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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Royal Winter Fair, Toronto—November 20-28.

Guelph Winter Fair—December 9th to 12th.

Ottawa Winter Fair—December 2nd to 6th.

Ontario Beekeepers' Association, Toronto—Nov. 26, 27 and 28.

During the past year more than 9,000 girls and women took advantage of the systematic instruction given by the Department in the following short courses: "Food Values and Cookery," "Home Nursing and First Aid," "Sewing" and "Millinery." This training should prove of great value to the home of the average Ontario farmer.

A prophet is said to be without honor in his own country. But after he has made good, it is a different matter. So it proved in the case of Dr. George I. Christie, who returned from the United States to assume the presidency of Ontario Agricultural College and who recently was accorded an enthusiastic reception when he visited his native village of Winchester.

Potato Grading

As federal law requires that all potatoes in commerce be graded, farmers are instructed in standards and methods of grading. This will be a feature of an exhibit at the Royal Show, being arranged by the Crops and Markets Branch co-operating with the Ontario Agricultural College.

Ontario Rams For West

The first consignment of Ontario purebred rams, numbering 275, or four carloads, have reached the ranches of Western Canada. They comprised Southdowns, Cheviots, Hampshires, Leicesters, Cotswolds and Lincolns. It is the largest single shipment ever sent, but the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers expect that next year's shipment will be even greater.

Valuable Rainfall

Recent rains have been of untold value to the province. Reports from the various counties indicate that while too late to materially improve pastures, the widespread rainfall has improved fall wheat wonderfully and has permitted fall plowing to proceed. Live stock is generally reported in poor condition, and with grain scarce and feed high, the whole milk supply is short in all parts of the province. Most of the apple and root crops have been harvested.

Ontario Potatoes

"Ontario potatoes are staging a come-back," states J. A. Carroll, of the Crops and Markets Branch. "Ontario has always grown good potatoes but owing to a faulty marketing system the bulk of the crop has reached the market improperly graded. In strong competition this meant a reduced price which in the distress conditions of last year meant about 50 per cent. below the top. Growers are improving their cultural methods and are producing tubers which when properly graded cannot be beaten for quality."

O. A. C. Live Stock Sale

The recent annual sale of purebred live stock at O. A. C. attracted many buyers from all parts of the province. Many choice specimens of beef, dairy and fat cattle were readily sold and brought good prices. An outstanding lot of swine, including Yorkshires, Berkshires and Tamworths, was distributed. The top price in the cattle sale was \$260 paid for a six-year-old cow. Total receipts were \$7,759. This sale has become an institution, with a truly educating influence. By the distribution of these high-class animals throughout the province, desirable improvement in Ontario-bred live stock will be effected.

Turn to Barley

From reports of agricultural representatives during the past two weeks, it appears that there will be a decided falling off in the area of fall wheat to be harvested next year. In all probability, the land on which it was intended to sow fall wheat will be utilized for some other grain for which there is a steady demand, that is, barley. The increasing demand for this grain for industrial purposes in Ontario practically assures the grower of consistently good disposition at good domestic prices. As a result of several years' special development effort on the part of Ontario growers and a splendid harvest season on this year, there should be available next spring almost unlimited supplies of seed barley of the finest quality—O. A. C. No. 21.

Helping The Newcomer

There is a moral in this little story: In the spring of 1929, William A. Pullman, a Welsh miner, landed in Canada with his wife and family of nine children. They had no money and no prospects of work. The immigration agent got in touch with Mr. Elton Weir, a Norfolk farmer. The latter furnished them with a tenant house, hired the head of the family, and found positions on neighboring farms for four of the older boys and two of the girls. All have made good. In the course of a year Mr. Pullman expects to take up his own farm and with the assistance of his boys he should become a highly successful farmer. It shows the possibilities of making these newcomers into useful members of the rural communities if someone will only undertake to befriend them and instruct them in the ways of Canadian farming.

New Regulations

The Roots and Vegetables Act, as amended this year, in the section dealing with marking, distinctly provides that "every person who by himself or through the agency of another person offers for sale, sells, or has in his possession intended for sale any vegetables for which grades are provided by these regulations packed in baskets, bags, closed barrels, closed crates or in bulk, shall mark the initials of his Christian name and his full sur-

name and address or in the case of a firm or corporation, the firm or corporate name and address and the grade of the vegetables, also the weight, in a plain and indelible manner. On baskets by tag or on the handle, in bags by tags or printed on bag; in barrels by 3-4 inch letters; in crates by 1/2 inch letters. Exceptions to this rule are vegetables with the top leaves attached or green vegetables and potatoes offered in closed barrels."

Fighting the Corn Borer

According to Prof. Caesar, who has directed the war against the European corn borer in Ontario, a considerable improvement has been shown in the borer-infested counties during the past year, and although one or two counties in Western Ontario still have a serious infestation and the farmer's unremitting vigilance will admit no relaxation, the alarming aspects have been vastly mitigated. The work of the county inspectors during the past two years and the increased co-operation of farmers generally have played a prominent role in the clean-up. Prof. Caesar is now concentrating on a machine that will cut the corn stalks close to the ground and make "plowing under an easy process. Next year he hopes that this machine will find general use in the corn-growing area. Farmers who desire to learn more about the proper methods of cleaning up their fields and of waging effective war against the borer should obtain from their agricultural representative one or other of the instruction pamphlets which have been issued by Prof. Caesar.



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