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Karakule-Arabi Sheep

Mr. J. W. Hodgson, of Horning's Mills, has purchased two Karakule-Arabi rams and three ewes. Karakule-Arabi sheep came originally from Bokara, West Turkestan, Central Asia. This is the original home of the Karakule-Arabi sheep, which produces the valuable fur known as Persian lamb, astrakhan, and krimmer. While there are six distinct species of the Karakule-Arabi sheep, only three of them produce skins which at birth are jet black, with lustrous, close, tight curls, which soon after open out all over the body and become grey, except on the face, neck, legs, abdomen and end of tail. These are the furs of value which have come into such demand of late years. The possibility of establishing the industry in America led to two importations being made in 1908 and 1912 respectively. These sheep were brought over by Dr. C. C. Young, of Belen, Texas. The first lot consisted of five rams and twelve ewes. From this stock and its offspring flocks have been established in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Maryland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. An experienced breeder has outlined the way to start new flocks in this industry. When one is unable to get the full blood rams and ewes, which are limited in numbers on this continent and has suggested to start with a three-quarter blood ram among the native ewes, which will enable him to produce a goodly number of ewes of Karakule strain. Then the introduction of a pure bred ram will soon place the breeders' ranch on a very high standard. Dr. C. C. Young, the highest authority, and the original importer of pure-bred Karakule sheep to this continent, may be quoted as saying that : "The proper system is to use full-bloods to produce breeding animals and use grades to produce the furs. I am convinced that it is not necessary to kill the full-bloods to get persian lamb skins."—Shelburne Free Press.

The McIntosh Apple

Ever since the first orchard was planted at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in 1888, the McIntosh apple has been under test by the Experimental Farm system and during that time much useful information has been obtained in regard to this fine variety. In very severe winters when the Fameuse apple was injured, the McIntosh remained unharmed, thus proving that it is hardier than that variety from which it is supposed to have sprung. For a long time the McIntosh apple had the reputation of being a shy bearer, but in nearly thirty years' experience with it at Ottawa, it has been found to be one of the most productive varieties under test. The tree does not often bear very heavily, or overbear any one year and then fail to bear the following year, but it is an annual bearer, as a rule, giving a good and medium crop alternately, the number of small crops being few. Following are the yields of one McIntosh tree planted at Ottawa in 1890, the first yield being recorded in 1898, the 8th year after planting. The yields are recorded in gallons, but if it is desired to reduce them to barrels there are 24 gallons in a standard barrel. Yield of one McIntosh apple tree from the 8th year after planting, in gallons,—17½, 26, 37, 6½, 71½, 94, 12, 109, 3. 109, 41½, 184, 112, 44, 149, a total of 1432½ gallons for 19 seasons or an average of a little over 3 barrels per year from one tree.

It has been found by experiment that in Ontario, at least, the McIntosh is self-sterile, or, at least, practically so and to ensure a good set of fruit there should be another variety or varities, blooming at the same time, growing near it.

The McIntosh apple is subject to the Apple Scab Fungus, and in some seasons if the trees are not sprayed the proportion of No. 1 fruit will be small. This year, at Ottawa it was found necessary to spray the trees six times with lime-sulphur wash to ensure clean fruit, but the reward was a large proportion of No. 1 fruit in a year when there was, in many quarters, a very small proportion of No. 1 grade on unsprayed or poorly sprayed trees. As a rule, three or four sprayings are sufficient.

Owing to its very high quality and the great beauty of the fruit, it is believed that the demand for McIntosh apples will be an ever-increasing one. There are many relatively poor apples of the same season still being grown which will have to, in time, give place to McIntosh. To-day there is no other apple which commands as high a price in Canada, No. 1 fruit being worth between seven and eight dollars a barrel, and in years of plenty the price of McIntosh apples is relatively high. Although it is in good enough condition to be eaten in October at Ottawa, it is not in its prime until November. Unlike the Fameuse which has a relatively short season when it is at its best, the McIntosh remains in fine condition until February, and in good cellers keeps even until March. In parts of Canada where the autumn is warmer than it is at Ottawa it ripens earlier and does not keep so late.

