

Bangor Automobile Club Bulletin

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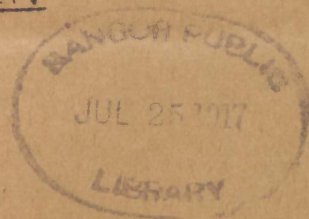
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This is the sixth season for the Bangor Automobile Club Bulletin. The co-operation of club members and autoists generally is invited and all are asked to contribute notes of road conditions, tours, etc.



Bangor-Bar Harbor-Highway: Through the persistent effort of Dr. E.B. Sanger, president of Bangor Automobile Club, assisted by other prominent citizens, it has been decided by Governor Milliken that the important work started last year for the road around Mann Hill shall be completed. After viewing the work already done it did not take the governor long to decide that economy, if nothing else, demanded the immediate completion of the construction instead of leaving it in an unfinished state for rapid deterioration.

Bangor to Portland: The preferred route from Bangor to Portland is via Rockland, Bath and Brunswick. This highway is for the most part in good condition and is being generally used in going to Portland. The travel from Portland to Boston is already heavy over the good roads.

Bangor to Guilford: Bangor to Charleston is good most of the way. In going to Dover it is better not to go over Charleston Hill which is in poor condition. Go through Atkinson and round through East Dover and good roads are found most of the way. From Foxcroft to Guilford it is a boulevard. The roads in Atkinson are exceptionally fine for a town of its size.

Bangor to Pittsfield: Bangor to Pittsfield except for a bad place on Hammond Street is in good condition. Pittsfield to Waterville is reported from fair to good. The roads from Waterville to Augusta on both sides of the river are not yet in good condition. Palmyra to Canaan to Skowhegan roads are fair to good.

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Road Conditions are Improving

Reports from all over New England are to the same effect, that the continuous rains have made the roads generally in much worse condition than is usual at this season. A few days clear weather and the use of the drag will do wonders to improve the highways.

Vehicles Must Carry Lights after July 7th.

The last Legislature enacted a law providing that vehicles on the highways, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, whether standing or in motion, must carry a light or lights so as to be plainly seen from front and rear. Arrest and fine is the penalty provided by law for failure to do so. Heavy teams for the transportation of hay, wood, lumber, and stone are exempt.

Portland to Augusta

The route from Portland to Augusta via Danville Jct. and Lewiston is still in fair condition. From Augusta to Waterville take "Webber Pond Road", it is not good but others are worse. There has been travel to Augusta via Brunswick because of the good road from Portland to Brunswick. This is not the preferred route for the road from Brunswick to Augusta is bad. Rockland--Augusta Road is being used every day but it is not good.

Road Conditions Around Belfast

The shore road between Belfast and Searsport has been under repair construction during the past week and with the following rain has been very rough and wet. With a week of dry weather this road will be in a very satisfactory condition. This section of highway is now under State control.

The road from Belfast to East Northport has been rough, wet and muddy for the past week and while it is not under new construction the section is rather difficult for travel.

State road has held up well under the continuous rains and is in very good shape from East Northport to the Camden line. The section around the shore between the two Campgrounds has been in good shape with the exception of mud caused by recent road work.

The road from Lincolnville, lower, line, into Camden has been in the worst possible condition. It is doubtful if this section of road was ever so bad as at the present time. The crossings have been thrown up, and the road is full of rocks and mud making it difficult driving, and as it is naturally narrow travelling along this route is carried on with some difficulty. The officials in Camden have apparently neglected the road and the state officials claim they have nothing to do with it.

New Brunswick Roads:-

Automobile road conditions in New Brunswick are very unfavorable, owing to the excessive rains. It would be difficult at this moment for heavy cars between St. John and Calais. A week or a fortnight of dry weather would make a great change in this respect.

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Aroostook County Roads

Your correspondent has seen many parties that have come through from Boston, New York and Portland, and all are of the same opinion: that the roads in Central Maine are worse than from Bangor north. One party, which reached here Thursday, reports getting into the ditch three times between Brunswick and Waterville, but succeeded in getting through to Houlton without any serious mishap, excepting the washouts which exist on all gravel or dirt roads. In Aroostook County there are no bad washouts, but with the downpour of rain which has prevailed throughout New England, the roads are rough, and it is not advisable to attempt to tour, to any extent, in northern or central Maine until the numerous bad places have been repaired, which will not be for at least two weeks, and then it will depend upon the weather we have. Local roads, especially the Trunk Lines and State Aid roads, are in fine shape, and wherever one finds improved highways the roads are universally good; conclusive evidence of the need of more improved roads all over the state.

Roads Around Ellsworth:-

Ellsworth to Mt. Desert Island: With the exception of a small piece of road about a mile and a half out of Ellsworth proper which is under construction, the road to Mt. Desert Island is in very good shape and has been practically all of the spring.

Ellsworth to Franklin and east: With the exception of a piece of road from Franklin roads over to West Franklin, the road through this section has been in very good condition.

Ellsworth to Bluehill: The long hill out of Surry has been very rough, but aside from that the road to Bluefill has been in excellent condition.

Ellsworth to Bucksport: This stretch of road has been in better condition this year than formerly.

Tourists to Canada

Citizens of the United States are free to enter Canada without passports if they have \$25. in their possession. Alien residents of the United States will not be admitted. Movements of men of military age, 18 to 45 are closely enquired into on both sides of the line at present.

New Brunswick Roads

Automobile road conditions in New Brunswick are very unfavorable, owing to the excessive rains. It would be difficult at this moment for heavy cars between St. John and Calais. A week or a fortnight of dry weather would make a great change in this respect.

Eastport to Machias:

Generally fair with the exception of the piece of road from the Eastport Bridge to the Pembroke Line, the Perry which is very bad indeed. Work has started on the Line road between Dennysville and Whiting but a westerly detour is provided. From Eastport to Calais the road is alternately good and bad.

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Fair Weather Brings Good Roads:

The week of fair weather has done wonders to roads throughout eastern and northern Maine. Highways that have been nearly submerged by the continuous downpour in June are drying up and in the towns where the log-drag is being used, traveling is fine. It is good traveling on all trunk-line roads and a few more days will mean that all Maine roads will be in fine shape for autoists.

Bangor to Bucksport:

Road work is under way on the river road to Bucksport and the "back road" branching off at North Bucksport should be used.

Bangor to Skowhegan:

Roads between Bangor and Pittsfield are fine. From Pittsfield the better route is by way of Canaan to avoid swampy stretch between Palmyra and Canaan. Reports are that Kennebec Valley roads, in the vicinity of Skowhegan, are in excellent condition.

Bangor to Augusta:

The highways between Augusta and Waterville, because of excessive rains, have been bad. Now the road from Waterville to Augusta, via East Vassalboro, is in good condition so that there is a through route again between Bangor and Augusta.

Bangor to Greenville:

Glenburn roads are in poor shape but easily passable. Work is going on at Charleston Hill which will improve that stretch of highway. Out of Foxcroft there is a soft stretch which isn't hard to go through. Because of the work on Charleston hill travel is better by the way of Milo and Lagrange.

Maine Auto Association News:

The roads between Albany, N.Y., New York City Southern New England, Boston and Portland are now in splendid condition for motoring. East and north of Portland all of the roads are in normal condition notwithstanding the long period of rain, and the several hundred miles of new state highway in Maine are in magnificent shape. Maine's new highway patrol is also keeping the country roads along the main thoroughfare's of travel in unusually good condition.

The best route between Portland and Bangor is via Lewiston, Augusta, North Vassalboro, Winslow, Waterville, Pittsfield, Newport and Etna. The best route between Portland and Bethel is via Poland Spring, South Paris and Bryant's Pond. The bad places in the road between Portland and Rockland have been fixed up. All traffic between Portland and Augusta should go by the way of Lewiston.

Aroostook County roads have recovered from rain and are now in normal summer condition.

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Roads Round Belfast:

Here is a report from Belfast. The road conditions in this vicinity have improved some in the past week and the shore road from Searsport to Belfast is very good aside from being a little rough. This road is under State patrol and improved road conditions are daily expected.

The road from Belfast to Camden on the State highway is very good, the patrol service is doing excellent work on the State road. The section between East Northport and Saturday Cove on the shore road is still rough and rutty, and the town has given it very little attention this season. Repairs here are not contemplated we understand.

That section of road between the Lincolnville south line and Camden village is probably the worst piece of highway in the State of Maine for through travel. The road is filled with big rocks, continuous brooks from rain, and constantly growing worse. No effort has been made on the part of Camden to improve the condition and while it is reported that the State contemplates building in the course of a month no improvement can be looked for for summer travel. This section of road cannot but reflect on the entire roadway from Camden to Bangor with much discredit to whoever may be responsible for its neglect.

