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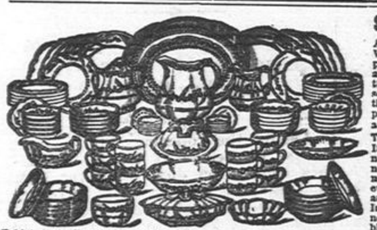

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FARMERS SHOULD BE CAREFUL IN BUYING TIMOTHY SEED

A Great Deal of what Dealers Sell Contains Noxious Weeds

The Ottawa Department of Agriculture has sent out a set of papers on different sorts of grass seeds. Some paragraphs on the paper on timothy are as follows:

As in patriarchal days men did not gather grapes off thorns or figs off thistles, so the modern Canadian farmer cannot produce good crops unless he has good seed. This has long been understood by the Minister of Agriculture, but it was much easier to hope for than to secure a remedy for a condition of things which certainly called for reform. The outcome of consideration in this matter led to a collection of timothy alsike and red clover seeds from dealers in each province of the Dominion.

In general, Canadian-grown timothy seed contains a larger percentage of hulled seeds and weed seeds than imported stock. This is not as it should be. The larger seed firms have especially equipped machines for recleaning grass and clover seeds, and a great deal of the seed they handle passes through these machines.

CLEANING SEED

About two-thirds of the seeds which entered the hopper of one machine noticed at work, came out as "best recleaned," and it was then put in sacks for the wholesale trade. In this process for recleaning considerable good seed is either fanned or screened out, together with weed seeds, chaff, sand, and other inert matter. These screenings necessarily contain a quantity of good seed, and, as the seedsman, like the scientist, has eliminated the word "waste" from his vocabulary, he usually mixes this stuff and puts it again through a cleaner, but one which is fitted with less exacting screens. This lower grade of seed is sold wholesale, and is found to be in much demand by local dealers. It is astonishing how man farmers refuse to recognize that cheap seed is usually poor seed, and that anything that is cheap and rubbishy in the way of seeds is not worth carrying home. Obviously, if there were not any demand for this rubbishy seed, merchants would make other use of it; or, at any rate, would not go to the trouble of fixing and putting it up ready for the market.

There are few articles in the commerce of agriculture in which real worth is so difficult to judge from appearance as grass, clover and small seeds. A seed firm enjoying a good reputation, and with an establishfitted with up-to-date seed cleaning machinery, may generally be relied upon not to offer the lower grades of and screenings of seeds in their retail trade, because this will damage their reputation, and, Othello-like, their occupation will be gone. Unless seedsmen will exert themselves to see that the goods they offer are of unquestionable repute, they cannot long survive the competition of those older seed firms whose business is strictly confined to retail trade, and whose name may be taken as tolerably good guarantee that the purchaser is being honestly dealt with and receiving good goods for his money.

MAKE DIRTY FARMS

The cost of labor in fighting and eradicating weed pests has grown to be a very serious item with the farmer, and much of this has been brought about by uncleaned grass and clover seeds. But for the prevalence of noxious weeds in Canada the net cost of raising agricultural products would be very much decreased. Although there is as yet no exact data to show that changing grass and clover seed from one part of Canada to another has tendency to influence the resultant crop, general indications point to the fact that these as well as other kinds of seeds are better for having grown in the locality or district where they are required for use.

TIMOTHY SEED

Timothy is the most common grass seed on the market in Canada. Fresh, well ripened seed has a silvery white appearance which renders the detection of impurities a very easy matter. A lack of lustre is an indication of age, although the seed is very often discolored by wet at time of harvest. Showery weather after the seed is ripe has a tendency to loosen the glumes, and, in consequence, timothy that is exposed to wet is apt to produce a large proportion of hulless seed.

Hulless seeds, are usually the largest fully ripened seeds which have lost their glumes during the process of threshing. When fresh, they possess a high degree of vitality, but the vital energy or seed with hulls on is retained for a longer period because of the protecting glumes.

Although but few Canadian farmers make a specialty of growing timothy seed in quantity, many farmers in the province of Ontario and of Quebec reserve from one to ten acres of timothy from their hay crop which is allowed to ripen and is cut, tied in sheaves, and threshed like the ordinary grain crops. It is from these small lots that the bulk of the supply of home groen seed is obtained.

The weight per measured bushel of timothy seed varies according to its quality; the legal standard is forty-eight pounds. This law which provides that each bushel of timothy seed sold in Canada shall consist of forty-eight pounds is frequently violated by local seed dealers, many of whom supply only forty-five pounds per bushel to the farmer, though when getting their supply from the wholesale seed houses they make sure of securing legal weight.

The cost of seeding a field to timothy is small even with the best quality and highest priced seed. One pound contains about 1,350,000 seeds, and if sown at the rate of five pounds per acre 1,400 seeds are provided for each square yard of land. If evenly sown on land that is in good condition, and the weather be favorable for rapid growth, a small amount of seed will suffice; but under ordinary conditions in general farm practice, a comparatively small percentage of the seed sown produces plants which come to maturity.

