

**Colorful Words**

"Winter" is a silver phrase: Silver dunks and silver days, Silver tea and silver street, Silver juvenils of silver, Silver lints shed silver leaves, Silver earrings on the eaves— "Winter" is a silver phrase. "Spring" is a synonym with green: Green of grassy lawns between, Green delight of willow boughs, Green of woodland closter house, Green of ruffled ruffled with moss, Green of trilliums that rose— "Spring" is a synonym with green. "Summer" is a rainbow word: Rainbow forest of humming-bird, Rainbow smocks that paint the sky, Rainbow mud and dragon fly, Rainbow garden, God with all Rainbow lines is prodigal. "Summer" is a rainbow word. "Autumn" has a golden sound: Golden carpet on the ground, Golden harvest floods the field, Golden nuggets on maple sield, Golden threads the hills enshroued Golden by early frost— "Autumn" has a golden sound. —John Hamilton

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**Aid For Home Bank Depositors**

Home Bank depositors are urging upon the Government a further measure of relief. E. O. Olette, East Essex, and Colonel Robinson, West Essex, have interested themselves on behalf of over 2,500 depositors who feel they have not been justly treated. A deputation was to have met the Finance Minister a few days ago, but the conference has been deferred for two weeks. When the relief measure for Home Bank depositors was presented in the Commons it arranged for \$4,500,000 for the purpose and approved, but the Senate reduced this amount to \$1,000,000. The conditions attached to this relief fund were that depositors with less than \$500 in the bank at the time of failure, received 35 per cent of their deposits, those who had over \$500 on deposit if they could prove distress received the same percentage. Others received only the liquidator's payment.

The administration of the fund was placed in the hands of the Exchequer Court, and when the \$3,000,000 was expended there was found to be over 2,500 depositors whose claims were not met. It is this amount that is sought from the Government. While the Government sympathizes with the applicants it is very doubtful if Parliament will be asked to vote the amount requested.

**Farmers Bank**

Dr. K. K. Anderson, M. P. for Halifax, is making inquiries in the House of Commons, now in session at Ottawa, regarding the defunct Farmers Bank. Last Wednesday he asked the following question: "I would like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the Farmers Bank has been definitely wound up and a financial statement received from the liquidator."

The Minister of Finance made the following reply in answer to the question: "On December 30th, 1926, the liquidator G. T. Clarkson, received his discharge from the Supreme Court of Ontario, all assets of the Farmers Bank having been realized upon and accounted for. Out of assets estimated in 1910 at \$2,000,000 odd, the total amount collected by the liquidator was \$1,372,229. This included \$314,880 received on account of double liability as against \$584,500 capital subscribed."

**Where Opportunity Beckons**

Some people are forever complaining that none of the big or little opportunities come their way. They hear of a neighbor who got a real bargain in a used automobile and wonder why his chance had not been theirs. And when a neighbor shows them a bit of furniture or other household article he had picked up for a fraction of its real worth and they again wonder why others are favored over them. Thus they carry on their lamentations and self-sympathy throughout the whole catalog of human wants and possessions. Paradoxical though it seems these men and women who covet the opportunities offered to and grasped by others could find the means of the other fellow's good fortune in the newspaper read by them both. That is what is called advertising columns. It is there that the golden opportunities are offered and found. The "want ad" page is the mecca for those who have golden opportunities to offer and for those who wish to hunt their "acres of diamonds" at home. If the store with its show windows, glass cases, counters and open doors can not do business without newspaper advertisements, how can the seller and buyer of the various articles that go to make up the modern advertising? The "want ad" or classified advertisement is the show window and counter for the private citizen who has something to sell or wants to buy something. The other citizen has—Algonia Advocate.

