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35 M.P.H. ALLEGED.

“NEARLY A NASTY
ACCIDENT.”

On the complaint of Mr. M. J. Thorpe, the Municipal Engineer, Mr. W. B. Dobree, was fined \$25 at the Penang District Court yesterday by Mr. H. A. Forrer, for driving his car at a speed and in a manner dangerous to the public along Western Road on August 4, about 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Dobree claimed trial and Mr. A. J. Sheedy, the Chief Police Officer, Penang, conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Thorpe said that he was being driven by his syce along Western Road towards the Penang Golf Club about 6.30 p.m. When the car reached the main “In” entrance his syce slowed down to about five miles an hour and put out his hand to indicate that he was turning to the right.

Swept Past.

When the car was about to turn into the entrance, witness heard a rapidly



approaching car, and almost immediately it swept past him, on the right side, without any warning.

Questioned by Mr. Sheedy, Mr. Thorpe said that he estimated the speed of the other car to be about 35 miles per hour. If witness's syce had not pulled up promptly, there would have been "a nasty accident".

Mr. William Bonamy Dobree said that he had no recollection of passing Mr. Thorpe's car. He did not drive in "a dangerous manner" nor at a "dangerous speed".

Mr. Dobree also stated that he did not see any signal from any car when he passed the Golf Club.

25 M. P. H.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheedy, the defendant said that he drove at about 25 miles an hour and thought it was a reasonable speed after accelerating to overtake a car.

Count P. Schouvaloff who was a passenger in the defendant's car said that he knew Mr. Thorpe's car but did not remember overtaking it, or any other car "in a dangerous manner".

Cross-examined by the Chief Police Officer, he said that they overtook two other cars, which were proceeding in the same direction along Western Road.

His Honour found the accused guilty and fined him \$25.

Mr. J. A. G. Wharton, who is with the London Asiatic Rubber Company, Ltd., and has been for several years manager of their Braemar Estate, Kajang, is shortly going on transfer to their Elphil Estate, in Perak. It is stated that Mr. J. C. Henderson, who is a director of the Company, will take over from Mr. Wharton at Braemar.