The Rhode Island Red

I have an acquaintance in the wholesale market poultry business who buys and sells from two to three cars of live poultry each week. Many of them are sold alive to those who kill for their special trade. The remainder he kills, dry picks and sells to hotels, restaurants, stores and private families. He has had many years of experience in this line of work, buying and selling in many States, and as a result knows the market poultry business thoroughly. Some five years ago he preferred the Plymouth Rocks, now his preference is for Rhode Island Reds. This is because they dress to good advantage and are attractive in appearance.

The consideration shown for Rhode Island Reds for market poultry and the great favor with which they have been received in the New England districts speaks loudly their praise, which is truly deserved. The long body, the long bone, the width across the breast and between the thighs gives a body proportion which, if lived up to in the breeding of this fowl, makes them excellent in size and shape for roasters. They make excellent capons, they are fine for broilers, in fact, they are lovely for table poultry of all sizes. They have a rich golden yellow skin and flesh which is most attractive to those who admire table poultry of this kind. There are two features mentioned most frequently in their favor. The quickness of growth, their sturdy constitution, their early filling in of breast meat and the length and width of breast, which, when well covered, makes it possible to serve from them large portions of breast meat.

In the records of the Third International Egg Laying Contest held at Storrs Agricultural College, it is shown that White Leghorns averaged the greatest number of eggs, that White Wyandottes were second in the average. The most eggs laid by both Leghorns and Wyandottes were laid by hens of what is called the English strains. The third position as to number was held by the Plymouth Rocks ; fourth position by Rhode Island Reds. The difference in the average between the Rhode Island Reds and the Plymouth Rocks was very slight. Some of the individual pens of Rhode Island Reds laid more eggs than did any one of the individual pens of Plymouth Rocks. This would indicate that the Rhode Island Reds were remarkably good layers when brought in competition with the best layers of the world entered in egg-laying contests.

When weight per dozen is considered, the eggs laid by the Rhode Island Reds averaged more than did the eggs of any other breed or variety entered in the contest. When returns above cost of feed is considered Rhode Island Reds stood third in the contest. This would indicate that Rhode Island Reds were remarkably good layers. This in comparison with their value as market poultry makes them a fowl that is to be highly considered for both egg production and for market poultry.—Canadian Poultry Review.

Honor Rolls

Report S.S. No. 3 for December.

4—G Stinson, M Caswell, F Irwin, A Moore.

3—I Breen, A Breen, G Irwin, G Akins.

Sr. 2—M Moore, A Hogarth.

Jr. 2—M McMullen, H Akins, M Breen, W White.

Sr. 1—L McMullen, L Sharp, H Blackburn, H Allen, J Allen.

Primary—Ellwood Moore.

Walter Lockton, of Collingwood died on Sunday morning. He had been ill four weeks from blood-poisoning which is believed to have originated through infection from a small pimple or boil on the head.

Odds and Ends

ARTICLES FOR SALE

For sale cheap and on easy terms, Lot 13, con. 11, Osprey, 110 acres. This is a first class farm and in a good state of cultivation. Good bank barn and new frame dwelling. Apply to R. J. Sproule Flesherton

Legal Blanks For Sale—R. J. Sproule keeps constantly on hand and for sale cheap a full stock of Deeds, Mortgages, Wills and all other legal blanks. Any requiring such will find it to their interest to give him a call.

For Sale—Three black mare colts, one 1½ yrs, one 2½ yrs, the other 3½ years old for sale, cash or time. Andrew Kennedy, R. R. 5, Markdale. Phone in connection.

For Sale—Two-burner coaloil stove with oven. Enquire at this office.

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Lost—A horse blanket, between Flesherton and east back line, on Friday, Dec. 15. Finder please leave at this office, or with John Pedlar.