Ellsworth to Bluehill:

This road is in good condition with the exception of a short piece of road the other side of Surry village, which is under construction. ELLSWORTH TO BLUEHILL The road is in good shape with the exception of three miles or such a matter before reaching East Orland. ELLSWORTH TO MOUNT DESERT ISLAND This stretch of road is in fine shape with the exception of a short stretch on the outskirts of the city, which is under construction but is at all times passable. ELLSWORTH-east This road is rough after leaving Franklin Roads station going toward Cherryfield, but after reaching Franklin, the road is in excellent shape and the road to Hancock Point is all right.

Washington County Roads:

There is a big general improvement in all of the Eastern Washington County roads at this time. From Machias to Pembroke, via Whiting and Dennysville the roads are in excellent condition with the exception of some very short stretches. There is construction work being carried on between Whiting and Dennysville but a good well marked detour is provided.

From Pembroke to the Eastport Bridge the roads are in very hard shape but repairs are being carried on as fast as weather will permit and this road will soon be in better shape than it has been for years.

From Eastport to Perry the road has never been in better condition. Perry to South Robbinston fair with a few rough places, particularly above North Perry. From South Robbinston through Red Beach the road is good. Red Beach to Calais is very poor with very little prospect of improvement.

Bangor to Greenville

Greenville, via Shirley, Monson and Guilford very good. Guilford to Dover, perfect boulevard. Dover to So. Sebec. to Derby, Milo and Stillwater very good. 91 miles.

Bangor out Ohio Street to Kenduskeag thru 7th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, Charleston, Atkinson and on to South Sebec is the best road to Dover. Greenville roads are best county roads in State. Road around Doughty hill is in fine shape.

The Squaw Mountain Inn on Mt. Katahdin is attracting numerous automobile parties from

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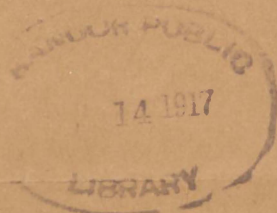
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Aroostook County Roads

Never have the main traveled roads in Aroostook been in better condition following July 4th, than they have this year, and while the rain of July 12th will cause some mud, a day or two of good weather will put them into fine condition. The excellent condition of roads in Aroostook County is not different, on the two or three different routes leading out of the County.

Those contemplating a trip into Aroostook County may avoid the temporary bad roads through Molunkus (after leaving Mattawamkeag) by taking the right-hand road near the Monument, out of Lincoln and going to Kingman and Macwahoc, then taking the Silver Ridge road one-half mile beyond Macwahoc Village, which is properly signed, and which is not only the route laid out by the Highway Commission, but is far superior to the Haynesville or Military Road route, which is in bad shape, especially from Haynesville to Houlton.

The route, via Prentiss, Wytovitlock and Danforth is in fine shape, and is practically the same distance as the Silver Ridge route, but does not have as many attractions, from a scenic standpoint.

The bad section through Molunkus, referred to above, will soon be eliminated as the surveying party of the State Highway Commission has recently completed a new road which will leave the main traveled road to the right, just before ascending Mattawamkeag Hill, which will strike the Kingman-Macwahoc road and do away with this always bad section, and making the route not more than three or four miles longer, but over very much improved roads.

Road Notes

In going from Bangor to Dover, a good route to avoid Charleston Hill, where road work is under way, is to go from East Corinth to Garland and thence to Dover.

Frankfort to North End of Swan Lake the road is rough but passable. From Swanville to Searsport the road is fair.

Automobile Headlight Regulations

The law in regard to headlights to be carried on automobiles provides that the rules and regulations concerning headlights shall be in the hands of the Public Utilities Commission. The Public Utilities Commission has drawn up a set of rules and regulations applicable to conditions in Maine. These rules are now in the hands of the Governor and Council for approval. According to the action of the Legislature these rules are effective when approved by the Governor and Council.

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Ellsworth to Machias:

The road from Ellsworth to Machias is in very good shape with the exception of a small stretch of road in North Hancock of about two or three miles. The route to be followed would be: to North Hancock, to Franklin, through the Cherryfield woods and then on through Cherryfield, Harrington, Columbia and so on. There are three routes from East Machias to Calais but the better road is over through the new State Road which is building through Whiting and over into Robbinston.

In the several directions from Ellsworth the roads leading out of this city are as good as they ordinarily have been. (Reported, July 24)

Road Notes from Eastport:

From Calais the Shore route to St. John via, St. George is in very good shape. The trip down the banks of the St. John river is reported as generally very good.

Road conditions in the section of Eastport remain unchanged, roads generally being very good, the exceptions being the road between Pembroke and the Eastport Bridge, running through the town of Perry, which are now under repair and the road between Perry and North Perry, and Red Beach to Calais.

New Brunswick Road Conditions:

Prolonged wet weather and a change of government at a time when road repairs should have been in progress, have conspired to place many New Brunswick roads in poor shape. The new government, having got its road staff organized, is now doing effective work and a gradual improvement is noticeable. The road from the Maine border to St. John is in fair shape, with the exception of that portion between St. Andrews and St. George. The rains have washed the soils off the hills and exposed the rocks in many places. Road repairing is being pushed along this section. From St. John to Moncton the roads are in fair order, barring a rough section between the city and Torryburn. The river road to Fredericton, which was damaged by heavy rains and river freshet, is being whipped into shape. Drivers should be careful going over this road, particularly at night, as diversions of the road which have been rendered necessary by the construction of the Valley Railway, are not as well defined as they should be. (Reported, July 24)

Augusta and Rockland:

Augusta, National Soldiers' Home, Windsor Corner, Cooper's Mills, Jefferson, Waldoboro, Thomaston, Rockland is the best route between Augusta and Rockland. Excepting a few miles between the National Soldiers' Home and Windsor Corner which is rough the road is as good as anyone could ask for. The mileage is 44-9/10 miles.

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Bangor to Bar Harbor

The trip from Bangor to Bar Harbor via Ellsworth is one of the most popular this season as in other years. The highway to the Trenton Bridge is a boulevard, for the most part. All the roads, generally speaking, on Mt. Desert are in very good condition and the drive from Bangor around the Island by the way of Northeast Harbor, Seal Harbor, the Ocean Drive and Bar Harbor makes a fine trip.

Machias to Eastport

The road between Machias and Eastport is excellent except for a small piece in the town of Perry next to the Eastport line. That has been badly washed out and is in a "profane" condition. The other roads leading out of Machias are in good condition excepting about three miles in the town of Whitneyville on the Wesley road.

Bangor to Skowhegan and Beyond

The road from Bangor to Pittsfield is one of the best highways in Maine. From Pittsfield to Skowhegan the route should be via Canaan instead of Palmyra because of a swampy place on the Palmyra road. The roads from Skowhegan to Solon are a little rough in spots but taking the trip from Skowhegan to The Forks unusually good roads will be found. From The Forks to Jackman the road is better than the average and in some places is unusually good. There is much travel from Skowhegan to Jackman.

The road from Skowhegan to Stratton and Eustis is reported as first class. From Stratton to Rangeley the highway is in its usual excellent condition. It is a good trip from Bangor to Jackman via Skowhegan, Norridgewock, Madison, North Anson, Bingham, etc. Across the Canadian line there is the splendid Canadian highway to Quebec.

To Moosehead Lake

The trip from Bangor to Moosehead lake is one of the best. There are two routes via Lagrange and Milo and by way of Kenduskeag, East Corinth, Charleston and Dover which is considerably shorter. From Dover to Greenville Junction there is a splendid stretch of highway which cannot be surpassed in Maine. The "cut" around the big hill in Shirley is a splendid piece of highway construction through a scenically fine country.

Charleston Hill is rough and there is road work under way. To avoid it, at East Corinth a turn may be made to left through West Garland to the Dexter road and then into Dover.

Owing to the construction of a bridge at Abbott the road laid out in the Maine Road Book is changed and the route is as follows: At the Guilford Post Office turn to the right going up over the hill. At the top of the hill turn to the left and follow the main road.

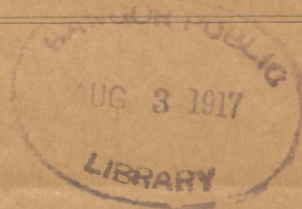
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Aroostook County Road Conditions:

The Bangor Automobile Club's correspondent sends the following information regarding road conditions in Aroostook: Under date of July 30th he writes-

"Yesterday I covered a section of the southern part of Aroostook County, and would say, for the benefit of your Information Bureau, that with the exception of 6 or 8 miles of woods in Haynesville, which is full of ruts and hard to drive on, the roads are of the best, and much better than I have ever seen them; and an ideal trip for anyone wishing to come into Aroostook County is to come via Silver Ridge and go as far North as desired, returning through Houlton to Calais and across the coast. The road between Calais and Houlton being as smooth as the floor.

