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NEW MOTOR TRAFFIC LAWS

MOTORISTS SHOULD KNOW
REQUIREMENTS OF NEW ACT

On December 31st, the new Highway Traffic Act came into force throughout Ontario. For some years the traffic laws of the province have been covered by three separate Acts. The Motor Vehicles Act dealt with the operation of motor vehicles in general, the Load of Vehicles Act contained provisions governing the weight, speed, size of loads on the vehicles, including motor trucks; and the Highway Travel Act set forth the rules of the road as effecting both motor and horsedrawn vehicles. These Acts had been amended frequently since their inception, with the result that they were difficult to understand and were, owing to the rapid advance in the use of motor vehicles, not as up to date as they might be.

During the summer and autumn of 1922, a special committee of the legislature held public sittings at various points in the Province and received the opinions of motorists, truck owners, manufacturers and police officials. As a result of the information secured, and the ideas received, it was decided to consolidate all traffic laws in one Act to be known as the Highway Traffic Act. This was presented to the legislature and passed during the 1923 session of the legislature and it would appear from a perusal of its requirements, that it leaves little to be desired. It is extremely easy to understand. Separate sections deal with the various divisions of traffic laws such as speed, equipment, garage licenses, chauffeurs' licenses, weight and load, rules of the road, responsibility for accidents, traction engines, etc. Another important feature is the stating of the penalties for violations of the requirements of the Act, immediately following the description of these requirements.

A few of the more important points are briefly summarized as follows:

The speed limits are the same as before, viz: 25 miles an hour in the country and 20 miles in cities, towns, and villages, with limits of 10 and 12 1/2 miles an hour in corporations and in the country respectively, past intersections where the view is obscured.

Notwithstanding the speed limits stated above, anyone who drives a motor vehicle recklessly or negligently or in a manner dangerous to the public is liable to a maximum penalty of \$200, shall be liable to imprisonment up to 60 days, and may have the permit for the car cancelled for a period not greater than six months. Where a speed greater than 40 miles an hour is made the offender is subject to the same penalties and magistrates have no option other than to treat it as reckless driving.

Tail lamps shall be of at least four candle power and are required to properly illuminate the number plates.

When cars are standing on the road, one light carried on the left side will be allowed if it is clearly visible for a distance of two hundred feet from the front and rear and shows white in front and red to the rear.

Brakes are subject to inspection by police officials, and if not in good order the police may order the driver to have them properly adjusted.

No flanges or clamps are allowed on wheels, which may in any way injure the road.

Cars must not be bought, sold or wrecked if the manufacturer's serial number is defaced or removed.

No vehicles which with their loads weigh more than ten tons can use the roads without special permits. Such permits may be granted by the authorities having control of the roads such as villages, towns, cities, townships, counties and the Department of Highways.

Up to December 31st, 1925, motor trucks which, with their loads exceed ten tons in weight, and which were previously registered in Ontario may receive special permits to carry a maximum load of five tons.

After January 1st, 1926, motor trucks with their loads must not weigh more than eight tons.

All vehicles with tires less than 6 inches in width must not have a greater load on any wheel than will exert a pressure of 500 pounds for each inch in width. Thus a 5-inch tire must not carry a total weight greater than 2,500 pounds. For tires over 6 inches in width the maximum weight per inch in width is 600 pound consequently an 8-inch tire may carry 4,800 pounds.

Broken or defaced tires will not be permitted and all solid tires must have 1 1/4 inches rubber between the rim and the road.

During the months of March and April, motor trucks rated at more than one ton must not carry more than half the rated load outside of cities and towns separated from the country for municipal purposes. During the same period all other vehicles are restricted to a wheel load of 250 pounds for each inch of tire width, without special permit.

Motor trucks must not carry a load greater than that for which they are registered.

All vehicles while carrying loads extending over the rear for more than five feet, must carry a red flag by day and a red light at night attached to the rear of the load.

Bicycles are required to carry red lamps or reflectors at the rear.

Spotlights will be permitted, provided they are stationary and are attached to the left of the motor vehicle, with the light directed to the right-hand side, striking the road within 75 feet in front of the vehicle. Movable spotlights are not allowed.

Probably the most outstanding change in the Act is that providing for the recording of convictions on the permit issued for motor vehicles and for the cancellation of the permits on three convictions for certain offences. Permit cards will have space provided on them for the recording of convictions and motorists who are summoned will be required to present these in court in order that the magistrates may endorse them. The amount of the fines, and the cancellation of permits, in many cases, depend on the number of convictions and the above procedure is necessary in order that magistrates may know how many previous convictions have been made. At the same time magistrates report all convictions to the Minister of Highways who may at any time for misconduct or for violations of the provisions of the Act or any regulations thereunder suspend or cancel any permit or license.

A new provision in the Act that motorists will appreciate is the limit of ten days required for the serving of summonses. In the past unnecessary time has elapsed between the offence and the serving of the summonses. The limit of ten days may however be extended by magistrate in cases where it is evident that offenders could not be served or were intentionally avoiding service of summonses.

