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To Hon. Frank W. Ball, Secretary of State
Re: Steam Rollers

Replying to your request relative to the registration of steam rollers, you are advised:

Chapter 211, Public Laws of 1921, Section 1, defines the term "motor vehicle" as:

"any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracks, except tractors,"

and if this definition were to be considered alone we have no doubt that it would include steam rollers used on the highways; but a careful reading of the entire section discloses that it was intended to apply to

"all kinds of conveyances on such ways for persons and for property",

excepting those propelled by human power, etc.

We are satisfied that a steam roller is not within the meaning of the statute a conveyance for persons or property; neither is it a tractor. Being neither a conveyance for persons or property nor a tractor, it is not a motor vehicle as defined in the statute, and therefore needs no registration.

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