"When parties ask for information into Aroostook County, be sure and advise them to avoid coming by way of Haynesville." (Information received July 28 is as follows)

"I have just been talking with a party who came up from Bangor via. Silverridge, and he reports that he has never seen the roads in such good shape as at the present time. The road through the Molunkus woods is absolutely dry, and on the entire stretch from Houlton to Bangor, containing, as it does, more State aid road, and Trunk Lines, than any other road out of the County, it stands to reason that this is the most satisfactory way to go.

"I have just returned from a trip to Fort Kent, the St. John River, and the towns in the northern party of the County, and I found the roads in excellent shape. Came down from Presque Isle, a distance of 44 miles, in two hours, and we did not hurry any, or get any bumps.

"You can certainly recommend to any one desiring to take a trip to 'God's Country,' the roads as being in excellent condition."

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MAINE'S NEW DIMMER LAW

Automobiles and Electric Cars must be Equipped by August 15, 1917.

Motor Vehicles

After Aug. 15, 1917, no motor vehicle shall be operated on or along any highway or other way between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise unless the headlights on any such motor vehicle are constructed and operated as follows, viz:-

(1) No bulb or lamp used in any such headlight shall be of greater candle power than 24 (or equivalent wattage).

(2) The lens or glass in the front part of any such light (if the lens be of plain glass) shall be sandblasted or frosted on the inside so that no direct or reflected ray from said light shall be on a level road and seventy five (75) feet ahead of any such motor vehicle, more than forty-two (42) inches from the ground.

This frosting may be temporarily done with white paint or bon ami in sufficient quantity to prevent glare.

(NOTE) Experiments have shown that this result may be accomplished by sandblasting or frosting the lens on a level line down to a point one (1) inch below the center of the lamp bulb. No clear glass should be left above this line. Some lamps are hung lower on some cars than on others and care, by experiment should be taken to see that the direct or reflected rays are not higher than the above named forty-two (42) inches.

(3) In case a "Fracto" or similar device is used, sandblasting or frosting is unnecessary but great care must be used in focusing the light as improper focusing will throw the rays upward and produce the unlawful glare.

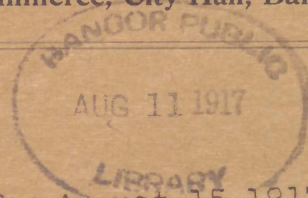
(4) Persons using lenses so constructed that no glaring rays are supposed to be produced (the Warner, Legalight and others being types) are not required to sandblast or frost such lenses; but strict regard must be had to the 24 candle power limit or bulbs as higher candle power produces the dangerous glare from any such lens.

(5) Any light may be "dimmed" in cities and villages where street lights exist and are burning not over five hundred (500) feet apart.

(6) No spotlight shall be used on any motor vehicle except for the purpose of casting a light to the right or the left or the rear of a car and then only where the car is stationary or in slow speed or in reverse. When any motor vehicle has gotten under headway, the spotlight shall be turned entirely out and under no circumstances shall be turned toward any approaching vehicle.

(7) To avoid misunderstanding, let it be understood that all these regulations apply to motor cycles.

The foregoing rules and regulations are hereby approved under the provisions of Chapter 272, Public Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1917.



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Headlight Dimmer Law in Effect

The new law requiring dimmers on headlights became effective Wednesday, August 15, and it applies to gas headlights as well as electric headlights.

The Public Utilities Commission asks co-operation in the enforcement of the regulations upon the part of each motorist and each citizen. Its members feel that the regulations are simple and proper and easily susceptible of full compliance. In a statement Chairman Cleaves of the commission declared that he believes each motorist should see to it that not only his car but that of each other user of the highway is properly equipped, and Chairman Cleaves further says that he is ready and proposes to go into court if necessary, to prosecute those who do not comply with the law.

Road Conditions Around Belfast

The heavy rains, we have recently had, while they have washed to some extent the roads in this vicinity, have done no great damage and the majority of the roads, particularly the shore roads are in very fair condition. That section in Camden which has been so very bad has been improved some and while it is as bad as any, in the State, there are hopes of a change. Generally the roads in this section of the State are becoming smooth; aside from small rocks they are in good condition.

Other Road Notes

A report from Machias says that as a rule, the roads in Washington County are in good shape and there are no washouts caused by the recent rains. AUGUSTA REPORTS the recent heavy rains have not damaged the roads in the vicinity of Augusta and our roads are now in good shape. The Augusta House is doing the largest business ever this summer. ROCKLAND reports Roads are all good but there are a few detours just outside of Bath on the road from Rockland to Bath.

From Ellsworth--The Bangor Automobile Club correspondent writes: "Since the recent rains I have been all over the western part of the county and a portion of the eastern part of the county and I find the roads are wonderfully good considering the damage done by these heavy rains. There are no detours necessary and aside from the roads in some places being rough, they are in fine condition.

"A very good trip is the western side of the county--thru Brooksville over Kench's Mountain and Caterpillar Hill in Sedgwick, following the shore to Brooklin and then to Bluehill. It gives a shore drive all of the way."

AROOSTOOK REPORTS: "Replying to your letter of recent date would say that while we have had some severe storms here lately, that it has not done any damage to the roads in Aroostook County."

Bangor to the Rangeley's: Numerous parties of Bangor motorists have taken the Rangeley trip during the last fortnight. Roads are in excellent condition. From Bangor the route is by way of Skowhegan and Farmington to Rangeley. 129 miles. Reverse route by way of Stratton and Flagstaff.

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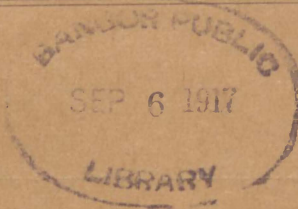
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Bangor to Houlton

There have been numerous inquiries regarding the best route from Bangor to Houlton. From Bangor the road is Bangor to Lincoln via Lagrange. From Lincoln to Macwahoc via Lee and Springfield one can travel as fast as he wants to over fine dirt roads in dry weather. This route is preferable to the route via Mattawamkeag or Prentiss and Danforth as both these roads have bad places.

LINCOLN TO HOULTON VIA KINGMAN

Fine dirt and gravel road

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- At 55.9 Take right hand road at Soldiers' Monument and keep straight on through Lee to
- 20. Springfield, 4 corners, turn sharp left.
 - 23.1 3 corners, straight through
 - 23.6 Fork of Road, take left-hand road(right to Danforth)
 - 26.9 3 corners, straight through
 - 27.9 3 corners, straight through
 - 28.5 Fork of road, keep left
 - 32.7 Cross river
 - 32.8 Cross RR track and bear left
 - 33.2 KINGMAN, 3 corners, turn sharp right in village and keep straight on to
 - 39.8 MACWAHOC

Take balance of route from page 157 Maine Road Book, 1917, at Macwahoc

Roads Round Ellsworth:

The Bangor Auto Club's Ellsworth correspondent writes:

"The road from Ellsworth to Bluehill is as good as it has been at any time this season and in very good condition. The road to Machias is also in fair condition and also the road to Bucksport. The writer has been all over these roads within two weeks, in fact most of them within two days and considering the tremendous amount of rain, the roads are in very good condition.

Lookout for Dogs:

There have been many complaints this summer because of the carelessness of motorists and particularly chauffeurs in running over dogs. So many cases of this sort have been reported that a movement is on foot to advocate the passage of a law which will provide for a penalty when motorists and chauffeurs are culpable. According to reports from various localities out-of-state chauffeurs are particularly careless in not looking out for dogs.

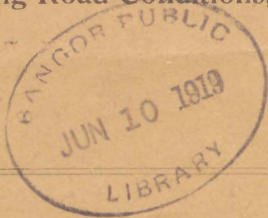
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THE BULLETIN'S EIGHTH SEASON:

This is the first issue of the Bulletin's eighth season. Automobilists are asked to help make it as useful as possible by contributing road notes, information regarding trips and other matter of interest.

NOTICES OF DETOURS:

There is a detour at Winthrop which leads through Bailey ville and joins the state highway again at East Winthrop. It is well signed. Road work is in progress in Winthrop village but only one side is under construction which leaves the other side passable. There are detours at Topsham and Bowdoinham both of which are well signed.

ELLSWORTH'S ROAD REPORT:

The roads between Ellsworth and Bangor, Bar Harbor, Bluehill, and Cherryfield are in good condition. Road from Ellsworth to Bucksport is very rough. (June 7th)

ROAD CONDITION IN VICINITY OF MACHIAS:

The roads out of Machias are generally good. They are not altogether smooth but are hard and when the commercial traveller calls them good we feel quite sure they are good. The roads to Machiasport and down the bay are good. The roads to Roques Bluff is good. The road to Wesley has a rough place of about two miles but otherwise is good. The state road from Ellsworth through Machias is in fair condition. Patrolmen have smoothed up some of the worst places. The road from Columbia Falls down round Jonesport to Machias is very good. (June 6th).

ROADS AROUND BELFAST:

Main roads through Belfast have been rough and bad but are under course of improvement. All roads now dry but very rough, yet serviceable, work having been delayed on the through thoroughfares.

