

# Storing the Car

How to Prepare the Automobile for Winter Storage

With the advent of winter the average motorist places his car in storage until the coming of spring once again makes conditions pleasant for driving. In storing the car care should be taken to see that it is put away in proper condition to ensure its being ready for service again when required, without the necessity of having to fix troubles which have arisen due to the want of a little foresight. With the modern car a little more has to be done than with the old time car which was not equipped with starting and lighting batteries, etc. One of the first things that should be done is to take out the storage battery and where possible make arrangements for it to be stored and charged thruout the winter months at one of the many service stations maintained by the leading battery manufacturers in the larger towns and cities. The charge for this service is so low that no owner can afford to take chances with a battery by not giving it the necessary care in this respect.

## How to Store Car

The general rules for the storing of a car are: 1—Jack up all four wheels so that car is clear from ground. 2—Remove outer casings and inner tubes, wrap in brown paper or canvas and put them away in cool, dark place. 3—Thoroughly drain water system, running engine for a

Any questions in regard to other points not mentioned will be gladly answered if full particulars of case are written and addressed to Motor Department, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg.

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## GOOD ROADS COMPETITION

The report of the judges for the annual split log drag competition of the Manitoba Good Roads Association and their award of prizes to the winning competitors was made after the final inspection during the early part of October. The judges in their report comment favorably on the numerous stretches of gravel road entered in this year's competition and it would appear to have been a somewhat difficult task to decide as to the winners owing to the general excellence of the work done on the gravel stretches.

The dirt roads, which form a separate class in the competition, proved somewhat of a disappointment to the judges, who expressed their regret that so little enthusiasm had been evident among the competitors in this class. With the exception of the first prize stretch on the Dugald road, Springfield municipality, there was nothing in this branch of the competition to call for favorable comment, and it is expected that more stringent regulations will be made as to the awarding of the prizes unless roads are main



The advent of the automobile has done more than any one single factor to improve the condition of country roads. Roads like the above, the all too common still, are gradually disappearing.

few minutes after water has ceased to run from radiator drain tap. 4—Leave all oil in engine and grease in axle, transmission, etc. 5—Paint rims with good rim paint to prevent them rusting. 6—Rub over all bright parts with light coating of vaseline which will prevent them from tarnishing and is easily cleaned off when necessary. 7—Put up top and place side curtains in position. This will prevent creasing and rotting of material. 8—Cover entire car with canvas sheet or other material which will protect car from accumulation of dirt and dust. 9—If outer casings are cut, have all cuts properly filled and vulcanized before storing. This work can be done at home with one of the many good portable vulcanizing outfits procurable from any of the leading accessory dealers.

The following of these simple directions will insure your car being in good condition for service next spring and will materially prolong its mechanical life and add to the pleasure of driving.

## Painting the Car

The owner of a car in the country who may not be able to get his car painted without sending it away can now do the work himself, and provide profitable recreation for the long winter evenings, by securing a supply of the new flowing paint, specially prepared for automobiles, work and supplied in all the prime colors. This paint will, as its name implies, flow on to the surface without leaving a brush mark, and a really excellent job can be done by the exercise of a little care in preparing the surface to be painted, by first thoroughly washing and cleaning off grease or other matter collected during the time the car has been in service.

tained up to a general standard of excellence during the continuance of the contest. The past season was of course somewhat against perfect work owing to the heavy rainfall during the last month and the scarcity of labor for farm work which compelled competitors to give their attention to the work of harvesting their crops before completing their labor on the road.

## System Needs Revision

With each succeeding competition it appears to be more clearly indicated that a necessity exists for a complete revision of the present system of carrying on road work and the subject will be brought forward at the annual convention of Manitoba municipalities with a view to securing the opinion of municipal heads as to the best method of securing more efficient and economical expenditure of the public monies in road construction and maintenance. Many of the municipal heads realize that road work, as at present carried on, results in a poor return on the investment and a strong feeling in favor of a more permanent type of construction is evident in many quarters. It is also suggested that the leading roads thruout the province should be taken over by the provincial government and constructed and maintained by the Highway Commissioner's department.

The prizes were awarded to the following stretches:—

## Gravel Class

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