

## CANADIAN NORTHWEST IS NOW POLICED IN FAST AUTOMOBILES

Picturesque Royal Northwest Mounted Police Answer Call to Arms; Auto Fills Gap Occasioned by Shortage of Scarlet-Coated Riders.

The advent of the automobile marked the going to the front of the Royal Northwest mounted police, who patrolled western provinces when Canada was undeveloped, according to Major A. Wallace Owen, officer commanding the western division of the British-Canadian recruiting mission and a one-time member of the famous police in the Klondike days. Remote districts will be policed by high power cars instead of on horse-back and the romance of the scarlet-coated riders has come to the prosaic pause that may be expected of the end of the frontier days.

Indian chiefs in full regalia were part of the guard of honor which sped the departing officers, who, in khaki instead of red coats, left headquarters at Calgary for duty overseas. When 44 years ago the first Dominion police arrived the Indians were on hand, but not taking part in any cheering, nor waving demonstrations, and the automobile had not displaced the horse.

### LOSS OF AUTOS WOULD MEAN BIG HANDICAP TO U. S.

How often one hears the question asked: "What would we do if we didn't have automobiles?" How seldom we stop to ponder exactly what such a condition would mean. In the May issue of MoTOR, Samuel A. Miles, manager of the national automobile Chamber of Commerce, answers the question at length and in detail, by telling us exactly what we would do if we are suddenly deprived of our motor vehicles.

In the first place he points out that the efficiency of the modern farmer would be so far reduced, if he were to lose his passenger automobile, that he could not hope to meet the demands that are being made upon him to feed not only our own country but half the world beside. He goes to point out the effect that the disappearance of the motor vehicle would have upon the value of real estate, rural and suburban.

Next Mr. Miles shows us what the loss of passenger automobiles would mean to our cities. If the carrying of urban passengers that is now done by automobile were suddenly dumped upon the existing street railways, they would not be able to handle the traffic without enormous additions to their rolling stock. If we include motor trucks in our reckoning the traffic condition of the cities would be critical, immediately.

Mr. Miles proceeds to consider what would happen to the railways if the motor car were suddenly withdrawn. He shows that if the passenger miles carried by automobile were thrown over upon the railways, they would be utterly unable to stand the strain. It would require 60,000 new passenger coaches and nearly 15,000 new locomotives to handle the traffic annually carried in motor cars, and this new equipment, even if it were obtainable, which it is not, would cost the railways over \$1,000,000,000. It is a fortunate thing for all of us

speeches were given and the presentations made.

The Indian escort, whether intentional or not, was quite cleverly arranged, showing a distinct gradation from past to present times. First came Chief Big Belly, chief of all the Sarcee Indians, and the minor chief, Jim Skylark, mounted and dressed in the full tribal costume. Next came a democrat wagon containing four of the tribe and following these were two more mounted men in the semi-Indian costume of today—cowboy hats, bright orange chaps and coarse black hair worn over their shoulders in long braids. Completing the Indian escort was a splendid seven-passenger motor car filled with Indians, several squaws being present also.

Major Fitz Horrigan, replying on behalf of the troops, said: "These men have done their little bit to make this great west a white man's country—a country where order and justice and security reign, and now they're going to do their little bit overseas. When the news flashed across the water by the premier of Britain that our army had its back to the wall and that more men were required, although the little band that I see before me would have preferred to go to the front as a unit, at their country's call they responded, although there are Oxford and other university men amongst them, and the majority would have honored the king's commission in any regiment in the service, they volunteered to proceed overseas in any capacity no matter what or where duty called them, to serve in the ranks."

that the country is not likely to be reduced to a motorless condition. Incidentally it is important that we should not fall behind in our production rate, for by just as much as we fail to maintain by replacement of scrapped vehicles our present registration, so does our general efficiency falter.

### Sedan Sales Show Enormous Increase During Past Years

One of the most noteworthy features of automobile buying this season is the greatly increased interest that is being shown in enclosed cars, particularly the sedan type. The Franklin Automobile company, a pioneer in enclosed car manufacture, gives some very illuminating figures concerning the tremendous increase in sedan sales during the past four years; 33 times as many being sold during the first eight months of the 1917-18 season as during the entire fiscal year of 1913-14. Franklin Sedan sales so far this year already equal the total sedan production of last year.

The shipping records of Franklin cars to dealers in 23 cities throughout the United States from September 1, 1917, to April 25, 1918, show that an average of 26 1-3 per cent have been sedans. In five cities in Ohio practically one-third of the business of Franklin dealers has been in sedans.

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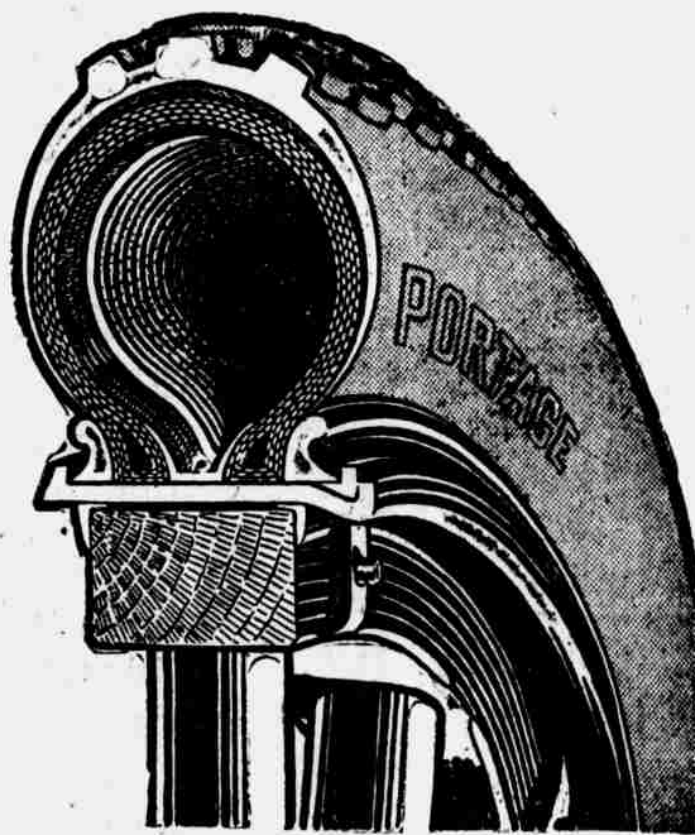
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31x3 1/2 Clin only	22.75	26.05	4.75
32x3 1/2 SS & QD Clin	24.70	28.50	4.90
34x3 1/2 SS only	28.05	32.30	5.25
31x4 Clin only	33.05	37.90	6.20
32x4 SS & QD Clin	33.65	38.65	6.50
33x4 SS & QD Clin	35.30	40.65	6.70
34x4 SS & QD Clin	36.15	41.55	6.90
35x4 SS only	37.80	43.50	7.10
36x4 SS & QD Clin	38.50	44.35	7.25
32x4 1/2 SS only	47.40	54.75	8.10
33x4 1/2 SS only	49.00	56.25	8.25
34x4 1/2 SS & QD Clin	48.00	55.30	8.40
35x4 1/2 SS & QD Clin	50.35	57.75	8.60
36x4 1/2 SS & QD Clin	51.05	58.70	8.90
37x4 1/2 SS & QD Clin	53.15	61.15	9.10
35x5 SS & QD Clin	57.40	66.05	9.95
36x5 QD Clin only	58.30	67.10	10.25
37x5 SS & QD Clin	60.90	69.85	10.35