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Firms Eligible to Join Contest Board

All American manufacturers who have produced fifty cars or more, and all importers who have imported fifty or more of any one make which they represent, are eligible to membership in the Manufacturers' Contest Association, and applications may be made to William E. Metzger, secretary and treasurer, Detroit, Mich.

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It also is planned to give either a banquet or a ball, probably the former, at which members of the trade, their friends, club officers and visiting dealers or purchasers will be the guests. Something novel in the way of entertainment is offered by the committee in charge.

There are some fifteen or twenty local distributors of automobiles and in these garages and salesrooms there will be exhibited during show week no less than a score of different makes of cars and a hundred different models, ranging from the elephantine truck, the little pillbox electric cabs and the snorting runabouts to the softly purring but speedy touring cars.

BRIDGEPORT CLUB GROWS.

Fifty new members recently were admitted to the Bridgeport (Conn.) Automobile Club as the result of a campaign instituted by President F. T. Staples. Chairman Ralph M. Sperry of the contest committee of the club has been authorized to begin prepara-

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DOCTOR GOES A-HUNTING WITH AUTO IN MAINE WILDS

With Three Friends, He Honks Into Woods and Tonneaus Seven Deer.

Seven deer in six days were the trophies of a trip in the Maine woods in which four hunters drove an automobile into the wilds where a motor car had never gone before. Sixteen partridges and other game were added to the spoils. The party was made up by Dr. Heber H. Cleveland of Auburn, Me., and it was in his Franklin touring car that the trip was made, one altogether in excess of 300 miles. Of the experiences of himself and his friends Dr. Cleveland says:

"We left Auburn at 6 a. m. There were four of us, carrying trunk, dress suit cases, shotguns, rifles, fur coats and robes. At 2 p. m. we arrived at Eustis, Me., a distance of 106 miles, having taken out about two hours for dinner by the roadside and conversation with the guides at Flagstaff.

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