Main roads through Northport and Searsport are very good and firm, coming out of winter season in fine condition. Shore road through Northport is in good repair, but very rough in places, as well as rutty, which will be eliminated by travel.

Swanville road out of Belfast in fine shape and good teaming. Pitchers Pond road out of Belfast under repair. Country roads from Belfast all under repair, but good weather offers early solution of improved travel. June 4th

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WATERVILLE ROAD CONDITIONS

Waterville to Augusta via Sidney road on west side of river is in good condition.

Waterville to Bangor state road all of the way is in good condition.

Waterville to Skowhegan and Bingham via Lakewood is in good condition using the river road from Waterville to Skowhegan.

Waterville to Farmington best route is via Smithfield and East Mercier, as you get state road all of the way to Smithfield and this is in extra good condition. From East Mercier to Farmington it is very fair. By routing this way you cut out Norridewock, which at the present time has a few miles near Larone that is rather rough.

Waterville to Belfast is very fair for the time of year via Albion and Freedom.

Waterville to Belgrade Lakes is very good, state road all of the way to Oakland in perfect condition.

ROAD NEWS FROM LINCOLN:

The road from Bangor to LaGrange is in excellent condition, excepting for a rough stretch about ten miles before entering Howland.

In going from Bangor to Lincoln by the river road it is necessary to detour at Montague coming back over the Dedlin to South Lincoln, the road being only in fair condition. From Lincoln to Millinocket the road is very good. (June 9th)

BANGOR TO MOOSEHEAD LAKE:

The route from Bangor to Dover, via Kenuskeag, East Corinth and Charleston is good except for the rough traveling over Charleston hill for which there is not much hope of improvement until proper and permanent improvements are made. However, the splendid view from the hill is a considerable compensation for the joggy trip. From Dover to Greenville the road is in splendid condition, in fact that there are few thoroughfares surpassing the Dover-Greenville run.

From Dover to Dexter is reported as smooth travelling but Dexter to East Corinth is rough. Fair weather and increase in travel will do much to smooth out all highways.

The late season for the farmers has resulted in delay in the towns getting to work on the highways. A year ago the farmers had an early season and road work by the towns was begun much ahead of this spring.

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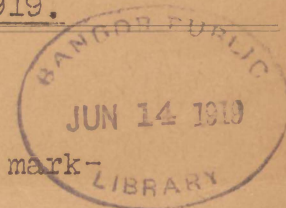
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TRUNK LINES AND TRAILS FOR MOTORISTS IN MAINE



The trunk lines and trails in Maine and their identifying markings are as follows:-

ATLANTIC HIGHWAY

Marking: Blue band, flanked top and bottom with narrow white band.
Route: Bangor to Belfast, Camden, Rockland, Wiscasset, Bath, Brunswick, Portland, Portland, Saco, Biddeford, Kennebunk, York Harbor, Kittery and Portsmouth, N.H. Also from Bangor to East Holden, Ellsworth, West Sullivan, Milbridge, Harrington, Machias, Whiting, Pembroke, South Robbinston and Calais.

AROOSTOOK TRAIL

Marking: White band and blue band of equal width.
Route: Bangor, Veazie, Orono, Alton, Lagrange, Howland, West Enfield, South Lincoln, Lincoln, Winn, Mattawamkeag, Macwahoc, passing Haynesville postoffice on left, Linneus and Houlton. This route marking will eventually be extended north the entire length of Aroostook county to Fort Kent.

The white and blue bands of equal width will also point the way from Augusta to Portland by way of Winthrop, Greene, Lewiston, Auburn, Danville Junction and Gray; also from Bangor to Fairfield by way of Newport and Pittsfield, the international trail coloring consisting of a red band flanked at the top and bottom with a narrow white band guiding the traveler from Fairfield to the capital city.

MOOSEHEAD TRAIL

This trail will be marked by a green band and a white band of equal width, but the work has not been completed to Bangor as yet. From Bangor, the route is via Kenduskeag, East Corinth, West Charleston, Dover, Foxcroft, Guilford, Abbott Village, Monson, Greenville and Greenville Junction.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRAIL

Marking: Red band, flanked top and bottom with narrow white band.
Route: Brunswick, Gardiner, Hallowell, Augusta, Vassalboro, Waterville, Fairfield, Skowhegan, Norridgewock, Madison, North Anson, Solon, Fairfield, Skowhegan, Norridgewock, Madison, North Anson, Solon. Eventually this marking will be extended to the international boundary line at Jackman.

PINE TREE WAY

Marking: Yellow band flanked top and bottom with narrow white band.
Route: Gray, Sabbathday Lake, Poland, Spring, Norway, South Paris, Bryant's Pond, Bethel, Gilead, New Hampshire state line near Gorham, N.H.

LONGFELLOW HIGHWAY

Marking: Red and blue band of equal width.
Route: Portland, North Windham, Raymond, Naples, Bridgton, Fryeburg.

UNBAGOG TRAIL

Marking: Yellow band and white band of equal width.
Route: Newry, Grafton Notch, Upton, New Hampshire state line en route to Dixville Notch and Colebrook.

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POLAND SPRING-WHITE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Marking: Green band flanked top and bottom with narrow white band.

Route: Poland Spring, Poland, Webb's Mills, Cook's Mills, Naples,
Note-Between Naples and Fryeburg follow Pine Tree way to Longfellow Highway.

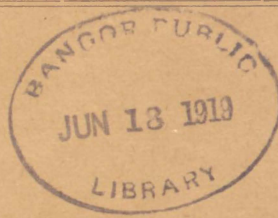
IMPORTANT -- Whenever a route turns right or left at a fork, or intersecting road, the pole at this point will be marked with an eight-inch square of white paint, immediately at the bottom of the color band, and on this band will be either the letter R or L. This will indicate whether the route turn to the right or the left, R indicating R and L left. This system will be found decidedly simple and effective.

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NEW AUTO ROUTES

Important changes have been made in the re-naming of routes, the color schemes in most cases remaining the same. One of the principal changes was the result of the decision of the Maine Automobile Association to take advantage of the offer to have the new Theodore Roosevelt International Highway to terminate in Maine. In order to do this many conferences were held with the projectors of the plan and it was finally decided to have it run from Portland Maine to Portland Oregon.

LONGFELLOW HIGHWAY (NEW ROUTING)

Marking: Yellow band, flanked top and bottom, with narrow white band. Route: Portland, Gray, Sabbathday Lake, Poland Spring, Norway, South Paris, Bryant's Pond, Bethel, Gilead, New Hampshire State Line, near Gorham N.H.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY

Marking: Red band, flanked top and bottom with narrow white band with initials "T.R." showing on the white field.

Route: Portland, North Windham, Raymond, Naples, Bridgton, Fryeburg.

CAPITAL WAY

Marking: White band and blue band of equal width.

Route: Gray, Danville Junction, Auburn, Lewiston, Greene, Winthrop Augusta.

AUGUSTA TO BRUNSWICK

The State highway between Gardiner and Brunswick is under construction in two places, necessitating detours which have been suitably posted with signs, and have been repaired making them in fairly good condition. From Gardiner take State highway at Brunswick Avenue as far as the Causeway road in Richmond; turn to the right across Pleasant Pond; follow signs, bearing to the left, and running south through Litchfield to Bowdoinham; thence crossing the Cathance River in Bowdoinham and following the Bay Road to Brunswick, passing Topsham fair grounds on the right just before entering Brunswick.

AUGUSTA TO LEWISTON

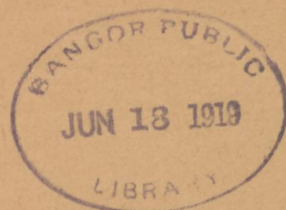
Follow State highway through Manchester as far as detour road; to the left to Baileyville, to Winthrop village; thence State highway from Winthrop village to Lewiston.

LEWISTON TO PORTLAND

State highway under construction between Auburn and Danville Junction; short detour to the left through Danville Junction; thence to Poland Springs via Gray Pond, or take State highway Lewiston to Brunswick and follow Post Road to Portland.

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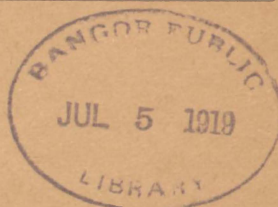
AUGUSTA TO WATERVILLE

Take State highway on the east side of the Kennebec River. north four miles; make right angle turn and follow good road to East Vassalboro, North Vassalboro and Waterville. The river road in Vassalboro is very poor, and construction is going on through the town of Winslow with short detour around this construction work. The road on the west side of the Kennebec to Sidney is in fair condition; no construction work going on.

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ROAD NEWS FROM LEWISTON

The main thoroughfare to Winthrop and Augusta via Main Street, Lewiston, is a state road and in excellent condition. The road to Lisbon Falls is fair. From Lisbon Falls to Portland it is excellent.

