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CANADA NEEDS FARMERS

BABSON, PARK, MASS. (Special.) Canada, today, has a population of about ten million persons and the Government agencies, as well as private organizations, are making active efforts to increase her population through immigration.

The greatest industry in Canada is agriculture. Hence, Canada's greatest need is farmers.

If we study a chart of immigration from the United States into Canada for the past few years, we find a very marked falling off. In 1910 there were considerable over one hundred thousand entering Canada from our country. In 1915 this had dropped to about sixty thousand while in 1925 only 15,800 persons left this country to live in Canada. Last year the number increased a little to 18,800 people.

This falling off is surprising when we consider what low priced and excellent farm lands there are in Canada. In Western Canada land can be purchased for \$20 an acre which will raise more wheat than land selling in Iowa for \$200 an acre. In the Peace River District is a rich virgin country where exports state more wheat can be raised per acre than in any section of the world. Yet fine land can be purchased there for \$10 an acre. Some day a large proportion of these farm lands are bound to be under cultivation. Just what competitive effect this will have on the United States farmer is hard to say, but the situation will bear watching.

SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS

A large proportion of the nitrogen used in chemical fertilizers has been in the form of chilean nitrate of soda. As nitrogen is such a basic element for agricultural growth, chemists and scientists have been working together to take the free nitrogen of the air and change it into a form suitable for agriculture.

Germany has made some very rapid strides, the past few years, in this direction. For the year ended June 30 last she produced 580,000 tons of synthetic nitrogen products which were equivalent to 3,740,000 tons of chilean nitrate of soda. Other figures indicate that synthetic products are rapidly replacing the chilean nitrate of soda throughout the world.

If the chemist and scientist can give the farmer cheap nitrates they will do much toward increasing the yield per acre.

COTTON AND AVIATION

Cotton airplane fabric, of the type which covers the planes used by Col. Lindbergh and Commander Byrd in their flights across the ocean, were originated in the New England cotton mills, according to an announcement of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Previous to the war linen was the accepted material for airplane fabric. Silk was also tried, but neither linen nor silk could keep pace with the development of cotton fabrics for this purpose.

George A. Sloan, secretary of the Cotton Textile Institute sees an enormous increase in the use of cot-

ton with the development of aviation. Further, he believes that aviation will be a direct stimulus to improve the quality of much of the American crop as only the finest cotton is used in airplane fabric.

It is hard to imagine what a tremendous effect this development may have on the cotton farmer as well as on the cotton textile industry.

FARM RETURNS LOWER

The financial condition of the farmers was not as good at the end of 1926 as in the previous year, according to recent reports of the Department of Agriculture. Reports from 13,475 farmers in all parts of the country show an average net return of \$1,133.

The farm net return in 1925 was \$1,297. The average size of the farms reporting for 1926 was 315 acres, with an average investment of \$16,308. The average gross receipts were \$2,448 while the average current expenses, not including labor of farmer and family, were \$1,473. Of these expenses \$183, was for taxes.

The cash balance of \$975, represented all the cash the average farm made available to the owner-operator to pay his living expenses, take care of debts and make improvements.

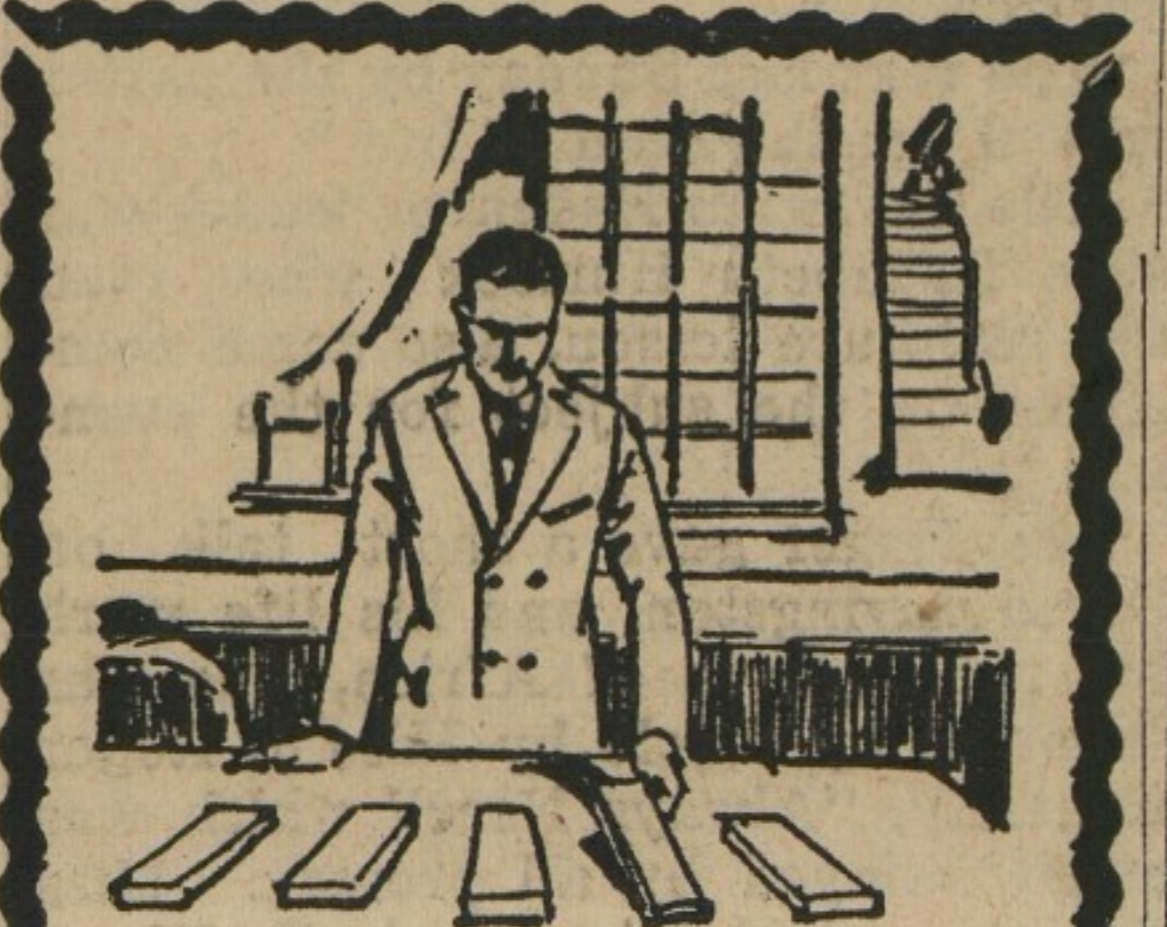
The farmers reported an increase of \$158 in inventory, which figure added to the cash balance of \$975, made a farm net return of \$1,133. Out of this amount \$215 was paid as interest on indebtedness and \$128 was spent for improvement.

