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**T**HE Vancouver Automobile Club, as an organization interested in the matter of good roads and sound legislation for the motoring public, ranks among the first of its kind in the whole of the Dominion. Its activities are recorded on the files of the Public Works Department at Victoria, in the nature of communications respecting good roads, ferry transportation and the elimination of danger points, and this is a question which should commend itself to every owner or driver of an automobile, as without same automobile touring would not hold the pleasure it undoubtedly does to the man who operates a car.

As a club it is known practically over the whole continent of North America, the club's files containing communications from the majority of well-known automobile associations established in cities extending from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, and from the Yukon to the Mexican boundary. The visitors' register of the club contains signatures of tourists from Australia, New Zealand, India, the British Isles, and from every state and province on the North American continent. The efforts of its officials are untiring in the interests of automobiling, which are many and varied; its membership is, from point of active number, entirely satisfactory, and its financial position is well assured. Its affiliations are small in number, but strong in motoring activity, being but two, the Canadian Automobile Federa-

tion, an association of the principal automobile clubs throughout the Dominion, organized for the benefit of all automobile clubs owners in Canada, and doing good work along those lines, and the Royal Automobile Club, recognized as the premier club of its kind in the world, whose members and associates are privileged to drive under the "Union Jack" which is the emblematic design of the club whose patron is King George V. The Vancouver Automobile Club is always willing to co-operate with any organization for the betterment of its objects, and has no fear of competition from any other organization.

Its emblem is recognized by all similar clubs up and down the Pacific coast and also inland, and the display of same always entitles the owner to every courtesy which can be extended, and in this respect it is warmly reciprocated, visiting members of other clubs receiving similar courtesies from officials and members of the club.

The membership of the club is steadily growing, and it has not been considered necessary to put on any campaign to increase it. Any person of either sex, driving a car for personal business or pleasure, willing to abide by the laws and regulations governing motor traffic, is eligible for membership, and whilst deriving benefit himself from his own efforts, he is also benefiting those who are associated with him, which is a matter of satisfaction to the majority of persons, WHEREAS THE MOTORIST WHO FAILS TO JOIN AN ASSOCIATION WHICH IS WORKING FOR HIS BENEFIT BUT ACCEPTS ALL IMPROVED CONDITIONS AS

A MATTER OF COURSE WITHOUT ENDEAVOURING TO DO HIS SHARE TOWARDS ATTAINMENT, IS THE FIRST TO RESENT BEING TOLD IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE THAT THIS IS SO, NEVERTHELESS.

The club dues are very inconsiderable and well within the reach of any man or woman driving an automobile. Full particulars can be obtained upon application to the club headquarters, Room 139, Hotel Vancouver, and in the interest of automobiling in this province, every Vancouver motorist not already a member is urged to align himself at once with the association which has done, and proposes to continue to do, so much good work.

During the present year the legislative committee of the club took up with the Honorable the Minister of Justice, at Ottawa, the amendment introduced to Section 285 B of the criminal code, whereby the penalties for the theft of motor cars have been increased to such a basis as to deter offenders in that direction in future. The committee also suggested to the Minister a slight addition to the original Section 285 B in so far that the places from which a motor car might be stolen could be a little more clearly defined.

The club has taken strong action to put a stop to motor car stealing and, with this object in view, has voted a sum of money for the special purpose of prosecuting persons caught stealing cars belonging to members of the club. A solicitor will be instructed to look after prosecutions and to press for the heaviest penalty on conviction.

The club has been in communication with the chief of police requesting him to enforce the law re the use of "cut outs," particularly with regard to motor-cycles.

The chief stated in reply that the inspector of traffic will give this matter his personal attention with a view of tracing the offenders, in addition to which the officers on the motor cycle patrol have received explicit instructions to be on the alert for, and to report for summons, all infractions of the by-law relating to the use of "cut outs" observed by them.

The club voted the sum of \$50.00 to the Fresh Air Fund organized by the Board of the Alexandra Orphanage.

Members of the club have visited the schools in the district and made arrangements with the principals to educate the children in the "safety first" principle. A warning sign was also arranged to be erected by the city at Dawson street school, same as at the other schools in the city and district.