To Gardiner, Hallowell and Augusta via the Sabattus Road, Tacoma Lakes and Richmond, the road is fair.

To Poland Springs via Danville Junction there is a detour of about one mile, but this detour is in first class condition. The road itself is good. The trip around Lake Auburn is very popular as is that to Poland Springs. The road around the lake is O.K.

DOWN EAST ROADS GOOD

The roads in vicinity of Eastport are all in very fair condition. The main trunk line though is by far the better road. The road over the hills from Pembroke to Eastport is in better condition than it has been for years.

BELFAST ROAD NOTES

Belfast streets have been much improved in the past week and the avenues leading in and out of the city are in much better condition than for some years. The state road to Camden is in first class condition, while the shore road running thru Northport is much improved. The roadbed is good but the road is very narrow as a result of the bushes and great care must be exercised at all times on this road.

A pretty drive over good roads is that from Belfast to the west side of Pitcher's Pond through to Lincolnville Center, thence across to Lincolnville returning via the state road in the shore drive. This drive offers some mountain and lake scenery and the return via the Penobscot Bay.

All roads in this vicinity are much improved and there is every indication that good conditions will prevail for the remainder of the season.

NEW BRUNSWICK ROAD CONDITIONS

New Brunswick road authorities are doing their utmost to place the roads in good shape but some of the most important of them are still in an unsatisfactory state.

From the border at St. Stephen to St. Andrews and for six miles toward St. John the conditions are perfect.

At Digdeguash, 13 miles east of St. Andrews, the river bridge is being renewed, necessitating a detour of about six miles. The balance of the road is rough in places as far as Musquash, 13 miles from St. John. From Musquash to St. John the travelling is good.

The road from St. John to Frederickton is in fair order.

East of St. John road repairs are being carried on near Rothesay, necessitating during working hours a detour of a few miles, otherwise the road is in good shape almost as far as Sussex. Between Sussex and Moncton there are some bad spots.

On the north shore of the province the roads are reported in splendid order.

By August 1 all provincial roads should be in the best of condition.

The usual report is required from incoming motorists at the St. Stephen, N.B. custom house.

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AROOSTOOK'S GOOD ROADS



Roads in Aroostook County were never better than at present the good work of the past few years is beginning to tell and wherever one goes on the main traveled roads, one finds on the whole excellent gravel and dirt roads. The horror of the ride from Bangor to Houlton has been eliminated by the Trunk Line work which has been done through Molunkus. Work is now being done there, but instead of completing the work as they go along, they have graded the entire stretch of nine miles so that there are no bad places, and surfacing is going on daily, which when completed will be as good as any road in Maine.

The trip up the Penobscot Valley is beautiful and many miles are of improved road. Five and six hours used to be quick running time, it is now slow time for making the distance of 115 or 122 miles.

After a week of dry weather the road from Macwahoc via Haynesville is the shorter way to go, but in case of rain or following wet weather it is advisable to go 7 miles farther going from Macwahoc via Silver Ridge and Island Falls. The Haynesville road is mostly a dirt road, good only for dry weather, while the Silver Riade road has many miles of gravel

From Houlton as a starting point are many beautiful trips about 100 miles, none of which can surpass those along the scenic St. John River, with its rolling farms, all beautifully cultivated, its country roads all well kept. Never have the roads in New Brunswick been as good as this year. As the number of automobiles in crease in New Brunswick, so the roads improve.

All over Aroostook county the Garden of Maine nature is now seen at its best for those who have never been here it is a revelation. (June 22)

ROADS 'ROUND AUGUSTA

The new road from Augusta to Brunswick has not been opened to traffic and will not be entirely completed before the last of September. The detours, however, are not in bad condition now and are alright except after a rain.

From Bangor the State highway is opened as far as Waterville; from thence you can go either out through North and East Vassalboro to Augusta, or from Waterville to Oakland to Augusta down what we call the middle road through Sidney. Either of these roads made a good detour around the River road in Vassalboro which, although it is the State highway, has not been improved.

From Augusta you can go to Gardiner along the River road; thence out Brunswick Avenue to the detour; thence on the west side of Pleasant Point to a point opposite Richmond Corner; thence from Richmond Corner to Bowdoinham over improved road; thence from Bowdoinham by the Bay road through Topsham to Brunswick.

The route to Rangeley from Augusta, by way of Belgrade is in very good condition. (July 22)

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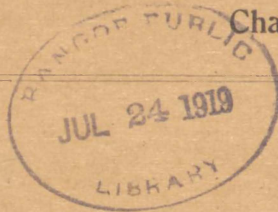
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ROAD CONDITIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Almost all the interior roads of New Brunswick radiating from St. John, are in good shape.

Between the border and St. John there are some stretches of highway that are still somewhat rough, but these are being hammered into shape as quickly as possible. Between St. Stephen and St. Andrews and for nine miles east of St. Andrews the road is in excellent order. The bridge crossing Didgeguash river will be completed in about three weeks. Until then a detour is necessary. About three miles of this detour are in rough shape. Between the Didgeguash bridge and St. George the road is in good order. East of St. George, as far as Pennfield Ridge the road is good. There are some rutty spots between that point and Lepreaux. As this area is a difficult one to keep in order a diversion which will bring the road closer to the shore is planned for next season. From Lepreaux to St. John, with the exception of two miles of narrow highway at Spruce Lake, traveling is good.

There are many delightful side trips from St. John. The run to Gondola Point along the shores of the beautiful Kennebecasis has no equal on the continent. A ferry enables the autoist to cross the river and enjoy another run, westward toward the St. John river, and eastward toward Hampton, from which there is an excellent road back to the city.

The run to Loch Lomond and further on to St. Martins-by-the-Sea, is a very attractive one.

Another charming trip is along the banks of the St. John river to Westfield or beyond to Fredericton and Woodstock. The crossing at the Nerepis is rough and narrow and there are some jumpy spots on the road, but the river scenery is so entrancing that these little discomforts are forgotten.

Another pleasant short run from St. John is to Lornville and along the shores of the Bay of Fundy. This road is in fine order (July 22).

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EASTPORT ROAD NEWS

The roads in the eastern part of Maine have never been better than they are at this season; particularly the main travelled roads. The trunk line from Machias to Calais is in very good condition with the exception of the stretch from Pembroke to South Robbinston.

The Blue Book and the Maine Auto Association bands for the Atlantic Highway (Blue Book Route #830) go through South Robbinston via Charlotte and Robbinston Ridge and this road is very rough. The best road to Calais is to follow the Eastport road out of Pembroke (leaving the blue and white bands) to Perry, through North Perry and picking up blue bands again at South Robbinston.

The Eastport roads are in fine condition and from here many side trips by auto and by boat may be made (July 24)

TO MOOSEHEAD LAKE

The trunk line to Greenville and Moosehead Lake from Dover-Foxcroft was never in better condition, it being state road practically all the distance. The few rough stretches are being worked on now. In fact, the entire road from Bangor to Greenville is good, with the possible exception of the vicinity of Charleston and that is much better than "passable".

From Dover to Dexter is all State road with the exception of a couple of miles or so before entering Dexter village.

The best business in years is reported at Sebec lake (4 miles from Foxcroft) the demand for accommodations being large.

ROAD BOOKS FOR MEMBERS

Members of the Bangor Automobile Club can secure their copies of the Blue Book by calling at Bangor Chamber of Commerce. This is the large Blue Book with a supplement for Maine, price at bookstores. Members of the Bangor Automobile Club receive membership card for the American Automobile Association and the Maine Automobile Association.

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MACHIAS ROAD NEWS

All reports are that the roads East of Bangor are good. There is no sand in this section, all the roads have a hard foundation and are smooth and good and in good order.

The "air line" road from Beddington to Wesley is in good order. The Machias Lumber Company keeps this road in order and the crew have just finished smoothing this road and the travellers report it more than satisfactory.

The through road from Ellsworth is good. The road around Jonesport is good and the side lines good. All the roads East of Machias are good, Lubec, Calais by the various routes and to Eastport. There is a short road in the town of Perry that is a bit rough, not over two miles, but travellers report more than that in the Western part of the state, in fact there are two mile stretches in every state that are not good.

HEAD AND TAIL LIGHTS

The attorney general's department which has charge of the enforcement of the automobile laws, announces that a vigorous campaign will be waged against the violators who persist in running their automobiles without properly lighted head and tail lights. Gross carelessness has been shown by some drivers as to both, some running without attention to the tail lights, which are as important to safety on the road as any other of the safety devices and precautions required. Others have paid but little if any attention to the provisions for dimmers on their head lights.

The dimmer regulation, made under the law by the Public Utilities Commission, is:

"The lens or glass in the front part of such light (if the lens be of plain glass) shall be sand blasted or frosted on the inside so that no direct or reflected ray from said light shall be on a level road and seventy-five (75) feet ahead of any such motor vehicle, more than forty-two (42) inches from the ground. Paint or Bon Ami sufficient to prevent glare, may be used temporarily.

