

ROTARY CLUB HEARS
ADDRESS ON MOTOR
BUS TRANSPORTATIONG. Spencer of Toronto
Speaks to Large Gath-
ering.

Solving the traffic problem by the use of motor buses will give the greatest publicity it can get any way," declared C. G. Spencer, Toronto, in an address before the Rotary Club today at noon.

Spencer, who intimated that he had come from London, England, declared that he couldn't possibly imagine the old world metropolis without motor buses. There were sentimental reasons why London, Ont., should have motor buses.

The value of the motor bus lies in its flexibility and convenience. The other day 60 street cars were tied up on Yonge street, Toronto. The street car is limited to capacity, but the motor bus is only limited by street capacity.

The motor bus can go around fire lines and street accidents by taking any other street. If a street car line fails to pay it can be moved into any other street. The motor bus can be re-routed as often as required. The motor bus picks up passengers at the curb, the street car halts at traffic lights.

London, by introducing a new type of motor bus, waiting to be tried out, can be an example to all America. Ninety-five passengers are carried on a motor bus, in a single-deck car, costing \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mr. Spencer favored pneumatic tires because they are easier on the roadway, but that was a matter for the local council to decide, he said. The motor bus, costing from \$10,000 to \$12,000, the New York type costs the same amount. The type in use in Akron, Ohio, cost from \$8,000 to \$6,000 each.

Chicago, New York and Cleveland have found it quite easy to land their motor bus schedule through spowdrifts two feet deep. Canton, Ohio, Washington and Milwaukee are other cities where motor buses are successful.

Paris lost 500 motor buses in the war, and recently voted 11,000,000 francs to provide 800 new motor buses. There are about 10,000 motor buses in all England, with a service so well arranged that even the staidest motorists could be lulled to sleep.

Mr. Spencer was formerly connected with the Goodway Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. He was introduced by Ald. F. B. Macdonald, a student of motor-bus transportation, and he appeared to know his subject.

Mr. Harley, who has been in charge of pavements in London have never been completed because of the London Street Railway being unable to pay the paving. On Adelaide street, Waterloo, the motor-bus has been broken up by blocks of uncompleted pavement, because the street railway is unable to pay the paving.

B. L. Hall won the prize in the weekly Rotary Club drawing. The prize was donated by R. J. Dowler, James Gray president.

LIGHTS OUT ON CARS
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Unless motorists are more careful in the future concerning the lights on their cars the penalty for failure to increase according to Magistrate Graydon. He made this announcement following the conviction of a motorist today in police court today, because he drove down Carling street, because he couldn't possibly imagine the old world metropolis without motor buses. There were sentimental reasons why London, Ont., should have motor buses.

Chief of Police Birrell told the magistrate that half of the cars coming from the country have no lights. The lights become smashed or out of order and their owners never think of getting them repaired, he said.

MEET TUESDAY NIGHT.—The board of directors of the local "Y" will meet on Tuesday evening.

DON'T CROWD BOYS.—Three carloads of Christmas cheer in the form of spirituous liquors passed through this city yesterday evening.

PASSED THROUGH LONDON.—J. B. Berry, Government valuator, inspecting the U. S. R. passed through this city en route to Detroit at 10 p.m.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—The installation of officers and an "At Home" will be held at the home of Hackett L. O. L. No. 805, next Wednesday evening.

CONDITION IMPROVED.—The condition of Mrs. F. B. Macdonald, who underwent a serious operation at Bethesda Hospital, is reported today to be much improved.

BANQUET TUESDAY.—The London Real Estate Board will hold a banquet Tuesday evening at the club of the Hotel, which promises to be a great success.

WILL BE REPORTED.—Robert Chivick, arrested last week because he had no home or money to support himself, will be reported to the police today because he gave orders to this effect in police court today.

LAST MEETING.—The city council will hold its last session tonight. Only a few odds and ends of the year's business remain to be cleared up, and the session is expected to be a long one. The bylaw for regulating restaurants will come up for its second reading.

ERROR IN REPORT.—In a report of the last meeting of the London Police Association, the advertisement for the nomination of a president, but should have named Mr. A. J. E. Butler as president, and Mr. H. Butler as vice-president.

TUXIS GROUP ORGANIZES.—A Tuxis group has been organized last week. The leader of the group is Fred Taylor. In addition to the tuxis boys groups were formed in the Anglican Church in Manor Park last week. These groups are in the city.

HEATHCOTE.—Because he did not have \$10 worth of pay, the man imposed upon him in police court today. He was looking upon the man as a local citizen, and he was looking upon the man as a local citizen.

HOCKEY MEETING WEDNESDAY.—A meeting of the hockey players of the C. S. E. T. will be held Wednesday evening at the home of the hockey players. The meeting is for the purpose of discussing the hockey players' association.

POTS BOILING GOOD.—The Christmas relief fund for the poor is doing well. The fund is for the purpose of providing food and clothing for the poor. The fund is for the purpose of providing food and clothing for the poor.

COMMISSION MAY POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL AFTER JAN. 1.—The commission may postpone its meeting until after January 1.

WANT CHRISTMAS TREES.—Six Christmas trees are desired for the patients at the New Westminster Psychopathic Hospital, in order to cheer them up during the holidays.

CONSERVATORY RECITAL.—The recital at the Conservatory Hall was given by the pupils of the Conservatory. The recital was given by the pupils of the Conservatory.

GENEROUS CHILDREN.—Many generous children have been helping the poor. The children have been helping the poor by giving them money and food.

MISS MARY KENNEDY.—Miss Mary Kennedy, a resident of London, died at her home, 274 Clarence street, on Sunday, December 19th.

LONDON TOWNSHIP WOMAN.—Mrs. Ann Armitage, the oldest resident of London Township, died at her home on the 7th concession on Sunday, December 19th.

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Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20.—Strong resentment is expressed by members of the foreign trade bureau of the local board of trade at the refusal of J. W. Fordham Johnson, president of the British Columbia sugar refinery, to discuss the proposed trade agreement between the West Indies and Canada, and the tone of his letter of refusal, in which he characterized the invitation as "presumptuous and impertinent."

The bureau has expressed the opinion that the sugar question is the chief stumbling-block in the way of ratification of the agreement that the question closely affects the whole of Canada, and that if ships brought cargoes of sugar to this port they could not be laden with lumber.

A special committee has been appointed to consider the question of sugar importation from the West Indies. The matter is looked upon by the board of trade as a really big issue, vitally affecting British Columbia industry.

SOCIALIST MEMBERS
IN ITALIAN CHAMBER
ATTACK NATIONALISTS

Rome, Dec. 20.—For two days there has been great excitement in the Chamber of Deputies over the discussion of interpellations presented by Socialists concerning the government recently occurred at Lucca and in which Socialists were beaten in an encounter with Nationalists.

Signor Corradini, under-secretary of interior, attempted yesterday to defend the government at Lucca, but he was reported to the Government, but the Socialists would not allow him to speak, hurling all sorts of insults at him.

The tumult reached a climax when the Socialists began to shout "Down with the Nationalists!" and "Down with the government!" and the Nationalists began to shout "Down with the Socialists!" and "Down with the government!"

"Well done, well done!" cried several of the Nationalist ex-combatants, who were in the Chamber. "We told you, you wouldn't be allowed to return to Bologna. This is the result of your policy. You have allowed the Nationalists to attack the government, and you have allowed the Nationalists to attack the government."

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