

The other rule, which has many advocates, is to do away with the speed limit, or largely increase it, except in towns and villages, and to hold the motorist responsible for any damage that may occur. Thus when the motorist saw a clear road before him he would be at liberty to take advantage of it, knowing the risk that he was taking in case of accidents.

In England more stringent regulation than now exists is demanded, and, no doubt, will be granted, unless, under the pressure of public opinion, the motorists shew as much diligence in obeying the law as they have hitherto done in disobeying or evading it, and as much care for the safety and welfare of others as they do for the indulgence of their own pleasure.

In Canada it is chiefly in the country that trouble with the automobiles has arisen. In towns the traffic in the streets is not so great as in the old country, and the number of motor cars is relatively less. Here in country districts there is practically no redress for accidents caused by the carelessness or recklessness of the motorist. He may have the regulation number on his car, but the man who is driving a frightened horse, with perhaps women and children in his charge, has no time to look at the number of the car which has flashed by him, and even if he could make it out (almost an impossibility at any time), there are no police to whom he can look for assistance, so that the number is of very little value. Consequently the motorist who cares nothing for the law, and as little for those whom he may have injured, may reckon on escaping responsibility for any damage he may have caused.

In the United States, where the same condition of things exists as in this country, many cases have been tried where owners of cars have sought to throw the responsibility for the act complained of on the chauffeur, an irresponsible person, as, for instance, where the latter borrowed his owner's car for his own pleasure, and, while so using it, by his negligence ran a man down. In a very recent case in the United States, *Cunningham v. Castle*, N.Y. Supreme Court, July, 1908, the court was divided as to the liability of the owner, but the judgment was