TO COMPLETE ELLSWORTH HIGHWAY

At a conference with officers of Bangor Chamber of Commerce, Bangor Automobile Club, Bangor Rotary Club, Bangor Automobile Dealers' Assn and Mayor John F. Woodman, Thursday, July 31, Gov. Milliken announced that the first work that will be done, following the success of the highway bond issue at the special election in September, will be the completion of the Bangor-Bar Harbor highway.

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Calais, via Lincoln and Topsfield: The route to Calais by the way of Lee, Springfield, Carroll, Topsfield, Waite and Princeton, distance 77.2 miles, is in good condition except for a rough stretch between Lincoln and Lee and a mile or so of poor traveling in the vicinity of Musquash Lake, east of Carroll. This is a favorite route for the many people who go into the Grand Lake region.

Between Bangor and Lincoln, the river road is in fair to good condition. At Montague, a turn should be made to the right, just at the store, and continue on to the Bodlin road which leads back to the river road and continue on into Lincoln.

Highway Work Completed:- Two important sections of highway have just been opened and will do away with detours that have caused much inconvenience. One section, that between Danville Junction and Auburn, provides a direct run between Portland and Lewiston. The other is between Topsham and Bowdoinham, on the Brunswick and Augusta State Highway.

Quebec Route Is Popular:- The trip to Quebec is even more popular this year than in previous seasons. The road from Skowhegan and Norridgewock to the city of Quebec, via Jackman, is in excellent shape, barring about half a mile at the international border. The road from Quebec to Montreal is good and from Montreal back into Maine, via the Hero Islands of Lake Champlain, Burlington, Montpelier, and St. Johnsbury, Vt and Littleton, Twin Mountain, Crawford Notch and North Conqay, N.H., to Fryeburg, is all right. This is a splendid round trip.

In crossing the International boundary this year be sure to stop first at the American Custom House and get a paper, then next at the Canadian office and get another. When returning first stop at the Canadian Custom House and surrender the paper obtained and then the American house and surrender the one previously obtained on this side of the line. One may stay in Canada 30 days without a bond and the entry is now made very easy. Americans should be sure to take with them certificates of birth of some record of citizenship to show the inspectors when crossing the line in this direction. The American officials are the ones who enforce this regulation the strictest.

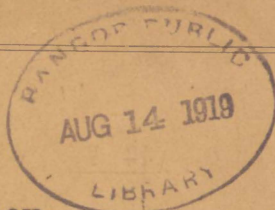
IF YOU WANT MAINE TO HAVE GOOD ROADS, VOTE FOR THE BOND ISSUE.

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ROUTE MARKING IN AROOSTOOK:

Announcement has been made by the Maine Automobile Association with which the Bangor Automobile Club is affiliated, that work will begin immediately on the pole-marking throughout Aroostook county. The poles are now marked to Lincoln and the work will be continued through to Van Buren and thence along the St. John River to Fort Kent. This will be appreciated by the many tourists who are planning on going into Aroostook during the early autumn. Aroostook roads are in excellent condition and when the road between Bangor and Lincoln is put into proper shape as the importance of the highway deserves there will be no better stretch of highway than the thro line from Bangor to Houlton and Van Buren.

INFORMATION FOR TOURISTS:

Bangor Automobile Club is glad to secure for tourists special information regarding routes etc. This service is made possible through the co-operative arrangements with automobile organizations in other states and in Canada.

BANGOR-AUGUSTA- BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY OPEN:

The State highway between Gardiner and Brunswick is completed except for a section about a mile and a half long immediately north of Richmond Corner.

It is possible now to go from Augusta to Portland over this route with only one short detour, which going from Gardiner to Brunswick turns to the right eight miles below Gardiner, crosses the causeway between Mud pond and Pleasant pond and then runs parallel with the State highway but on the west side of Mud pond until the turn is made to the left bringing the detour back to the State highway at Richmond Corner.

The distance around the detour is 4.9 miles and it is about two miles longer than the direct road, as for the greater part of this distance the detour runs parallel with the State highway.

It is probable that six or seven weeks of good weather will be necessary to complete the mile and a half section above referred to, when the whole road will be thrown open for travel.

TALK THE HIGHWAY BOND ISSUE AMONG YOUR FRIENDS

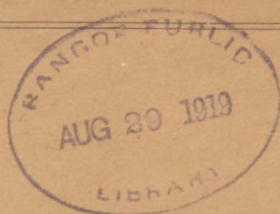
Urge them to vote for the issue.

Ask them to spread the information regarding the bond issue
Maine must have the bond issue
to secure millions of highway
money from the Federal Government.

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AROOSTOOK ROAD NEWS

Recent advices from Aroostook suggest the following routes: At Macwahoc where the sign reads "Houlton 55 Miles", turn to the left. Recent rains and heavy travel between Houlton via Haynes ville and Macwahoc has made the road rough and rutty. It is only eight miles further via Silver Ridge and Island Falls and the roads are much better. There is much more state aid road in this section the highway goes through a settled farm community. The extra distance does not seem long and the good traveling and pleasant surroundings more than compensate for the additional mileage.

ROUTES TO ST. JOHN:

The road between Bangor and Calais, via Ellsworth and Machias, is in good condition but from Calais to St. John there is considerable poor highway although it is being travelled considerably and few cars find serious difficulty. The route to St. John via Houlton and thence down the St. John river through Fredericton offers better highways although the distance is greater. It is a fine trip down the valley of the St. John. Recent reports from tourists are to the effect that roads beyond St. John, via Moncton, Dorchester, Amherst and Truro to Halifax are fair to good except in the vicinity of Halifax where the roads are narrow and rough. A good many parties are going through Bangor on their way to Nova Scotia.

VOTE FOR GOOD ROADS

Every member of the Bangor Automobile Club will vote YES on the Highway Bond question at the special election in September. If Maine is to secure the millions of dollars from the Federal Government for good roads, there must be a united effort to get out a big vote in favor of the Highway Bond question. If the voters don't vote for the Highway Bond Issue, the Federal Funds intended for Maine will go to other states for highway improvement.

Does any state need highway improvement more than Maine?

Vote YES for the Highway Bond Issue.

See that your friends and neighbors vote YES.

Help make the YES vote as large as possible.

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DON'T FAIL TO VOTE AT MONDAY'S ELECTION AND VOTE "YES" ON AMENDMENT FIVE



Vote "Yes" on Amendment Five at the special election on Monday and urge your employes, friends and neighbors to vote "YES". Upon the result of the question Monday depends the future of Maine roads. If Amendment Five is defeated there will be no bond issue, no Federal Aid funds and no further highway construction.

CONDITIONS ROUND BELFAST

Highway conditions in the vicinity of Belfast have materially improved in every direction and while the road bed on the state road is beginning to show the travel to which it has been subjected this season, there is a marked improvement generally on cross roads. The lack of rain has done much to hold up the roads this season.

The road from Belfast to Swan Lake for the past few weeks has been under re-construction by the State and that section of road has been greatly improved, in fact it will be one of the best pieces of roads in this section when completed.

The Belfast-Searsport road is a little rough and uncertain, but promises of better conditions have been made. Bushes have been cut in the town of Northport on the road round the shore between the two campgrounds and that section is now in very good condition. This is one of the most attractive drives in Maine. In general the highways in this section of Maine have been improved in the past month.

The trip out of Belfast around the back side of Pitchers' Pond and via the turnpike to Camden returning via the shore offers one of the most attractive outings of the season. The rich foliage of the trees at this time of the year and the general scenery is among the best.

AUGUSTA ROAD NEWS

There is still a detour on the State road from Gardiner to Brunswick also on the State highway from Augusta to Winthrop.

There are also two detours on the east side of the Kennebec River on the Augusta-Waterville road through Vassalboro, and Augusta-Waterville by way of Webber Pond, but the road from Augusta to Waterville on the west side of the river through Sidney is in fair shape. The best route is to go from Waterville to Oakland, via the State road; thence Oakland to Augusta, which is in very good condition.

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BANGOR TO EASTPORT--Highway from Bangor to Ellsworth is in the usual good condition. Cherryfield Woods rough; through Franklin rough; excellent from Cherryfield to Dennysville; Dennysville to Pembroke fair; Pembroke through Perry rough; Perry to Eastport good. From Eastport to Calais the road is in fair condition. Rough from Red Beach to Calais. Calais through Princeton to Houlton generally good.

Work on the Trunk Line Road--Atlantic Highway--between Pembroke and Perry is now under way.

NEW BRUNSWICK ROAD CONDITIONS.--Regarding road conditions from Calais to St. John there are only about twenty miles of rough traveling. The department of public works is pushing forward improvements on this road and expects to have them finished within the next three months.

The entrance into New Brunswick via Houlton and Woodstock is good, and within the province all the highways are in good order for motoring.

