

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The appalling fatal accidents and injuries from highway traffic and level crossings in Canada is mounting steadily and has become a public scandal as almost every highway is coloured red with the slaughter. Nothing is done to avert these accidents as the mad race for speed goes on. Casualties from such accidents are almost as numerous as those from the second world war in persons so killed or injured.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the penalty from "a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and costs or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months" to a term of "not less than six months and not exceeding twelve months", without the option of a fine, and to "seizure and forfeiture" of the driver's car.

2. Subsection four at present reads as follows:—

"(4) Every one who, while intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic, drives any motor vehicle or automobile, or has the care or control of a motor vehicle or automobile, whether it is in motion or not, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable,

(a) upon indictment, for a first offence to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months and not less than thirty days, and for each subsequent offence to any term not exceeding one year and not less than three months; or