

**SAN JOSE SCALE.**

Gist of Prof. Lochead's Recent Bulletin on Its Destruction.

A bulletin has just been issued by the Department of Agriculture on "The Present Condition of the San Jose Scale in Ontario." It is the work of Prof. Wm. Lochead of the O.A.C. He recalls that it is seven years since the scale made its appearance in Ontario. He adds: "It has made progress in that time, in spite of all the efforts which have been put forth to keep it under control. In the St. Catharines district there are but few orchards which have escaped invasion, and many have succumbed to the terrible attack. In the west the scale is very prevalent in South Essex and Kent. Although the scale is so widespread in these districts, yet we must remember that if it had not been for the energetic action of the Government in appointing inspectors, and in passing the fumigation act for the treatment of nursery stock, in my judgment, the scale would have spread to most parts of the Province.

"Never before has the San Jose scale problem seemed so easy of solution as it does to-day. After long experimentation we now know that we have methods which are both effective and easy to apply. The whole solution of the difficulty lies now with the fruit-grower himself. There are five more or less effective remedies—first, the lime, sulphur and salt mixture; second, crude petroleum; third, crude petroleum and whale-oil soap emulsion; fourth, whale-oil soap solution; fifth, the McBain carbolic wash. With regard to the lime, sulphur and salt mixture, its effectiveness was demonstrated beyond doubt by Mr. G. E. Fisher, and it is being extensively used, in the west particularly, as an effective remedy."

The balance of the report is taken up in describing the remedies in greater detail, concluding with the recommendation that every infected orchard be treated, as to pass some of them over only lets the infection spread.

**Live Stock Farming.**

Regarding the value of live stock farming as compared with the growing and selling of grain, Professor L. H. Pammel of the Iowa Agricultural College, says:

"It has been demonstrated both by experience and practice that the farmer who sells beef, pork and mutton that he has produced from the corn and grass raised and fed on the farm makes more money per acre than the one who grows only wheat or corn or cotton and sells it.

"It is not necessary to entirely discontinue raising these crops, but if we are to produce a surplus to be sold in foreign markets it is best to export that surplus in the most condensed and marketable form, as meat and animal products, rather than in the original crude and bulky state.

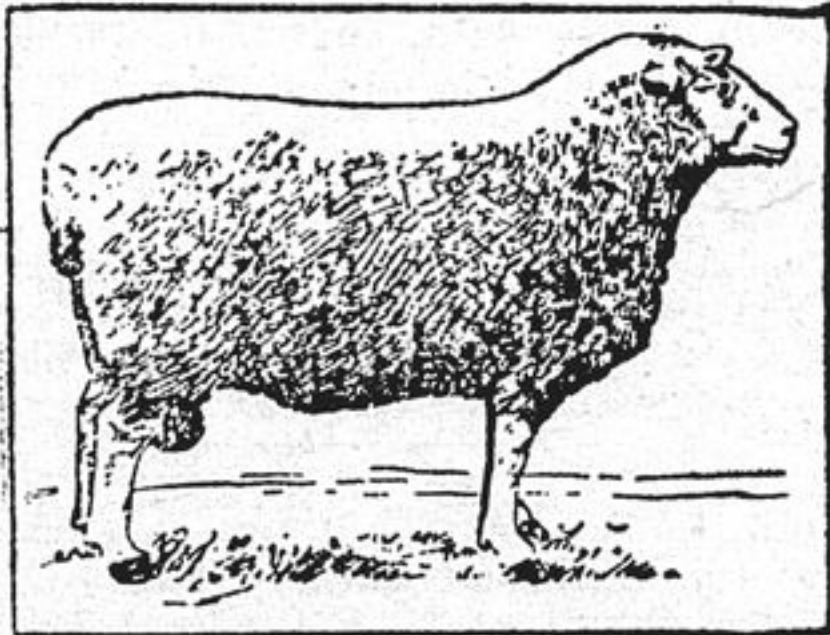
"In the long run the farmer will make the most money who devotes his fields to the growing of forage crops to feed stock, making use of all the raw products at home, thereby saving not only much of the cost of transportation, but maintaining the fertility of the soil. By doing so corn belt farmers will maintain their pre-eminence in agricultural lines.

"Experience in the past few months has shown that the men who stuck to feeding and were not tempted by high prices to sell their corn have made the most money. Anything that will enhance the productive capacity of our soils for the production of forage conditions will help the farmer."

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