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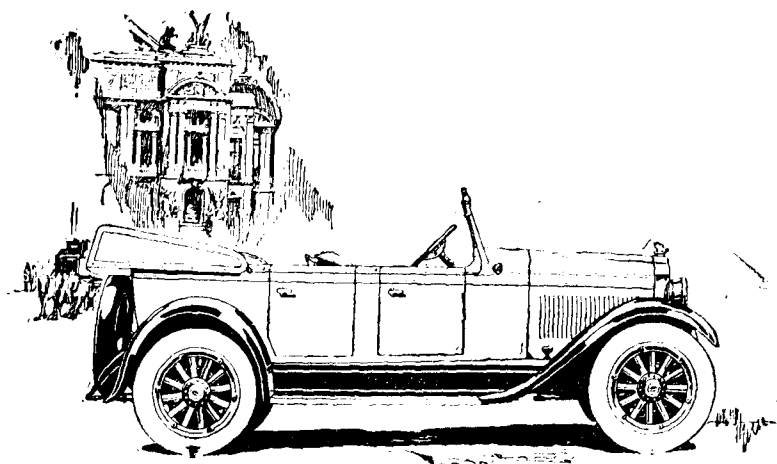
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THE CANADIAN WHEAT POOL

AN EXPERIMENT IN AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATION.

By SIR T. VIJIARAGHAVACHARYA

CANADA now leads the way as the first wheat-exporting nation of the world. In the production of wheat, the Dominion holds only a second place, yielding in pride of place to the United States. But America, with its

for the Western Provinces is even higher, being as high as 22 bushels at the last harvest. The 1927 bumper wheat crop came on the top of five successive good years that the Canadian farmers have experienced and amounted to over 450 million bushels and brought in a return of over a billion dollars. No wonder that a spirit of incorrigible optimism is rampant in Western Canada. A Canadian newspaper, writing about it, says: "Old Mother Earth is tumbling her riches into the pockets of the Canadian farmer. Had Ali Baba explored a dozen caves to their utmost recesses, he would not have found the treasure represented by the hay crop alone."



SIR T. V. ACHARYA

large population of over 110 millions, consumes considerable proportion of the wheat it produces, while Canada, with its thin population of nine millions, is in a position to export over 80 per cent. of its production, and the yield per acre in Canada is considerably higher than that in the United States, being over 19 bushels to the acre as compared with the 13 bushels of the latter. The average yield

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