

Motor Vehicle Regulations.—In general, all motor vehicles and trailers must be registered annually, with the payment of specified fees, and must carry two registration plates, one on the front and one on the back of the vehicle (one only for the back of trailers). In most provinces in event of sale the registration plates stay with the car but in Manitoba and Saskatchewan the plates are retained by the owner. A change of ownership of the vehicle must be recorded with the registration authority. However, exception from registration is granted for a specified period (usually at least 90 days, except in Quebec where the maximum is 90 days and British Columbia where it is six months) in any year to visitors' private vehicles registered in another province or a state that grants reciprocal treatment. Regulations require a safe standard of efficiency in the mechanism of the vehicle and of its brakes and stipulate that equipment include non-glare headlights, a proper rear light, a muffler, a windshield wiper, a rear-vision mirror, and a warning device.

Traffic Regulations.—In all provinces and territories, vehicles keep to the right-hand side of the road. Everywhere motorists are required to observe traffic signs, lights, etc., placed at strategic points on highways and roads. The speed limit in most provinces is 50 miles an hour except in Quebec where it is 60, in Manitoba and Alberta where it is 60 in daytime and 50 at night, and in Nova Scotia where the limit is a "reasonable and prudent" speed, with a maximum of 60 miles an hour. Slower speeds are always required in cities, towns and villages, when passing schools and public playgrounds, at road intersections, railway crossings, or at other places or times where the view of the highway for a safe distance ahead is in any way obscured. In almost all provinces truck speed limits are at least five miles an hour below automobile speed limits. Motor vehicles must not pass a streetcar that has stopped to take on or discharge passengers except where safety zones are provided. In all provinces accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage of \$100 or more must be reported to a provincial or municipal police officer and a driver involved must not leave the scene of an accident until he has rendered all possible aid and disclosed his name to the injured party.

Penalties.—Penalties ascend in scale from small fines for minor infractions of any of the regulations to suspension of the operator's driving permit, impounding of the car, or imprisonment for serious infractions, recklessness, driving without an operator's licence, and especially for attempting to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Safety Responsibility Legislation.—Each province of Canada has enacted legislation under this heading (sometimes referred to as financial responsibility legislation). In general, these laws provide for the automatic suspension of the driver's licence and motor vehicle permit of a person convicted of an offence arising out of a motor vehicle accident, or a person involved directly or indirectly in an accident who is not covered for third-party insurance at the time of the accident. The suspension remains effective until any penalty or judgment has been satisfied and proof of financial responsibility for the future is filed. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, uninsured motor vehicles may be impounded following an accident of any consequence, i.e., an accident resulting in personal injury or death, or property damage in excess of \$100 (\$200 in Saskatchewan).

Although safety responsibility legislation has not been enacted in either the Yukon Territory or the Northwest Territories, the Motor Vehicle Ordinances of the two Territories require the owner of a motor vehicle to submit evidence of stipulated insurance coverage on such vehicle before he can obtain registration.

Unsatisfied Judgment Funds.—In recent years a new type of motor vehicle legislation has been enacted in all provinces except Quebec and Saskatchewan and in the Territories. This has usually taken the form of an amendment to the motor vehicle laws of the province and provides for the establishment of an Unsatisfied Judgment Fund, out of which are paid judgments awarded for damages arising out of motor vehicle accidents in the province which cannot be collected in the ordinary process of law. The Fund is created by the collection annually of an Unsatisfied Judgment Fund fee from the registered owner of every motor vehicle or from every person to whom a driver's licence is issued, except in