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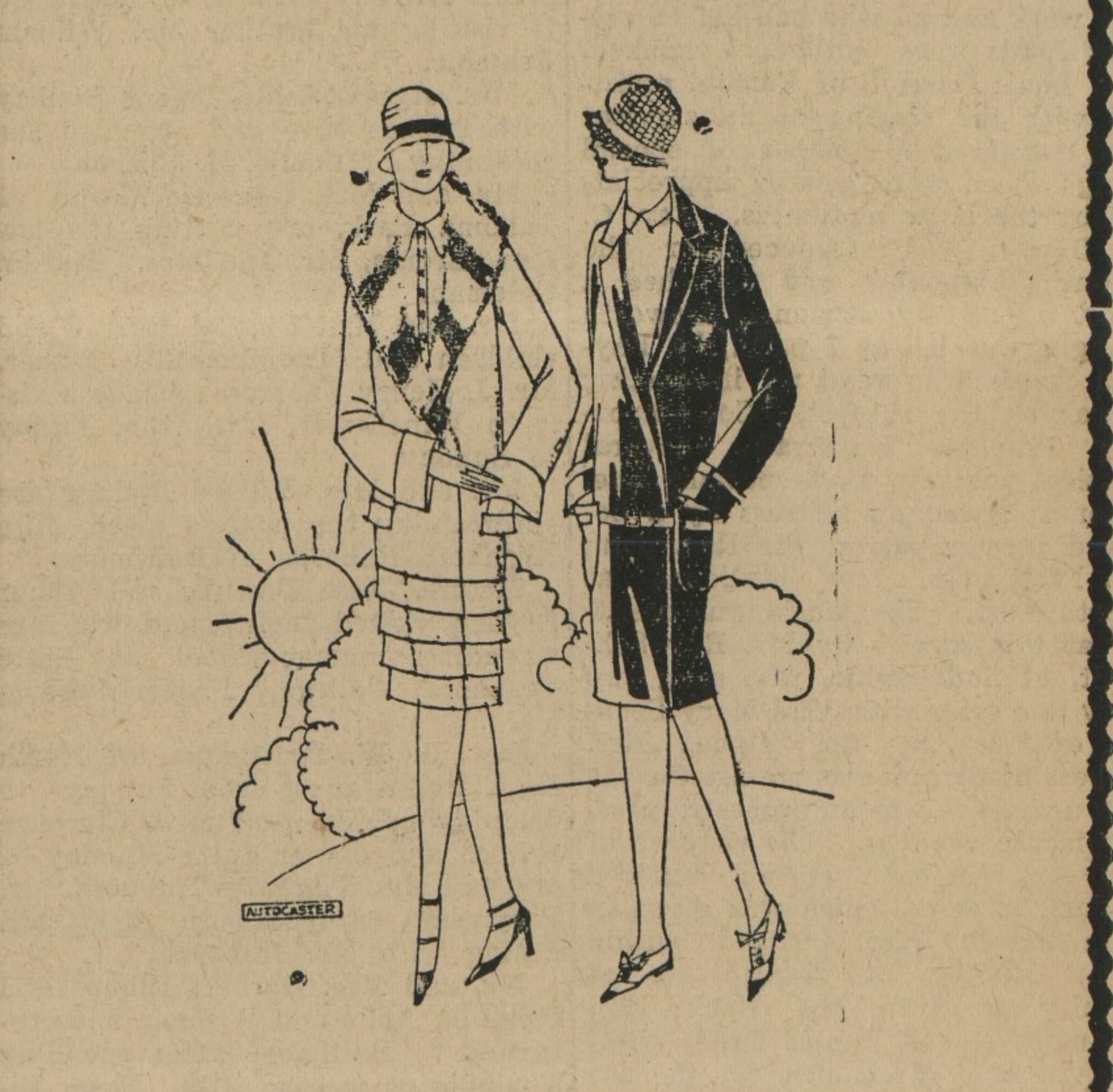
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