

## **ADAPTABLE BODY**

### **New Trend in Design**

Recently more interest has been displayed in motoring circles overseas in the drop-head coupe type of car than for many years past. This type of adaptable body, closed or as a tourer as desired, would have won considerable popularity long ere this were it not for the trouble and effort of dropping or raising the head when a change in form of body was required.

Judging by the simple operation needed to convert the Redfern saloon-tourer body exhibited at the recent International Motor Show at Olympia, London, much has now been achieved towards evolving a

### **CONVERTIBLE BODY**

which can be changed in a matter of a few seconds by means of hydraulic and hydro-electric units which are incorporated in the construction of the body. All that is needed to convert the body to a closed or open type is the movement of a small lever and pressure of a press-button on the fascia board, when the action is automatic and speedy. It is claimed that the "all-automatic" unit, as it is called, only takes about one-third of the electric power normally required to start a car, to make the desired change-over.

The exhibits at Olympia were shown by Maltby Ltd., a well-known English concern, and the appearance and operation of the "automatic unit" won the special prize awarded by the Institute of British Carriage and Automobile Manufacturers for the best convertible body.