A limitation has also been placed on the time during which civil action for recovery of damages occasioned by motor vehicles may be taken. In the past action could be brought at any time, long after details of the alleged injury were forgotten and long after witnesses could be obtained. The new Act provides that no action shall be brought after six months following the damage.

All garages must obtain licenses from the Department of Highways and must keep a record, and must report to the Department all motor vehicles bought, sold, or wrecked by them within six days. They are also required to report all cars or trucks which remain on their premises for more than two weeks without good reason.

While the above is a brief outline of the general features of the Act, it is the duty of owners or drivers of vehicles to study the requirements of the Act and become familiar with them.

All licenses and permits are issued by the Department of Public Highways, in which the administration of the Act is vested. Permits and markers can be obtained direct from the Department at Toronto or from the local agents of the Department of which there is at least one in each county of the province. Chauffeurs' licenses and garage licenses can be secured only from the Department at Toronto.

The new Act has been published in a convenient booklet form and will be mailed on application to the Ontario Department of Public Highways Motor Vehicle Branch, Highway Administration Building, University Avenue, Toronto.



DROWNED IN DITCH
ON HIS WAY HOME

Little Essex Lad Had Been to Pay a Visit to His Grandmother

Leamington, Ont., Jan. 13.—Little Donald Smith, aged two years and seven months, was drowned on Sunday afternoon in about two feet of water in a ditch north of here on the tenth concession.

He had gone across to see his grandmother on the adjoining farm to pay her his daily visit. When returning home, his grandmother phoned that he was on his way, but on looking out shortly afterwards his mother could not see him. She became anxious, and started out to meet him. While passing along a ditch she saw his cap floating on the water. He had evidently slipped at the edge of the ditch and fallen in, and it is thought that the ice held him down. His mother carried the body into the house, but when the doctor came he found life was extinct.

LONDON WOMAN IS
ELECTROCUTED AS
SHE TAKES BATH

Receives Full Current when Reaching to Remove the Electric Heating Stove

London, Ont., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Rowen Williams, 39, wife of Dawid Williams, 25 Grafton street, was electrocuted while bathing at her home Saturday night, shortly after 10 o'clock.

While standing in a bathtub, Mrs. Williams reached over to remove an electric heater, not knowing that it had become charged. As she took hold of it the full current passed through her and a few seconds later she fell unconscious into her husband's arms, and died.

PAPER FOUND BY BOY
WAS \$300,000 DRAFT

Young Windsor Lad Makes Valuable Find Near Detroit Post Office

Windsor, Jan. 17.—What Thomas McCarthy, 14-year-old Windsor boy, believed was a worthless piece of paper that he kicked outside the Detroit post office last Friday night developed yesterday to be an envelope containing a draft for \$300,000 on a New York bank.

The boy, thinking that the unstamped envelope was without value, placed it in his pocket, where it remained until Saturday when the draft was discovered.

The boy's father, who lives at 145 Wellington avenue, returned the draft to the Detroit bank upon which it was drawn.

MY EYES NOW SPARKLE WITH
HEALTH

So says Mrs. F. Simms after taking three bottles of Dreo. This grand remedy has built her health and made life worth living.

The lot of Mrs. F. Simms, of 72 Josephine St., London Ont., was a mighty hard one till she discovered Dreo. Her digestive organs were in a pitiable state of weakness. Stomach, kidneys, liver and bowels were all badly out of order, her blood circulation was poor; in fact, she was so badly run-down that life was hardly worth the living. Let this woman, who surely knows what suffering is, tell you of the grand relief that Dreo, the famous system builder, gave her.

"I am another woman since taking Dreo," says Mrs. Simms. "I sleep and eat splendidly and life is again a pleasure to me. Meal time can't come quick enough, for my stomach troubles have disappeared and I no longer suffer the agonies of indigestion, dyspepsia, nausea or cramps. My kidneys are stronger and rheumatic pains gone and my liver is active, ending the bilious attacks and dizzy spells that caused me so much suffering.

"My eyes sparkle with health and I do not hesitate to say that it is all due to Dreo. It has made a new woman out of a complete wreck and I cannot say enough to praise it." Dreo corrects and stimulates the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels and purifies the blood, overcoming all forms of suffering that accompanies a weakened and run down system. It is made from herbs, roots, bark and leaves and contains no mercury, potash or habit forming drug.

Dreo is being specially introduced in Watford by Siddall's Drug Co., and is sold by a good druggist everywhere.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of J. C. Hathorn

THE STERLING BANK
OF CANADA
SAVE, Because---
Saving is ONE rut it is profitable to follow.

ORANGEMEN TO HOLD NEXT
CELEBRATION AT FOREST

Forest, Jan. 10.—It has been decided that the twelfth of July will be celebrated by the Orange Lodges of East and West Lambton in Forest this year. Middlesex, Kent and Michigan Lodges will be invited to accept the hospitality of the local Orangemen.

It is eight years since the last Orange celebration here. The local master, Robert Cope, will appoint his committees at the next meeting.

