

DIMMING LAW UNDER FIRE AT AUTO MEETING

N. B. Association Members to Take Matter to Provincial Legislature

SITUATION NOW IS DEEMED DANGEROUS

Parking and Other Matters Taken Up at Meeting Here

The members of the New Brunswick Automobile Association present at the meeting last night in the Board of Trade rooms expressed opinions that the present law compelling automobiles to dim their headlights when meeting other vehicles on the highway was a detriment to safe driving, causing danger to the drivers and to pedestrians.

A resolution was passed calling for a study of the question and the meeting decided to prepare a case to carry before the next Provincial Legislature to ask for some improvement in the existing regulations.

Mr. Tilton declared that he was opposed to the dimming of headlights and he was supported by D. J. McRoberts, who seconded the motion.

Mr. Paterson suggested a survey of the regulations in force in other parts of North America and Mr. Regan said that such a survey was now being made. He recommended that each member help out by getting all the data possible.

One at a time all the other members present expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the dimming regulations on the ground of safety to the automobiles and to pedestrians on the roads.

In an interview on the question, Mr. Regan gave the following statement: "For safety and comfort when driving a motor car at night the road ahead should be adequately lighted. The illumination should be sufficient to make clearly visible any substantial object on the road up to 200 or 300 feet ahead of the car so that the driver can see an obstruction in time to apply his brakes and bring the car to a stop if necessary."

"With brakes in average condition, tests have shown that a distance of 50 feet is needed to stop a car moving at 20 miles an hour, while a distance of about 175 feet is required to bring a car to a stop from 35 miles an hour."

"To this 175 feet must be added an extra 25 feet, which represents the distance a car travels while the driver is endeavoring to apply the brakes or actually seeing an object on the road. This reaction time of the driver varies with different individuals but averages approximately one-half of a second."

"For country driving, dimming the headlights when meeting another car should be discouraged because of the element of danger involved. Under ordinary driving conditions the driver's eyes are adjusted for good road illumination. When the lights are dimmed, suddenly reducing the road lights, a few seconds must elapse before the eyes can readjust themselves to new conditions."

"During these few seconds the driver is unable to see clearly and may collide with the oncoming car, run into pedestrians walking along the roadside or get off the road into the ditch."

"In addition, the lights of the approaching car seem suddenly bright because no road illumination beyond them is available to reduce the contrast with the background."

"It is believed that some form of beam control is far superior to the present practice of dimming when meeting another car on the road."

"When properly used the spotlight is a helpful auxiliary to the standard headlight equipment. When meeting another car the beam from the spotlight should be directed to the right of the centre line of the car and well below the horizontal so as to strike the road or ditch."

"Ten Little Nigger Boys"— Revised Version

SPALDING, Nov. 6.—A potato farmer's experience with a batch of unemployed men engaged to lift his potato crop has been described to me by P. H. Cooke, of Town End Farm, Spalding. His story is like a variation of the "Ten Little Nigger Boys."

Mr. Cooke complained that although he had a fine crop and the weather was splendid for lifting it he was unable to find pickers. He said:—"I telephoned to the labor exchange, and they promised to send me 15 men from Lincoln. Fourteen eventually arrived, the fifteenth man having left the train at Seaford."

"The men were taken down to the farm in motor-cars, while blankets, food, and other things were brought to make them comfortable. The fourteen had a breakfast of bacon and eggs next morning, with a man to wait on them."

"Twelve men picked potatoes and two left. So there were ten."

"Six appeared next morning, but two fell out, and then there were four."

"Four had breakfast the following morning, and then went for a walk, and now there are none!"

"Oh, the dole! It is heaven compared with picking potatoes. Yet there are other men on the farm who are earning eight and 10 shillings a day at it, and are finished at four o'clock."

to determining whether it may be possible to improve the regulations in force.

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HAD PROHIBITION PLAN DURING WAR

Lloyd George Dissuaded by Whiskey Magnate From Action

LONDON, Nov. 7.—England came near following the example of the United States during the war and introducing prohibition, it was revealed for the first time by Lord Stevenson, managing director of John Walker & Sons, the distillers. He held important official positions with the ministry of munitions during the war.

It was significant, Lord Stevenson said, that Lloyd George had nailed his flag to prohibition.

"I must confess that it surprised me greatly, and I will let you into a secret. In the early days of 1916 Lloyd George told me that it was the intention of the Government to stop distillation and introduce prohibition for the period of the war."

"I said, 'Oh, then you expect the war to last a week?'"

"He said, 'What do you mean?'"

"I said, 'If we stop distillation there'll be no anaesthetics for the wounded; there'll be no solution for the dilution of T. N. T.; there'll be no bread, since it takes the distillation of 25,000,000 gallons of spirits a year to produce the yeast from which the bread of this country is produced.'"

Later on in the war, Lord Stevenson said, though the distillers were working day and night they could not supply enough alcohol for the high explosive shell, and he was told the stocks of whiskey in bond would be requisitioned by the Government.

He was willing, if necessary, he said, but no steps were finally taken.

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672 Years Is Total of Ages Of 8 Electors

YARMOUTH, Nov. 6.—In one community of Shelburne County the combined ages of eight electors who voted at the federal elections last week totalled 672 years, or averaged 84 years each.

That is thought to be a record hard to equal as they all live in the immediate vicinity of Stag Harbor and are as follows: Mrs. Nehemiah Swin, aged 88; Nehemiah Kenney, 87; Mrs. Nehemiah Kenney, 85; Mrs. Joseph Connell, 85; Mrs. Hezekiah Stoddart, 82; Mrs. Hezekiah Smith, 81; James W. Smith, 85, and Mrs. Alden Nickerson, 76.

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SAILORS TAKE PART IN PERILOUS MARCH

Battle 15 Hours in Small Boat; Cross Crocodile Infested Swamps

DURBAN, Nov. 6.—A terrible struggle in a small boat amid high sweeping waves; a gruelling journey across crocodile-infested swamps, and adventures with savages were the experiences of the crew of the whaler Normann (28 tons), who have reached their home here.

The whaler was making for Durban when a wild storm broke. The vessel was swamped in the heavy seas, which quenched the furnaces as she drifted closer and closer to the shore of Saint Lucia Bay, which is about 150 miles.

The crew of nine took their courage in their hands and launched their lifeboat. After a desperate struggle which lasted 15 hours, with incessant baling, the sailors beached their boat safely

in this desolate part of Zululand. Lost and exhausted, they fell in with a party of natives, who fortunately responded to friendly advances.

The only route to Durban and home lay across the widespread swamps, the playground of hosts of crocodiles. Facing enormous risks, and guided only by a few savages, they crossed the swamp, keeping off the crocodiles with weapons borrowed from the natives.

They finally reached an outpost, and after food and rest, proceeded to Durban.

SHOOTING DOGS. Police Sergeant Rankine, of the northern division of the police department, had a busy time in killing dogs yesterday, for on the request of William Andrews, Frederick street, and John Dalinger, Johnson street, the officer shot dogs belonging to them.

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