the magistrate, in tones quite gruff,

"Simply to ring your bell was not enough.

"We are resolved, let me again repeat,

"To protect autos in the public street.

"Only last week a coupé was much hurt

"By an unlucky child who did a 'spurt.'

"The car was blood-stained, and its front destroyed:

"The garage company was much annoyed.

"We must protect our autos, if we can,

"Against the reckless, bold pedestrian.

"Fine: Ten dollars and costs, sir—your defence is vain,

"And never walk without your light again!"

—Amy R. Miller in *Puck*.

Witter Bynner in the American Magazine:

Luck was the lass he chased,

Seeking the wide world over,

But she laughed his love to waste

With many a lighter-lover.

Now, though his life is paid

And no more shall he love her,

Luck loves, like any jade,

One who is careless of her.

Now where he lies abed

And never stirs the cover,

And never turns his head—

She will not leave her lover.