A NEEDED WARNING

As the department possesses the names and addresses of the dealers from whom all samples have been obtained for testing, these people may be well advised if they refrain from placing themselves in a position in the future to be publicly criticised; because there is nothing to hinder any farmer from having his seeds tested and where they are found to be adulterated to publish the full details of his research.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

COBOCONK

The following is the standing of the pupils in the senior division of the village school for January; names arranged in order of merit, 5th class—Stella Harvey, Gertie McDonald, H. H. Holland, P. V. Birchard, Pearl Fockler, Ethel Foster; 4th class—Elv Thompson, Grace Hall, G. Watson, Addie Richman, A. Dayman, Jennie Barjarow, Mabel Milligan, H. Wilkinsin, R. Waffle, Edna Simpson. Sr. 3rd—Evelyn Logie, R. Fockler, E. Lake, Winnie Callan, Effie Sheldon, G. Holland, Myrtle Clifford, W. Rumney. Jr. 3rd—G. Dayman, R. Shields, Georgia Logie, Pearl Waffle, A. Barjarow, R. Halland, Etta Reed, Althea Watson, N. Holland.

Mrs. Robert Staples last week accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Shaver to Syracuse, N.Y., the home of the latter.

T. Dayman was off duty last week owing to illness.

Mr. John Ham spent part of last week in Toronto.

Mr. F. C. Fielding returned on Saturday from Toronto, where he had been for two weeks.

Mr. Geo. Richman has been unable to attend to the more laborious portions of his duty for some time owing to the breaking of two of his ribs.

HARTLEY

The following is the standing of pupils of S. S. No. 4, Eldon, for the month of January. Leaving class—Colin Campbell 164, Libbie Manning 69, Bella McFadyen 31. Entrance class—Janie Gilchrist 296, Nellie Brown 254, Nettie McKerrall 245, Mina McFadyen 166, Herb Campbell 166, Myrtle Gorrall 143, Silas Smith 96. Jr. 4rth class—Johnie Gilchrist 210, Lawrence McFadyen 177, James McFadyen 112, Albert McFadyen 10. Sr. 3rd class—May Smith 164, Annie Gilchrist 124, Donnie McFadyen 97, Angus Murchison 80, Ernest Vanstone 51, Nellie Gilchrist 50. Jr. 3rd class—James Gilchrist 145, Garnet Manning 140, Murray Smith 72, Albert Vanstone 15. Sr, 2nd class—Pearl Douglas 165, Lottie Vanstone 150, Russell Manning 129, Stella Douglas 100, Willie Vanstone 32, Eric Mayers 62. Jr. 2nd class—Alice Wells 60, Lorne McFadyen 35, Roy Gilchrist 30. Pt. 2nd class—Russell Driscoll, Melville McFadyen, Duncan McKinnon. Sr. 1st class—Ethel Wells, Mamie Spence, Victor Wells, Robbie McKinnon. Jr. 1st class—Lottie Kinghorn, Elgin Douglas.

The pie social and entertainment held here in connection with the school on Friday night, was a success. An excellent program was given. The proceeds af the evening amounted to $56.

We are pleased to learn of Miss Maggie Campbell's recovery.

Miss Kate Spence called on friends here last week.

Mr. D. B. Smith has returned to Argyle to look after his work there.

PALESTINE—ELDON

On Monday, Jan. 26th, the peacefulness of this neighborhood received a shock, when it was announced that Mr. Jas. Jones had died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Keown. The old gentleman had attained the ripe old age of eighty-two. He had been a resident of this place for only two years, but in that time he had won the respect of all his neighbors. The fact received ample proof in the large crowd that gathered at his funeral on Wednesday, Jan. 28th. Rev. Mr. Wickett conducted the service at the home. The bereaved ones have the entire sympathy of the neighborhood.

We regret to say that Mr. Jas. Tinny is very ill at present. We hope soon to see his smiling face amongst us.

Three old Palestine boys are home from the west in the persons of Jno. McMillan, Frank Rowley and Jno. Gilchrist. All look well and speak of the country as a land "flowing with milk and honey."

Misses Maggie and May Jamieson are home from Lindsay for a few weeks.

Miss Annie Moran is enjoying a few weeks with Palestine friends.

Miss Alice Birmingham of Rochester is visiting Mr. Duncan McMillan, Palestine.

Mr. Rod Moran expects to finish drawing logs to Balsam Lake in the near future. His gang of wood cutters are kept very busy. So great is the call for wood that it is hard for them to even keep up with the demand.