Highest price for butter and eggs at Graham Bros. Eugenia. June 29

The latest grafonola records for sale. Needles 25c per 300. The Advance.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

OF CENTRE GREY

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The local Board of Agriculture has arranged through the Provincial Department of Agriculture for meetings at :

ROCKLYN—AGR. HALL, JAN. 18, 1917.
RAVENNA—TWP. HALL, JAN. 19, 1917.
MAXWELL—ORANGE HALL, JAN. 20, 1917.
PROTON—ORANGE HALL, JAN. 22, 1917.
FLESHERTON—TWP. HALL, JAN. 23, 1917.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SPEAKERS AND THEIR SUBJECTS

Mr. Robt. Murphy, Alliston—(Soil Problems,) (The Farmer and the War,) (Soil Cultivation and Drainage,) (Alfalfa Growing,) (Seed Selection,) (Selection and Feeding of Beef Cattle,) (Dual Purpose Cattle.) Evening—(The Choice of Occupation,) (Some of the Needs of Ont. Agriculture.)

Mr. E. Bean, New Hamburg—(Field Crops and Rotation,) (Farm Animals: gross vs. net income ; cost of production,) (Farm Poultry ; Its Limitation.) Evening—(Agricultural Opportunities.)

Mr. J. O, Duke, Ruthven—(Maintaining the Fertility of the Soil,) (Corn Growing,) (Improvement of Seed,) (Apple Culture in Western Ont.,) (Tile Drainage.)

Mr. Duke will replace Mr. Bean from Jan. 18 to 20 inclusive, only.

Miss S. Campbell, Toronto—(Individual Life of a Young Woman,) (Influence of Women and Men,) (The Judicious Housekeeper and Homemaker,) (Home and School ; the Ideal Country School,) (The Duties and Opportunities of Canadian Women,) (How Women can Aid Agriculture,) (The Educated Farmer ; His Possibilities,) (How to Promote Rural Sociology.)

Afternoon Sessions 2 p.m. Question drawers and discussions with the addresses

The balance of the session will be devoted to the discussion of Agricultural Problems of special interest to farmers of the district.

The Women's Institute will hold an afternoon session for women and girls at 2 p.m. in separate halls at which Miss Campbell will give an address on one of her subjects on the 22nd and 23rd only.

Evening meetings at 7.30

MUSIC BY THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The District Representative or his Assistant will be present at all meetings if possible.

MRS. W. BUCHANAN, Pres. W.I. BRUCE HAMILTON, Pres. Bd. Agr.
MRS. BEN CARRUTHERS, Sec. W.I. J. I. GRAHAM, Sec. Bd. of Agr.

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F. H. W. HICKLING

FLESHERTON ONTARIO.

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Marmot Stole	Regular	$12.50	Selling	$9.50
Grey Lamb Set	Regular	16.25	Selling	12.50
Persian Lamb Scarf	Regular	9.50	Selling	7.50
Persian Lamb Sett	Regular	33.00	Selling	24.50
Opossum Stole	Regular	10.50	Selling	7.75
Marmot Stole	Regular	9.50	Selling	7.75
Mole Coney Sett	Regular	21.00	Selling	16.50
Child's Opossum Set	Regular	10.00	Selling	7.50
Persian Paw Set	Regular	27.00	Selling	22.50
Large Marmot Muff	Regular	10 50	Selling	7.98
Marmot Pillow Muff	Regular	6.50	Selling	4 75
Stone Marten Set	Regular	17.50	Selling	13.00
Marmot Throw	Regular	10.00	Selling	8.50

F. H. W. HICKLING - FLESHERTON.

Property For Sale

Part lot 15J, con 2, N. E. T. & S. R. containing 28½ acres, about 1 mile from Flesherton. There is a good frame house and stable and the property is well fenced and watered. App'y to Joseph A. LeGard, Flesherton or on the property.

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Butter	36 to 38
Eggs, fresh	40 to 50
Potatoes per bag	2 00 to 2 00
Geese	17 to 17
Ducks	17 to 17
Fowl	11 to 11
Chickens	17 to 17
Turkeys	25 to 25

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