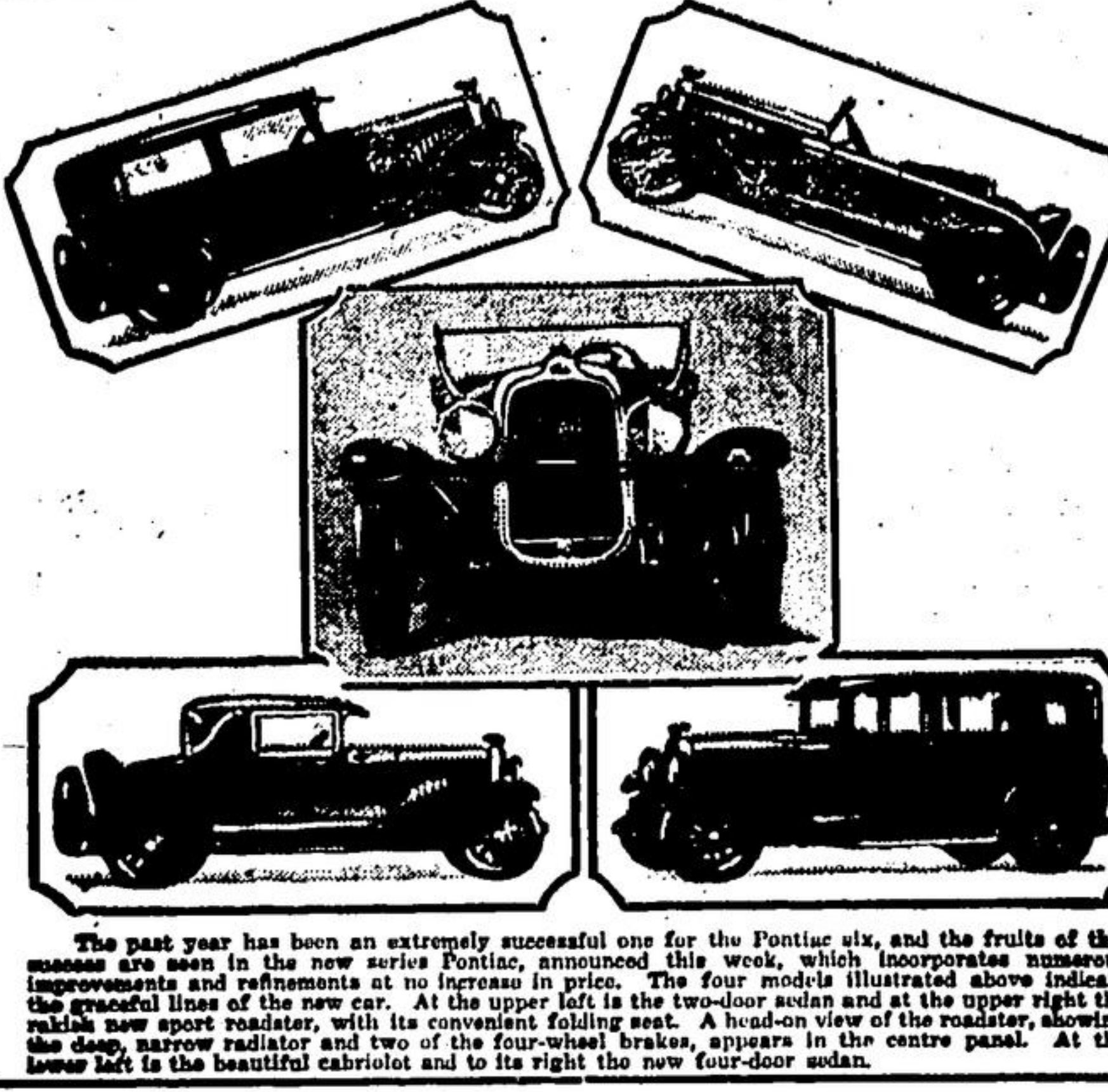
**Big Leather Shortage**

A world shortage of hides and leather, which is approaching almost famine conditions in some countries and which is making necessary higher prices for all leather products, has created a trying and difficult situation for the boot and shoe industry. It is said that an increase of 15 per cent, or more in the prices of boots and shoes is necessary in order barely to cover the higher cost, resulting from the big advance which has taken place in quotations for leather, and that still further increases in boot and shoe prices will be unavoidable if leather prices continue to mount. In June, 1926, the average cost of patch hides used by the tanners was under 12 1/2 cents per pound, whereas the present price is very close to 25 cents per pound. Last week one of the principal Canadian sole leather tanners bought 16,000 South American heavy hides at 30 cents per pound, whereas a year ago hides of the same class were purchased at 16 and 17 cents per pound. The increased cost of hides has resulted in much higher prices for leather. Sole and upper leathers have advanced from 40 to 60 per cent. People will be well advised to purchase footwear while local stocks last. The Presbytery of Superior of the United Church has voted in opposition to a motion being given the right of ordination as ministers at the present time.