GLENARM

A musical recital under the direction of Miss Annie G. Brown, will be given in the Presbyterian church at Glenarm, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th. A very interesting program has been prepared, and an enjoyable evening is assured for all those who attend. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

Report of S. S. No. 9, Fenelon, for January: 5th—Lora McKenzie Art. McDonald. 4th, sr.—Dougal Sinclair Ronald Tolmie, Moody Webster. 4th jr.—Sadie Sinclair, John Tolmie, Arnott Tolmie, Wilfred Havery, Lila Nesbitt. 3rd. sr.—Jessie McKenzie, Maggie McKenzie, Dan Tolmie, Ellen Ferguson. 3rd jr.—Annie Sinclair, Sophie Moynes, Mary Nicolson. 2nd—Roy Tolmie, Millie Hewie. Pt 2nd—Joe Nesbitt, Eachern Tolmie. Pt 1st—Mackenzie Moynes, Murdock Murchison.

TWICE TOLD TALES

News of the World Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs

—A desparate battle occurred between a posse headed by Postoffice Inspector S. C. Kile and four robbers in the little postoffice at Huntingburg, Ind., which the men attempted to rob. About 70 shots were fired, and it is believed two of the robbers were shot. However, all four made their escape. The search is still in progress. The fight was a culmination of a six days' chase by Inspector Kile after the robbers, who have within the past few weeks entered several postoffices in southern Indiana.

—It is said that an organized effort will be made to resuscitate the Dreyfus affair. It appears that a document which is expected to throw a new light on the subject is now in possession of the Ministry of War.

—Work will commence next month on the new railway from Halifax to Barrington, N.S., for the construction of which Mackenzie & Mann have a contract with the Nova Scotia government.

—President Thomas Elliott and other members of the Executive of the Ontario Coal Dealers' Association were committed for trial at Brantford on a charge of conspiracy to lessen competition in the purchase and sale of coal.

—The Schultz Brothers Company of Brantford have been awarded the construction of the Macdonald residence building in Guelph, the price being $80,000. They had already received the contract for the institute.

—The local council of women have appealed to the Hamilton police commissioners for the appointment of a censor for show bills, and the pawnbrokers asked the same body for the establishment of a fund to reimburse pawnbrokers for money advanced upon stolen articles taken from them by the police.

—William Laughart picked a pimple on his forehead with his finger-nail, and is now in the Hotel Dieu, Windsor, hovering between life and death with blood poisoning. Mr. Laughart's mother, who lives in Toronto, is by his side. The young man is bookkeeper in A. Scott's stave factory.

—Mr. William Penny, an aged resident of Belleville, fell on the sidewalk and broke his leg.

—Mrs. Richard Schrieber, Queen's avenue, London, Ont., fell and broke her hip.

—The home of Mrs. Sarah Swanson, a mile east of Dunnville, was destroyed by fire.

—Winnipeg received a check for $10,000 as their share of the rail-receipts for last year.

—Montreal capitalists have formed a company with $7,500,000 capital to operate copper mines near Kamloops, B. C.

—Mr. James Sullivan, Guelph, fell 20 feet from a third-storey window in his store to a roof below, fracturing his skull.

—James Norway, a G.T.R. brakeman of St. Thomas, fell off his caboose at Brantford and sustained four broken ribs and injuries about the head.

—The Canadian Pacific Railway have sold 40,000 acres of land north west of Moosejaw to a company controlled by M. Annabel, M.P.P., for $200,000.

—During January of this year C. P. R. Land Department sold 102,591 acres for $428,611. During the same month last year it sold 109,846 acres for $347,761.

—Mr. Jesse Smith, a prominent hardware merchant of Wingha slipped on the icy paveent and fractured his skull and may die from the result of the fall.

—A fairly well-attended public meeting at Guelph decided to support a by-law to invest $25,000 in first preference stock in a Hespler-Guelph street railway, to cost $15,000.

—James Sullivan, while shoveling snow from the roof of a store in Guelph on Thursday, slipped and fell a distance of about 25 feet. His injuries may prove serious.

—Joseph Baxter has been committed for trial at Halifax, charged with being implicated in the death of Wesley Milney, whose body was found at the foot of a cliff at Advocate.

—Sir Frederick Borden was waited upon in Ottawa on Wednesday by Mayor Graham, Major Pope, and Mr. Hurley, ex-M.P. who urged the request that a new drill hall at Belleville.

Jokes on Lovers.

The opinion has been expressed that one reason why there are so many old bachelors in Ontario is because of the derision that a man meets with when it is known that he is about to marry and the ordeal of going away in a shower of rice, perhaps with a "shivaree" as a welcome home. In the cities it is not so bad, for people can get married and few know it. In country places practical jokers are always getting in their fine work on young fellows who go courting. The following is from The Uxbridge Journal, and illustrates the point:

"The boys in this country dearly love a joke, especially if it happens to be on some young fellow from a distance who invades their neighborhood on a courting expedition. This was the case recently in the Pine Grove neighborhood, where a young man from town had the wheels of his buggy changed and his lines crossed. But a young man from the country (Glen Major district) fared worse in town on fair night, his horse and rig having been appropriated in toto. It was returned to the hotel shed before morning, but the young man and his girl were under the necessity of hunting up sleeping quarters with friends in town at a late hour. These practical jokes sometimes result unpleasantly for all parties concerned, and it would be well if the funny people would find some less annoying way of exhibiting their humor."

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