This applies from St. John to Amherst and right through to Halifax, also from St. John to Houlton, taking the "Broad Road" to Fredericton.

The rule of the road has not been changed in New Brunswick--it is still to the left.

IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY.--Aroostook County highways are getting into shape for the heavy summer travel altho the road work there begins later than in other places because the first consideration is getting the crops started. In fair weather it is good traveling on all highways, improved and unimproved, but the latter roads are rough and slippery in wet weather but are no worse than of their class in other localities.

Aroostook is now one of the favorite show places in Maine for out-of-state tourists and it is expected that there will be an unusual influx of visitors this season. Inquiries already received for road information in Aroostook indicates the widespread interest in Aroostook and shows how far its fame has spread.

Information from Houlton is to the effect that the road from Bangor to Houlton via Silver Ridge is far better than the highway leading thro Hainesville. Inquiry should be made at Lincoln and other points to avoid stretches where road work is under way.

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May 13, 1918.

MAINE ROADS ARE GOOD

Reports from all sections of the state are that conditions are unusually good. So far as roads go, this season is about three weeks ahead of ordinary years.

BANGOR TO BAR HARBOR

The road from Bangor to Bar Harbor is in splendid shape and this is the report for most highways in this vicinity.

BANGOR TO PORTLAND

The road from Bangor to Portland via Newport, Waterville, Augusta, Winthrop and Lewiston is in excellent shape.

BANGOR TO COLD STREAM

For the benefit of fishermen going to Cold Stream it is advisable to take the road via Lagrange and Howland. The River Road above Milford has been in bad condition and has been particularly hard for heavy cars.

OTHER ROAD NOTES

PORTLAND TO BETHEL

The road from Portland to Bethel, Maine, via Gray, Poland Spring, South Paris, and Bryant's Pond is now quite passable.

PORTLAND TO ROCKLAND

The road from Portland to Rockland is in fine shape and the new stretch between Brunswick and Bath is particularly smooth. The work on the bridge is not yet completed, so care should be used at this point.

PORTLAND AND FARMINGTON

The following is a report on road conditions between Portland and Farmington: Portland to Poland Spring, very good; to Danville Jct. fair; to Auburn, bad; but this is due to the fact that the road is now being prepared for rebuilding, and possibly may be closed to traffic in a short time, a good detour being provided Auburn and Lewiston to Winthrop, excellent; Winthrop to Readfield fair; Readfield to Mount Vernon, fair; except very muddy along shore of lake and rough and cut up in the vicinity of Vienna. Some bad sand for about 2 miles approaching Farmington Falls, but good from that town to Farmington.

PORTLAND AND BOSTON

The road conditions between Portland and Boston are good.

OUT OF STATE HIGHWAYS

The best route between Springfield, Mass. and Hartford, Conn., is via the west side of the Connecticut River. The road here is excellent, except for a stretch coming into Hartford.

Between Springfield, Mass., and Albany, N.Y. via Jacob's Ladder and Pittsfield, Mass., the road is in good condition for almost the entire distance.

The state highway between Boston and Springfield, Mass., via Worcester, is in fine shape.

The road between Worcester, Mass., and Providence, R.I. is in good condition.

The highway between Portsmouth, N.H. and Camp Devens, at Ayer, Mass. is in good condition by the following route: Portsmouth, N.H. Smithtown, N.H. Amesbury, Mass., Lawrence, Haverhill and Lowell, Mass.

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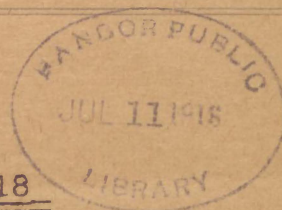
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AROOSTOOK COUNTY ROADS

Roads in Aroostook County were never better and never before has there been as much new work done as this season. In all parts of Aroostook County the roads are in fine condition and everything as far as the eye can reach is at its best.

Few people realize the beauties of the St. John river trip, with good roads on both sides of the river from Van Buren by Grand Falls and the entire distance to St. John the scenery rivals that of any section of New England.

Roads from Bangor to Houlton are in excellent shape, although the distance is somewhat lengthened on account of new work, but the detours are all good, and it only makes the trip a little longer and so much pleasanter. At Montague go east to West Enfield and then north to Lincoln, thence to Springfield taking the road to the right of the monument in Lincoln as far as Springfield then turn sharp left through to Kingman and then to Macwahoc turning right one half mile north of this point, follow signs through to Houlton.

ROAD INFORMATION FROM AUGUSTA

FROM AUGUSTA TO WATERVILLE: On the west side of the river the road is in very good condition with the exception of rainy weather which usually makes it bad for six hours after a rain but they dry up very quickly and this is the road that motorists should take unless it is raining or it is shortly after a rain. FROM AUGUSTA TO

WATERVILLE: On the east side of the river the road is under construction and tourists should never at any time attempt that road. The Webber Pond road on the east side is always good both in rainy and fair weather, but being four miles longer should not be used only in rainy weather. AUGUSTA TO LEWISTON: This is a state road with

the exception of six miles between East Winthrop and Winthrop which is under construction at present and altho there is no detour, probably there will be one within the next two weeks. This is the way that tourists should go in going from Augusta to Portland in bad weather. AUGUSTA TO BRUNSWICK: This road although rough is a very pretty drive and we would recommend this road in going to Portland unless in rainy weather when it is almost impassable, owing to its being a clay road.

AUGUSTA TO BELGRADE LAKES: Altho there are many roads running to Belgrade Lakes from Augusta everyone with the exception of one is bad or has bad places in it. The road by the way of Readfield Depot, altho three miles longer is much prettier and a far better road and in leaving Augusta tourists should go as far as Manchester turning to the right there and heading straight for Readfield Depot. Turn to the left at the foot of a big hill just before you get to Readfield Depot at sign saying Belgrade Lakes. This road is good in all weather. AUGUSTA TO FARMINGTON: 1918 Bluebook has this road

very good. AUGUSTA TO BELFAST: Bluebook plate #79 and #80 shows this road very good. Over thru South China, Palermo, Liberty and into Belfast. The writer has been over this road several times this season and can personally vouch for them. They are gravel roads, and very pretty, passing as many as seven lakes and taking in some wonderful woodland scenery. This makes a very good trip if any one wishes to go over to Belfast and then follow the coast along either to Bangor or to Portland.

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NEW BRUNSWICK ROAD CONDITIONS

Though slightly affected by recent heavy rains, every main trunk highway from the border at Calais to the border of Nova Scotia including the highways to St. Andrews, Fredericton, Woodstock and Grand Falls and also from Moncton to Campbellton is in good condition. One fine warm day will dry up most, if not all, of the wet spots. Automobilists from the United States are encouraged to visit New Brunswick. The provincial government is spending thousands of dollars to improve the main roads in their interest. There is no change in the rule of the road this year. To avoid collisions, automobilists should bear this in mind.

UP RIVER ROAD NOTES

To Carroll from Lincoln going way the way of the Lee road is a direct road to Calais. This road is all State road and in excellent condition. Since the heavy rain there are a number of deep ruts west of Lee and it would be well for a week or two to take the Winn road from Lincoln, turning to the right just before entering Winn. This road is good and strikes the main road about three miles west of Lee.

In going to Kingman, Danforth and Houlton, avoid the Mattawamkeag woods, going by the way of Lee, Carroll, Calais and Princeton.

An excellent drive is from Lincoln to Millinocket. Both the roads and the scenery being the best.

The road from South Lincoln to Lincoln is still closed, work still being done on the State road. In taking the river road from Bangor or by the way of LaGrange take the road to the right from Montague. The road to Enfield is in excellent condition. From Enfield to Lincoln is a bit rocky but is being improved all the time. From this road one gets an excellent view of Cold Stream Pond, the first of a chain of seven lakes.

An excellent drive nearly all through woods is from Bangor to Milo, by the way of Howland or LaGrange. Although the longer drive, the road on the right of the Piscataquis crossing the bridge at Howland is perhaps better.

The fishing around Lincoln is excellent. Cold Stream, for Salmon Trout. Mattanawcook Lake situated in the center of the town of Lincoln and about five minutes walk from the Hotel is filled with perch, bass and pickerel. There are also many brooks where trout is plentiful. The region around Carroll is perhaps one of the best fishing districts in the State. Pleasant Lake being known for its large Salmon.

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY ROADS:

A man who has just driven between Houlton and Bangor many times just returned from a trip over the road, and he knows what good roads are. He said: Never in my experience have I found the roads as good as this week. I came from Bangor via LaGrange, Enfield, Lee, Springfield, Kingman, Macwahoc, turning at this latter place for Silver Ridge and Island Falls, and I made about 23 miles and hour, the last 40 miles being driven after dark when good time could not be made. In the entire distance there is very little bad road, and that is only a few rough places from Springfield to Kingman; Macwahoc and Silver Ridge the road is like a park, and 9 miles after leaving Macwahoc, which follows Molunkus Stream, is as smooth as can be."

