

LUCKY IT WAS STEEL!



Slipping down a P. & T. trench, an Upper Hutt bus came out of control on the Taita Gorge Road recently. It came to rest at a precarious angle but the seven passengers and driver were all able to scramble out of the driver's door shaken but unhurt. The nine ton Ministry of Works crane was successful in easing it back on to the road and the bus itself, apart from one broken window, was undamaged and was driven away.

What a tribute to the safety of steel! Ask any of those passengers—they would be profoundly emphatic on the safety of steel bus bodies.

SAFETY DEMANDS ALL-STEEL BUS BODIES

Safety experts are unanimous in their approval of all-steel construction. The Managing Director of New Zealand Motor Bodies Ltd.—the largest omnibus and coach body builders in New Zealand—said in a recent interview: "The protection afforded by wooden construction cannot be compared with steel. Our steel frameworks are tested to strains far greater than would ever normally be expected of them. The bodies built by this company have

an all-steel framework constructed from pressed steel sections of our own design and welded together in special jigs into one unit of enormous strength. Not only does this provide the type of protection for passengers indicated by the incident shown above, but the all-welded construction means freedom from rattles and squeaks which are inevitable where bolts and screws are used in the assembly of the framework."

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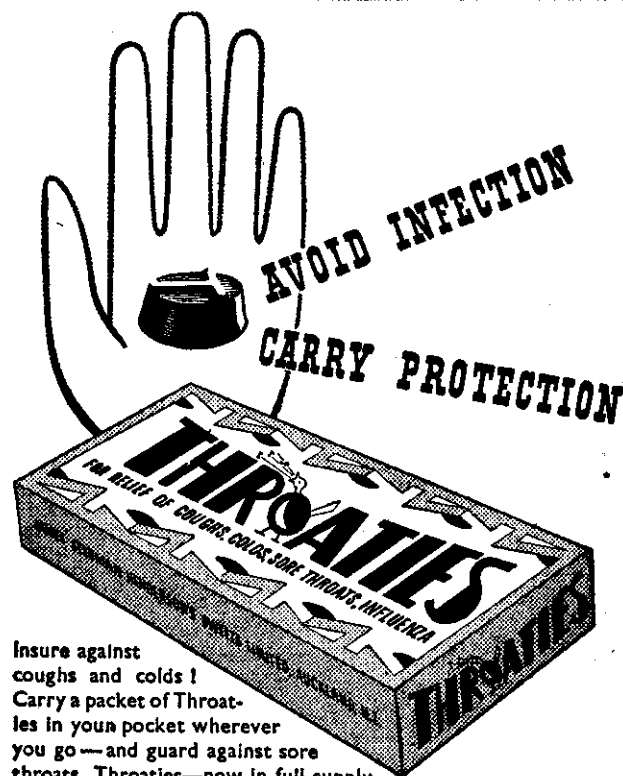


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