

MOTORS AND MOTORING: A Page Full of Interest to the Owner or Prospective Owner of an Automobile.

Careless Driving

The Toronto Star makes an observation on careless drivers of motor vehicles which most people will endorse. Here it is:—"There are some who cannot drive safely—who so handle their cars that sooner or later the tragedy happens. They do not mean to kill any body, but they drive in such a way that they are forever putting it up to the people to get out of their way and keep from under their wheels. A motor car in the hands of such a person is a dangerous engine, and likely at any moment to become a murderous one. Anybody can drive a car, but half-wits should be prevented from doing it. It will become necessary to cancel the right of men to drive cars who have been shown to be deficient in the good sense that the job calls for. Until wild driving is vigorously punished without the slightest regard for pull and influence there will be a steady increase in the number of these tragedies as the population grows and cars multiply in number."

Bonnycastle Dale, the well known naturalist has written and illustrated a splendid article descriptive of trapping conditions in Rice Lake, Ontario, during the 1919 season. This appears in the June issue of ROD AND GUN IN CANADA along with nine other stories and articles dealing with the wild life in the great out doors of the Dominion. "The Red Gods" are calling insistently now that grim winter snows have gone and even if you are not in a position to enjoy the real outing that you like, you can live again the happy days of former outings by reading the pleasurable narratives set down by fellow lovers of the wilds. June issue of Canada's national sportsmen's monthly contains the usual high class Guns and Ammunition, Fishing Notes, Conservation, Kennel and Trap Departments. ROD AND GUN IN CANADA is published monthly by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont.

Howard Greene in the May issue of Motor, says there are in round numbers 8,000,000 motor vehicles in the United States. "Make one grand procession of all these cars," he says, "allowing four feet between the cars, and the line would be 20,000 miles long. If they travelled 20 miles per hour, and you made up your mind to watch all of the procession go by, you would have to sit on the fence for six weeks, day and night. That's what 8,000,000 cars mean."

Application for oil and gas leases covering upwards of 200,000 acres in northern Alberta were filed during February.

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Gasoline Saving

"Of all the ways by which gasoline may be wasted the most usual and the most considerable is that of running with an over-rich mixture," writes A. J. Smith in a recent issue of Motor on gasoline conservation to meet the present rise in prices. "Such an admixture admittedly gives better acceleration but its advantages are all on the debit side of the ledger from that point on. Compromises enter into motoring as they do into every phase of existence, and we should be willing to sacrifice a little of our ability to make a quick getaway in order to postpone the day of reckoning with carbon deposits and other ills that follow in the wake of the over-rich mixture."

50,000 Passengers in One Auto

(Annapolis Spectator)

Talk about fifty thousand passengers on one car makes one think of war time transportation. However, a man at the railway station here the other day who had offered to do the trout fry distributor a good turn with the use of his motor truck, was asked after ten cans of the fry had been loaded on the truck, how much he was going to charge. "Why," said he, "I usually get \$5 a passenger that distance. Five thousand to the can, ten cans, fifty thousand—\$250.000 of course."

Automobile owners will be interested in the telegraphic statement about a tire company declaring a stock dividend of 150 per cent, amounting to \$34,133,250. News like that makes people tired.

Do not forget to have a potato patch this year.

The Gas Horse Stunt

Until recently no Canadian had made the attempt of leaping a gap in an automobile, such as had created a sensation in several places in the United States, but the interest in what was commonly called "The Gas Horse Stunt", created by newspaper, magazine and moving picture stories, prompted a trial of it at Dundas, Ontario, a few days ago.

To D. G. Bawtinheimer, Overland Dealer at Dundas, is due the credit of its first performance in Canada. In anticipation of a G. W. V. A. field day, he obtained specifications of the platforms from the Willys-Overland branch at Denver, Col. and had his runway and landing platform built accordingly. Naturally he made a few trials in private first and on the day of the field sports, several thousand people witnessed his daring jump.

He began his approach more than a hundred yards from the runway and went up the incline at 23½ miles an hour, as nearly as his speed could be gauged.

He used one of his own Overland Cars from stock, taking off windshield and top, and made the run in high gear. While the taking-off point was about two and a half feet from the ground, the car mounted in the air to approximately five feet. When it landed on the opposite platform it was found to have jumped 18 feet 4 inches. While the Triplex Springs protected the automobile so that no damage whatever resulted to car or driver, the force of the impact was shown by the breaking of two heavy timber supports below the two-inch plank platform. Mr. Bawtinheimer, who immediately drove his car about the grounds for general inspection, was given rousing cheers by his fellow townsmen.

How Automobiles Have Increased

Automobile registration in Canada go ahead by leaps and bounds, and already thousands of motor licenses have been issued in the several provinces for the current year. With so many farmers buying automobiles and trucks, 1920 is expected to be a record in the trade and eclipse all previous years by many thousands.

The growth each year in Canada since 1907 is indicated in the following table:

1907	2,100
1908	2,939

1909	4,711
1910	8,937
1911	21,682
1912	34,789
1913	50,489
1914	67,415
1915	87,675
1916	120,368
1917	199,302
1918	267,406
1919	334,190
1920 (estimated)	395,000

Receipts from motor vehicle license fees in New Brunswick this year have already exceeded \$150,000. The total receipts for last year from this source were \$117,000.

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