**WINTER WONDERS, OF NIAGARA**



The wonders of Niagara Falls, that a series of excursions have been arranged by the Canadian National Railways from American points such as Chicago, Detroit and intermediate cities. Special trains are being operated from Chicago, South Bend, Battle Creek, Lansing, Flint, Detroit and other points. It is anticipated that the winter months when the water runs freely over their brink. So great has been the interest in the winter appearance of Niagara Falls that enquiries from prospective visitors are pouring in from all directions.



**65,000,000 Bushels of Grain Move West**



Over 65,000,000 bushels of grain will be carried into the port of Vancouver for the twelve months ending March 31st according to estimated figures issued from the office of D. C. Cartwright, Winnipeg, Man., superintendent of transportation for the western line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. These figures will establish a record. In fact they show enormous strides since 1922—the first year that the Canadian Pacific Railway handled any quantity of grain to the western coast. Up to and including January 21st of the present year, a total of 32,255,000 bushels have been shipped by boat from the port of Vancouver. Of this amount 19,750,000 bushels have been routed to the United Kingdom, 9,732,000 to the Orient and 344,500 to other countries. It is interesting to note that up to January 21st the Canadian Pacific railway loaded on western lines this season 125,481 cars of grain of all kinds. If placed end to end this vast collection of cars would stretch approximately 1,170 miles and a train, travelling at the fast rate of 60 miles an hour, would take nearly twenty hours to pass them. Very few people know that the very extensive and expensive facilities provided by the Canadian Pacific railway to handle the annual grain crop on western lines remain idle, comparatively speaking, for about two thirds of the year, and the money invested in these facilities and extra rolling stock earn no returns during the period mentioned. The building of the Transcanada yard at Winnipeg, with over 100 miles of track and a capacity of 12,000 cars, one of the most up to date yards on the continent, was necessary to handle the Canadian Pacific's grain traffic, and is therefore used for handling revenue traffic only about two thirds of the year. During the time the cars and locomotives are lying idle they are inspected thoroughly by the mechanical department and put into first class shape, so that when the rush commences they are ready for immediate use. This year seventy of the company's largest engines were transferred west for the grain haulage.

**Here and There**

**Winnipeg.**—The British boy immigration scheme has been adopted by the Manitoba Provincial Government, and about fifty boys will be brought here this year for placement on farms in the province. Hon. A. Provencher, Minister of Immigration, announced. First, the boys will be placed at the Manitoba Agricultural College for preliminary training in farm work.

**Calgary.**—Two commercial airplane transport projects are being developed in Calgary. One calls for the use of airplanes carrying twelve persons each, to be used principally for passenger, freight and mail traffic between Calgary and Edmonton; the other calls for motor machines, two or three passengers, for Calgary-Edmonton and mountain flight purposes.

**All the way from** Camrose, Alta., to Glasgow, Scotland, unaccompanied, a distance of approximately 5,000 miles is the record of Donald Jarvis, Canadian, who sailed from Vancouver by the C.P.R. route of the Dominion to Saint John's, where he embarked on the liner Montclair bound for Glasgow. He is visiting his aunt, who lives in Busby, Glasgow.

All previous records in connection with the westbound movement of grain by the Canadian National Pacific Railway lines were broken during the first two weeks in January, according to E. C. Cartwright, superintendent of transportation, western lines of the company. Deliveries to Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific during the fortnight in question totalled approximately 25,000,000 bushels of grain.

**Calgary.**—Farm land values in Southern Alberta are tending to become firm as the result of the series of good crops, and more inquiries for farm acreage have been received in the last few months, according to real estate men, than in any similar period in the past five or six years. Farms offered for sale last spring at \$15 per acre and bringing no offers are selling now for from \$20 to \$25 per acre. The demand for farms both for purchase and rental is decidedly strong.

In recognition of the fine work by officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National during the last summer tour of the second triennial Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress, presentations of gold and enamel gift links were made recently, to fifteen employees of both companies, at a dinner held in Montreal. E. W. Healy, president of the C.P.R., and Sir Henry Thomson of the C.N.R., were both present.

**Snowshoes** which in Quebec got away to a good start when several thousand members of the Regatta Clubs paraded the streets on the old city and later snowed on the snow-shoes in full winter festival costume made an attack on the walls of the old city of Quebec, which is being defended by a brilliant fireworks display. The chief center of interest there is the International Derby, which is to be staged shortly and for this, visitors from the entire Dominion and the United States are flocking to Quebec, taking the Chateau Frontenac to its full capacity.

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