Through the persistency of Mr. C. A. Ross, and without any cost to the club, "Silent Policemen" of a new variety have been erected at the principal street crossings.

The club has erected road signs and direction posts at all the principal crossings on the lower mainland.

The club has taken up the question of changing the rule of the road, and president Murrin reports that he had the assurance of Premier Oliver and the Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public

Works, that a bill would be introduced and passed next year changing the rule of the road.

The club is investigating the price charged for gasoline in Vancouver as compared to prices charged in other cities and a special committee is obtaining data from other coast and inland cities.

The club has taken up the matter of street traffic by-laws, and the parking question, and a special committee is now working on this important matter.

The club is in communication with the Dominion Government re the fees charged at certain hours at the Boundary, and will endeavor to have same abolished or considerably reduced.

The club has appointed a special committee to consider the question of providing suitable insurance for members.

The club is considering the question of a Safety First Campaign for school children as carried out by the Ontario Safety League.

The club room has been visited by hundreds of visiting tourists from all parts of the world during the season and road maps and touring information has been furnished. In addition hundreds of letters requesting routes, maps, etc., have been received from all parts of the Dominion and the United States.

The club has been officially thanked by Alderman F. E. Woodside, chairman of transportation matters, for the help rendered in connection with the removal of disabled soldiers from the various con-

valescent homes and hospitals. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper also publicly thanked the club for help rendered the Naval League in providing cars for visiting sailors.

The question of broken glass scattered over the streets and highways has been taken up by the club, and all the rural municipalities in the district have promised their aid and, in many cases, by-laws have been embodied in their traffic regulations.

The club has spent certain sums of money to mark out certain street corner intersections so that the public may be educated in the proper way of crossing streets. The traffic officers report that much good work has been accomplished by these markings.

The club members have interviewed the school board officials re the prevention of children playing games on streets.

The deputation had a good hearing and the matter has been taken up with the principals of the different schools. The teachers promising in every instance to caution the children.

#### MORE MEMBERS WILL MEAN

More Good Roads.

More properly marked highways.

More arrests and conviction of motor and accessory thieves.

Fewer joy riders (a polite name for thieves).

More just and fair legislation for motorists.

Fewer accidents on our roads and streets.

Better speed regulations.

Less discriminatory taxes and fees.

More and better touring information.

Better and more efficient parking regulations.



If you are a member get two more; if you are not a member, an application form will be sent you on application. Our phone number is Seymour 6000.

In fact, all reasonable requirements desired by fair-minded motorists can be obtained through the activities of our club, provided it is backed up by a large and influential membership.

Members receive for the special rate of \$1.50 per year, post free, the Western Canadian Motorist, the largest publication issued in the Dominion of Canada, and the club's official organ. It contains monthly, accurate and up-to-date touring information, beautifully illustrated tours and all the information that the motorist requires.

Our club dues are small—\$5 per year covers all yearly dues. We want your influence and activity in the work.

A membership in the Vancouver Automobile Club is, therefore, of inestimable value to every automobile driver both in a general as well as in a personal way, and no motorist who realizes the benefit of the efforts of the club should hesitate to do their part towards the continuance of this good work. Every automobile owner owes his allegiance to the club.

The Vancouver Automobile Club is doing for motorists what they cannot do for themselves individually. We have been an active and positive factor in bettering conditions for the automobile owner, user, dealer, accessory man and manufacturer, and merit and should receive co-operation from the thousands of automobile owners in the city and district.

The good we can accomplish is measured by the interest and activity of our members, plus the revenue available; and, as our source of revenue comes from membership fees and the renewal dues of old members, it is essential that every effort be made to add to our membership and retain our old members. Motorists generally should send in their applications and thereby assist in defraying the cost of benefits in which they participate, whether they belong or not.

#### "SAFETY FIRST"

Pedestrians have Special Rights on the streets and—the greater burden of caution rests on drivers of vehicles.

Take no chances.

Precautions—look both ways for approaching cars at intersections.

Test brakes often.

Make sure headlights and tail lights burning.

