

driver is not capable of prompt action. You cannot take a blood test of a person, without his permission, but in the province of Saskatchewan they have in use a breather apparatus by which they can estimate the degree of impairment, and it is compulsory for a driver in the case of an accident to submit to that test.

Honourable senators, the Canadian Medical Association has realized that it has some responsibility in connection with these traffic accidents, so it has set up a research board to inquire into the whole matter and to make suggestions. It recommends that a safety belt be attached to the framework of the car; and it urges that proper eye and physical examinations should be taken. The board feels that wrap-around windshields are a hazard because they interfere with the prism of light; and because they increase glare, on account of the way in which the light rays are focussed. That is one source of danger in some of the new cars.

The number of highway traffic accidents could be reduced if more efforts were made toward prevention. In the city of Medicine Hat there has not been a fatal accident for over three years. That is almost a record

for a city of 20,000 people, with narrow streets and a great many automobiles. That record has been reached because the newspaper, the radio and the police are constantly urging people to be careful and to observe the traffic regulations. The automobile people and the public generally are co-operative, and the result is a really good example of what can be done by observing safety rules.

A few years ago, the railway companies had a great many accidents. They started in to preach safety-first to their employees and they have kept on preaching it, and this has resulted in a great saving of life and limb through a large reduction in the number of accidents.

So I just want to suggest that if more care were taken on our streets and highways, and if every driver had a better appreciation of the tremendous power that there is under the hood of his or her automobile, the sum total of happiness in the homes of our people would be increased.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Davies, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.