This is but a sample of roads in Aroostook County in dry weather, and when crops are seen at their best.

There are a few don'ts to follow:-

Don't take some farmer's or garage man's say, and take some other road.

Don't take the left-hand road going north out of Lincoln, but keep to the right.

After crossing bridge at Howland take first road to the right to Enfield and then turn left.

Don't take any other route in Aroostook County which may be shorter and is not so good.

LATEST REPORT FROM MACHIAS:

The roads in this section are in good condition. Black bass and perch can be caught in Hadley's Lake, three miles from the Eastern Hotel. There is deep sea fishing ten miles from machias.

FROM AUGUSTA TO LEWISTON:

By way of Winthrop and Greene the road is under construction at the present time. There is a six mile detour starting at Manchester four corners and continuing thru to Winthrop. This detour altho narrow is very good and will have to be used no doubt for the remainder of the season.

AUGUSTA TO ROCKLAND:

By way of National Soldiers Home, Coopers Mills, Jefferson and Waldoboro is the shortest and by far the better road between Augusta and Rockland. This also takes you thru the National Soldiers' Home, where there are eighteen hundred old soldiers and many things of interest to a tourist as well as a band concert every forenoon at five o'clock. Here also can be seen the hull of the battleship "Maine." A nice fishing trip a short distance from Augusta and over good roads is to Tallwood Inn on Lake Maranacook. Tallwood Inn is twelve miles northeast from Augusta on the shores of one of the prettiest lakes in Maine. Here one may fish for pickerel and bass and other lake fish and there is a standing offer across the counter of Tallwood Inn that the proprietor can catch at least ten fish any day within two hours, of \$10.00.

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Aroostook County Roads Notes:

Roads in all directions from Houlton are in fine condition. The route to Bangor, which is being used more than any other, is by way of Island Falls and Silver Ridge. This route, while longer than the others, has more Trunk Line and State Aid than any other, it runs through a beautiful farming section and very sightly.

From Houlton there are many day trips with splendid opportunities for dinner at well-known resorts, and a new route returning home. There is always the beautiful scenery along the St. John River, which can be easily reached. Anyone desiring to take these trips can secure routings and information at the Tourist Information Bureau at the Houlton Times office. August 8.

Hancock County Roads:

Hancock County roads are in exceptionally good condition. The roads from Ellsworth to Bluehill, Brooklin, Sedgwick and Brooksville are as good as they ever have been and this is particularly true on Mount Desert Island. August 8.

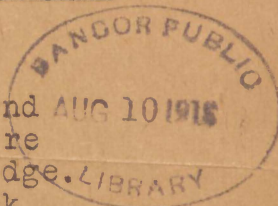
New Brunswick Road Conditions:

Road conditions throughout New Brunswick are very satisfactory, though recent rains have left pools in spots. Radiating from St. John there are many attractive drives.

The St. John River drive to Fredericton and Woodstock is particularly fascinating, the scenery being all that could be desired. Shorter drives along the river to Westfield, Woodman's Point, Belyea's Point, and Brown's Flats are very interesting.

From St. John to Moncton (88 miles), in which drive the autoist passes along the beautiful banks of the Kennebecasis valley and through many charming villages, there is a great deal to interest. This route permits of runs to Rothesay, Hampson and Sussex (the latter the military camp ground of the province), all attractive spots with hotel accommodation. A most beautiful side drive to Gondola Point on the Kennebecasis is worth taking.

A very beautiful drive may be taken to Loch Lomond (10 miles) and on to St. Martin's-by-the-Sea (an additional 20 miles). The shore road (or Black River Road) may be used in going or coming from St. Martin's. This is a few miles longer than the middle road that is usually used, and it is somewhat hilly, but the scenery has no equal in the Province for rugged grandeur and it well repays the traveller for his trouble. Hotel accommodation at St. Martin's.



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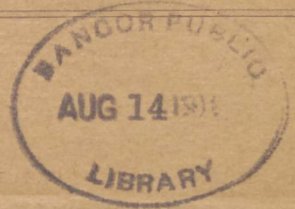
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BELFAST ROAD NEWS

Roads in the vicinity of Belfast are in about the normal condition, although the roads leading to Belfast from both Northport and Searsport are very rough and have lacked any work this year. As approaches to the city they offer disagreeable features to motor cars.

The Camden state road is very good this year and that section from Lincolnville to Camden is fast being finished and placed in good travelling condition. The Searsport road in Searsport is very good. Swanville has excellent roads as a whole this year and the roads in Northport are fair, the shore road being better than the average.

Pretty drives are offered out of Belfast in a trip down the shore to Saturday Cove in Northport, thence westerly to Beech Hill and then on to the Lincolnville road running north to Belfast. This gives a wondrous view from Beech Hill. Another drive is that down the state road nearly to Saturday Cove returning by the shore road. Several delightful drives are offered out of Belfast to Swan Lake and to Georges Lake in Swanville and Liberty, respectively. The trip to Camden from Belfast and return via the turnpike drive is one of the most wonderful outings offered in this section of Maine.

ROAD CONDITIONS 'ROUND LINCOLN:

The South Lincoln road is nearly complete, in fact it is now passable. From Lincoln to Enfield and Cold Stream Pond by the way of South Lincoln and the Dodlin makes an excellent drive. The road from Lincoln to Carroll is now in fine condition. In going to Danforth and Kingman, it is well to avoid the Mattawamkeag woods. One of the prettiest drives in the state, is from Lincoln to Millinocket. Fred Kelly has just finished re-modeling his hotel, and although he is a friend to Hoover, he sets one of the best tables in the state. One could well spend a few days in Lincoln stopping at this hotel and taking short trips each day. A very pretty drive is had by crossing the Penobscot by Ferry at Lincoln Center over to Chester, going to Woodville crossing the Penobscot again at Medway and back to Lincoln by way of Mattawamkeag and Winn. This is most all State road.

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Somerset County Road Conditions

The road conditions from SKOWHEGAN to QUEBEC are as follows:

Skowhegan to Jackman, 74 Miles, good roads
Jackman to Canadian Line, 16 Miles. Work is being done on this road but it is passable and should not discourage tourists from taking the splendid trip to Quebec.

Canadian Line to Quebec about 94 miles. Fine gravel roads recently built by Canadian Government.

Skowhegan to Pittsfield. Very fair roads.
Skowhegan to Waterville, river road is good road about half state highway.

Skowhegan to Rangleley.

Skowhegan to Farmington. Fair road.

Skowhegan to Rangeley. Fine road. (Information received Aug.17)

Road Notes from Waterville

The road from Waterville to Bangor to all intents and purposes is a complete State Road by way of Waterville, Fairfield, crossing the bridge at Fairfield and going across the neck road, so called, thence, through Clinton, Burnham, Pittsfield, Newport, etc. The distance about 56 miles from Waterville. It is a beautiful trip and a good day's outing. For a round trip from Waterville to Bangor and return is about 112 miles.

Another trip is from Waterville to Belgrade Lakes where the Belgrade Hotel is located, the trip is about 20 miles out from Waterville, the road from Waterville to Oakland, 5 miles, is one of the best of State Roads. From Oakland we follow down the west side of Messalonskee Lake about 9 miles turning to the right and go out through a beautiful country about 6 miles to the Belgrade System which comprises Great Pond and Long Pond, so called.

A good trip is from Waterville to Oakland, thence, to Smithfield to Norridgewock to Madison to North Anson and to Bingham, a distance of about 40 miles. One could continue in this direction to Jackman or even up to the Canadian line. This is one of the direct roads to Quebec and the greater part of the way the roads are very good, a good deal of it being State road. The road on the west side of the Kennebec river from Augusta to Waterville is very good and is the direct Central Maine Road connecting at Waterville with the road described just previously, with the Maine Highway to Quebec.

If one wishes to visit the western section of the State or go through here to the White Mountains, there are various roads nearly all of which are in very good condition, more or less State Roads, and the dirt roads that they would have to go over are in very good condition. Going from Waterville to Farmington, thence, to Bethel, via, Rumford Falls and to Gorham, N.H. which is just on the edge of the White Mountains, the distance from Waterville is 126 miles.



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From the Waterville Country Club, as from various points in Waterville, can be seen in a clear day, the distinct outline of several ranges of the White Mountains. Waterville has one of the best hotels in the state, "The Elmwood". Many tourists stop here for meals and for one or two days visit.

Washington County Road Notes

The road from Eastport to Machias, forty miles, is in excellent condition, with the exception of about five miles of the road from Eastport to Pembroke, which is somewhat rough. The road from Eastport to Calais, thirty miles, is also an excellent road, with the exception of a few miles at the Calais end. This does not mean that either of these roads is at all impassable at any time. The writer has just returned from a motor trip of a week and roads at this end compare favorably with other roads in Washington County, a large proportion of them being State built. Eastport being on an island, the above two roads are the principal routes.