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yielded \$170 to the acre, 25, and wheat \$106 per acre. Annual report issued by the Board of Trade in this same year is a comparative statement of the results of crops grown on irrigated land and the following increases of crop under irrigation:—Wheat, 77 per cent.; oats, 54 per cent.; barley, 81 per cent.; peas, 51 per cent.; potatoes, 105 per cent.

Canadian Pacific irrigation in Southern Alberta is signalized as the largest project on the American continent with an area greater than the irrigated area of Colorado. The irrigable area totals over 500,000 acres while the total length of its canals is greater than Canada's river or the rail distance from Vancouver to Halifax. To this block a further area of 100,000 acres in the Lethbridge district is being developed when the C. P. R. takes over the block originally developed by the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company, and this has shown remarkable progress recently.

At the present time the irrigation and quick irrigation contained Col. Dennis' plan with justification the life and death issue with them are to remain on the land. If they do not get the only thing to do is get out the Provincial Government. This also is very evident fact that they have energy taken up the new projects. Northern Irrigation scheme comprises the irrigation of about 100,000 acres and will be done in three and four million. Just recently farmers in Raymond, Magrath and St. Pierre were called upon to vote on a further irrigation which would embrace a total of 150,000 acres and irrigate.

When the ballot came there was not a solitary vote against the project. "A sum of money," said Col. Dennis in concluding, "was put in the hands of the C.P.R. has proved a sound proposition. The bumper crops raised on irrigated farms, the high price of the land is held, the revenue in the part of farmers to improve all, the general clamor in the country for schemes to the greater part of the country all prove that the initial shortsightedness which promoted these schemes are now appreciated and valued."

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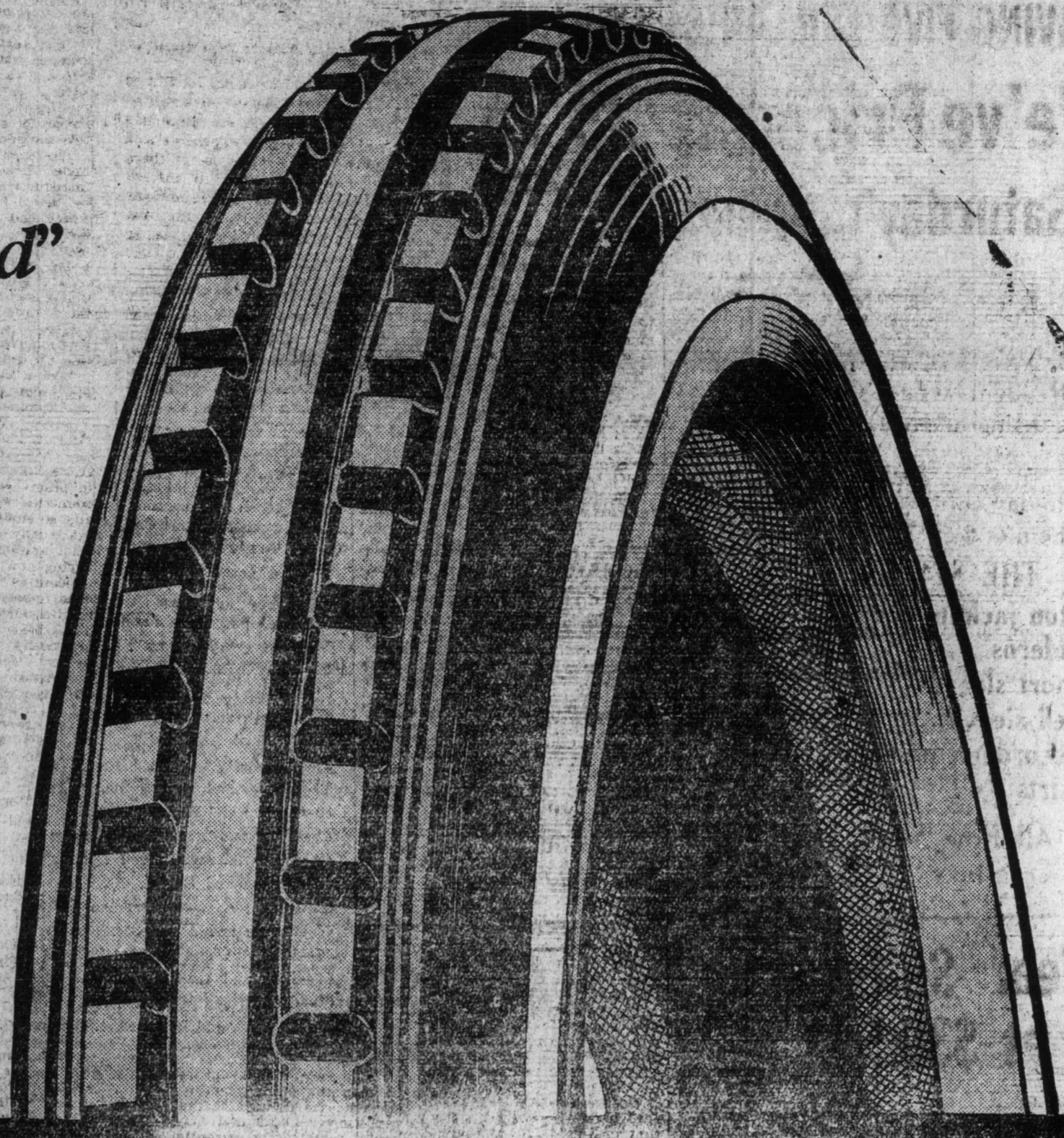
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