

LAMPS ON VEHICLES BILL.

MEMORANDUM.

THE object of this Bill is to require all vehicles on highways throughout the Dominion to carry lights during darkness.

Traction-engines and motors are excluded from the operation of the Bill, the former being dealt with under the provisions of section 2 (3) of the Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1890, and the latter by section 7 of the Motor Regulation Act, 1906. The last-mentioned Act covers road engines up to four tons weight, as well as motor-cars.

Lights on tramcars appear to be provided for by the conditions under which permission is granted for the construction of every tramway.

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Mr. Major.

LAMPS ON VEHICLES.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to require Vehicles on Roads to carry Lamps at Night. Title.

WHEREAS many accidents on roads are caused by vehicles which Preamble.
are not properly lighted at night, and it is expedient that lamps
5 should be carried by such vehicles: And whereas in certain counties
and boroughs there are by-laws in force requiring lamps to be so
carried, but such by-laws differ from one another, and it is expedient
that there should be uniformity in the regulations relating to the
carrying of lamps by vehicles at night throughout the colony:

10 **BE IT ENACTED** by the General Assembly of New Zealand
in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Lamps on Vehicles Act, 1908. Short Title.

2. In this Act the term—

15 “Vehicle” includes every carriage or conveyance, with or
without wheels, wherein any person or commodity is
being or can be carried or conveyed, except the follow-
ing—namely, every traction-engine, motor (as defined by
20 section two of the Motor Regulation Act, 1906), tram-
car, wheelbarrow, and perambulator; and every bicycle,
tricycle, and other similar machine:

“Road” means a public highway as defined by section one
hundred and one of the Public Works Act, 1905.

3. Every person who shall cause or permit any vehicle to be Vehicles to carry
lamps at night.
25 on any road during the period between sunset and sunrise shall
provide the same with a lamp or lamps so constructed and capable
of being so attached to such vehicle as when lighted to show to the
front a white light visible within a reasonable distance to persons
meeting or approaching such vehicle. If only one lamp is so
30 provided it shall be attached to the off or right-hand side of the

vehicle, and if the lamp or lamps are so constructed as to permit a light to be seen from the rear that light shall be red.

Lamps to be kept trimmed, &c.

4. Every person driving or being in charge of a vehicle upon a road during the period between sunset and sunrise shall keep the lamp or lamps with which such vehicle is provided properly trimmed and lighted and attached to such vehicle. 5

Bicycles, &c., to carry lamps at night.

5. During the period between sunset and sunrise every person riding or being upon any bicycle, tricycle, or other similar machine, shall carry, attached to such bicycle, tricycle, or other similar machine, a lamp, which shall be so constructed and placed as to exhibit a white light in the direction in which such person is proceeding, and so lighted and kept lighted as to afford adequate means of signalling the approach or position of such bicycle, tricycle, or other similar machine. 10

Penalty.

6. Every person summarily convicted of offending against any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable for each and every such offence to a penalty of not exceeding five pounds. 15

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