FORMER EDITOR ILL

Strathroy, January 14.—G. Richardson of Sault Ste Marie, Ont., former editor of The Strathroy Age-Dispatch, suffered a paralytic stroke according to word received here yesterday. A wire was received here today that he was much improved and that it was expected that he would be around again shortly.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR PARKHILL

A communication was received by the Mayor of the town in December from a firm in Kalamazoo, Mich., which manufacturers cement silos, re-opening a Canadian branch in Parkhill. On Monday night a representative of this Company met the 1923 Council and discussed the proposition. The Company asks for a free site and the plant which they will erect here will be worth about \$10,000. There will be employment for six men. The Council were in favor of providing the site and it is probable that 1924 will see this manufacturing business established in Parkhill.

BOSANQUET DISTRICT
L. O. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Bosanquet district Orange lodge was held in the Orange Hall, Arkona, with Bro. Alex. Johnston, district master, presiding. The following members were duly elected for the ensuing year, and were afterwards installed by Bro. Wm. Brande, past county master; District master, George A. Smith; Dept. M. R. R. Wilson; chaplain, Lee W. Walker, recording secretary, Chas. Smith; financial secretary, James Gilliland; treasurer, Robt. Hawkins; D. of C., James Gilliard; lecturers, William Cable jr., and George R. Turner.

A Corrector of Pulmonary Troubles

Many testimonials could be presented showing the great efficacy of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in correcting disorders of the respiratory processes, but the best testimonial is experience and the oil is recommended to all who suffer from these disorders with the certainty that they will find relief. It will allay inflammation in the bronchial tubes.

SPARTA LOTHARIO ON TIME AT
SCHOOL

Spends Night in Teachers' Rest Room After Seeing His Lady Love

St. Thomas, Jan. 14.—Counting a young lady of the city until a late hour at night got Jack Hall, a Sparta youth, into serious trouble today. Hall was located in the Wellington street school, where, according to the report made in Police Court, he went last night or early this morning after leaving the young lady of his heart.

From what Magistrate Maxwell could learn of the matter, it was not the first time Hall had been guilty of such trespassing. He had been in the habit of spending the remainder of the night in the school after calling on his sweetheart, gaining entrance to the building with a special key in his possession.

A comfortable couch in the teachers' rest room on the second floor of the school was used as a bed by Hall. He was remanded to the county jail for a week in order that the Court may have more time to consider his case.

Is Your ad. in this paper this week?

UNITED STATES MANUFACTURERS
PLAN TO ESTABLISH
IN CANADA

Sarnia, Jan. 14.—T. Mueller, president of Mueller Metals, Limited, Port Huron, Mich., addressing the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce Lunch Club this afternoon expressed the opinion that Canada would see greater influx of manufacturers from the United States within the next ten years than in all previous time. He declared unbounded faith in the natural resources of the country, which, he said, was also held by most of the big men in the Republic.

Worms in children, if they be not attended to, cause convulsions, and often death. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will protect the children from these distressing afflictions.

BIOGRAPHY OF SIR G. W. ROSS

Margaret Ross, of Strathroy, who is 78 years of age, has become the author of the biography of her illustrious brother, the late Sir George W. Ross, who represented West Middlesex for many years in the Ontario Legislature and rose to be premier of the province. The book was begun some time ago, but the author at that time had no intention of writing for the public. The biography was to be a gift to his grandchildren and was to be printed privately. A year ago, however, friends of the author persuaded her to revise her manuscript, deleting allusions to strictly family affairs, and to put it into the hands of a publisher. This she did, with the result that it now appears in printed form. The book is dedicated to the 12 grandsons of Sir G. W. Ross and contains an interesting introduction by premier W. L. Mackenzie-King, as well as complimentary letters from Dr. Jordan, of Queens University, Kingston, Sir John Gibson, former Lieutenant-Governor of the province; Peter McArthur and others.

WEAK ANAEMIC WOMEN

What They Need to Restore Good Health and Vitality.

The woman who feels tired out, who aches all over when she rises in the morning, who feels depressed most of the time, needs the help that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can give her new, rich blood and stronger nerves. The number of disorders caused by poor blood is amazing, and most women are careless about the condition of their blood. Their nerves are quickly affected; they worry over trifles and do not obtain refreshing sleep. There may be stomach troubles and headaches; shortness of breath and a fluttering of the heart. This is a condition that calls for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the blood-improving nerve-restoring tonic. Mrs. William Henry, Lovett Street, London, Ont., has proved the value of these pills, and says: "I had a very severe attack of anaemia. I was always tired and the least thing would make me sick at the stomach. I could hardly go about and suffered terrible pains in my legs from cramps. I had no color in my face and was as white as a sheet. The doctor gave me several kinds of medicine, but could not understand why I did not get results from it. Then I went to a hospital and was there for three months, but came home no better than when I went. My friends were worried and feared consumption. While I was still in this condition a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I tried them and after a time felt they were helping me, and I gladly continued their use, and am thankful to say that I am again a well woman, and I firmly believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would have not got better."

The new sales tax will not increase the price of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as the company pays the tax. You can still obtain the pills through any medicine dealer at 50 cents a box, or by mail post paid, at this price, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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