Keep in mind speed laws and ordinances.

Watch the "Other Fellow."

Watch for traffic and danger signals.

Make turning signal in time to protect yourself and others.

Use your horn freely and listen for others.

Street cars are confined to fixed tracks—you always know where to find them. They cannot turn to right or left. Other traffic can.

Think "Safety First"—then go ahead.

Don't cut in ahead of moving street car going in your direction.

Don't try to "beat" street car or train over crossing.

Don't cut corners.

Don't drive on tracks in fog.

Don't operate in fog greater than will permit you to stop within range of your vision.

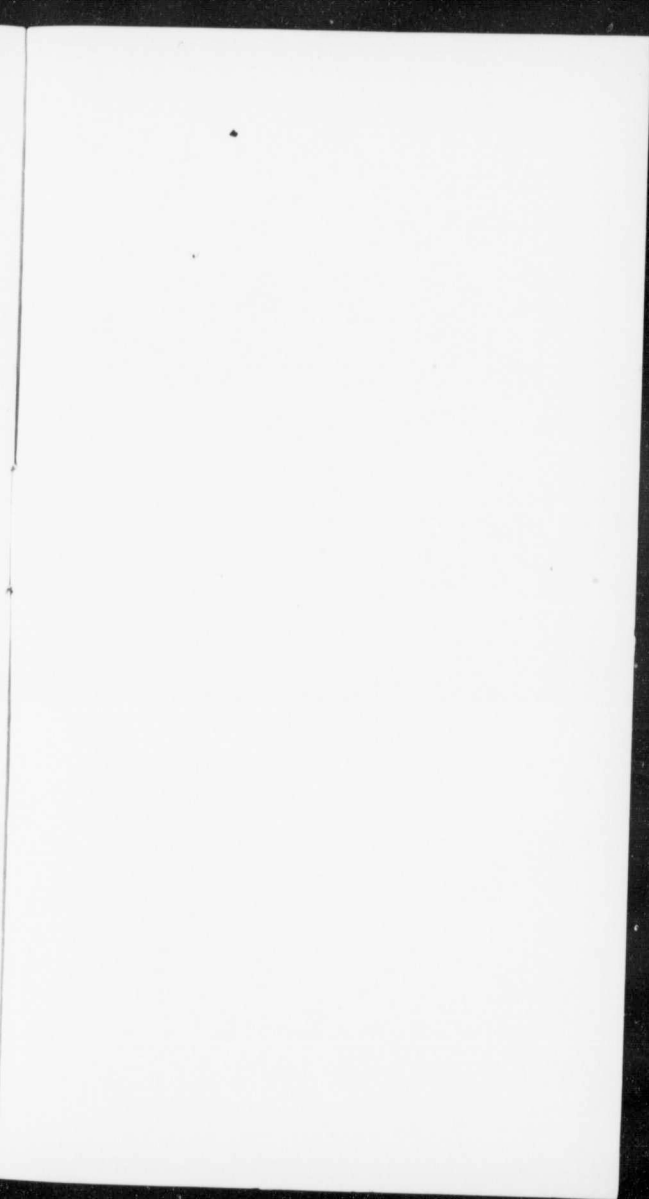
Don't hurry. Don't take chances.

Don't forget that a street car "overhangs" when turning a curve.

We stand for safety on our streets and roads—first, last and always.

Membership in the Vancouver Automobile Club practically affiliates you to all the Automobile Clubs on the North American continent, and to the Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain. Your membership card will obtain for you free touring information, maps, etc., from any of these organizations.

The club emblem on your car shows you are interested, too, in good roads, signboarding and other matters vital to motorists. In addition it has proven a source of protection and insures courtesies wherever one goes. It immediately identifies the machine as belonging to a citizen vitally interested in the civic upbuilding of his community; stamps him as a public spirited man identified with an organization doing a local and national service for his fellow motorist. If in trouble on the road a sign of distress to a passing member will always, and immediately, bring relief and assistance.



# Good Roads, is our Problem

We are working for a  
paved road to Blaine.

We are working for a  
road into the interior of  
British Columbia.