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The Weather Prophet of Chatsworth Predicts for 1922

During the past few years Mr. Jas. R. Bowes of Chatsworth, has been making weather predictions for the year ahead and has been remarkably close to the actual weather. In December, 1919, he predicted the mild January of 1921, and a year ago predicted the mild December that we have had this year. He says: "My forecasts for 1920 when I predicted the very cold winter and the mild January of 1921, are so correct that they should demand for me a hearing. In forecasting the past two dry summers I have had this borne out by the famine in Russia and in China, due to drought, and also the conditions in Canada, especially the western provinces. This indicates to me that my theories are substantially correct, even with the handicap of a lack of about 20 per cent. of all the factors that must be taken into account in my theory, coupled with the lack of practice in diagnosing the probable conditions, based on purely scientific principles as I know them, they are for the Northern Hemisphere and mostly applicable to regions about the 45th degree of latitude. They do not apply to districts whose temperature is varied or ruled by air or water currents like Britain or British Columbia. I have just about eighty per cent. of scientific principles on which my theory is based, yet I fully expect to be seventy five per cent. correct. I am asked, 'why not get all the facts you want? I haven't the price.

The following are Mr. Bowe's predictions for 1922:

January—Very mild until the last week, when it will turn decidedly stormy and cold.

February—First fifteen days cold with very strong winds, especially about the 9th, balance of month very mild.

March—First week average temperature, second week high winds, rain or snow. Third week very mild. Last week very high winds, rain, frost and snow.

April—Very cold high winds, with snow for about ten days. Balance of month very mild.

May—First twenty days very warm and likely very dry, rain, frost and probably snow, about the 23rd.

June—Very warm and very dry, with probably wind and frost about the 10th.

July—Warmer than average and very dry with rain about the 11th.

August—Average temperature and likely dry. Rain in last week.

September—Average temperature and rainfall. Rain the first week, rain with sharp frost about the 29th.

October—A very wet and very cold one with stormy, persistent winds, especially at the end. There will likely be considerable snow.

November—Very decidedly warm until about the 25th, then heavy rains, strong winds, snow and frost.

December—A record breaker for being so very warm.

Ross Elliott, a Mono Road youth, was accidentally shot in the arm while hunting rabbits, the member having to be amputated.

A large flock of wild geese, that had spent their Christmas on the shores of James Bay, and who were on the way south to join in the New Year's festivities with their kinsfolk on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, past over the town last week. Judging from the cheerful tones of their honk, honk, they were enjoying the trip.—Bruce Herald and Times.

St. Mary's Church
MAXWELL

During the winter months Divine Service will (D.V.) now be in the afternoon commencing at 2 p.m.
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USING ICE ON THE FARM

Helpful Advice as to Storing of a Good Supply.

Dairy Products Must Be Kept Cool—A Variety of Plans for Handling Ice—Good Drainage In the Ice House Necessary.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

It is a very rare occurrence in Ontario that the winter weather is not cold enough to make plenty of ice on our lakes, rivers, small streams, and ponds. We can, therefore, feel pretty sure of a good crop of ice this winter.

Ice is the only other means of cooling on farms, except in the case of very large dairies where the use of a mechanical system may be warranted. The one chief obstacle to proper cooling of milk and cream by ice that many farmers meet is the lack of a convenient supply in their immediate vicinities. This may not be an insurmountable difficulty, however, as there is always the possibility of ice being shipped in during the winter and stored for use in the summer.

Dairy Products Must Be Kept Cool.

If the quality of our dairy products is ever to become supreme in the world it will be necessary for the producers of milk to get the natural heat out of the milk as quickly as possible after it is abstracted from the cows. This will mean more efficient methods of cooling than most farmers have to-day. Then would ice be required by all dairy farmers, and they would have to secure it either from nearby bodies of water, if present, or through some suitable organization shipping it in as referred to before. The superior article selling at better prices would likely pay the producers to ship in ice if it were necessary. Many farmers now have a household refrigerator or small cold storage plant for keeping the daily food for the table pure, sweet, and fresh, and never fail to store ice for this purpose alone whether needed for other purposes or not. They find by experience that this practice is worth while. If much milk is produced on the farm, so much greater the need for storing some ice.

The Problem Deserves Consideration.

The problem of storage should be considered carefully and plans decided upon well in advance of the harvesting of the ice, as it may be necessary to make repairs to the present storage house, or a new one may be needed. Construction work on the farm is more easily and cheaply done in good weather, so it is desirable to get the ice storage ready for the next crop of ice before the wintry weather begins, or just as soon as the fall work will permit. It may be necessary to do some of the work right away, e.g., concrete work, and leave the rest until later, in all probability until the freeze-up drives men and teams off the land.

Plans of Storage Vary.

The kind of storage for the ice crop will vary with the conditions on the farm, and the ideals and tastes of the farmer himself. One thing is certainly true, namely, that the storage need not be elaborate in construction and costly in order to be efficient. Many farmers have used for years such inexpensive and simple storages as a large bin made of old boards and planks and located in some well sheltered place, such as under an open shed, in mow of barn, or in corner of woodshed, a simple single wall lean-to on the shady side of a building, an old abandoned silo, or any convenient enclosure well protected from the sun's direct rays. The form and style of the storage for the ice does not matter materially provided the following named conditions are faithfully fulfilled. These conditions apply to any kind of ice storage house, and require special emphasis, as usually some of them are frequently overlooked. Note carefully what they are: Protection from sun's rays, plenty of some material a poor conductor of heat about the ice on all sides, top and bottom, good circulation of air over the ice bin, i.e., between the top of the ice and any roof that may be above it. In other words religiously avoid the closed attic or loft condition in hot weather because stagnant air under a closed roof becomes very hot, and so heat will naturally pass down through the covering over the ice and melt it very fast.

Good Drainage a Necessity.

Another condition is good drainage, either natural or artificial, under the ice pit, as water backing up or failing to get away rapidly from the ice melts it quickly. Another, air should be kept from getting in at the bottom. Still another, cakes of ice should be packed in the house on a cold frosty day and no sawdust should be put between them, only around the outsides next the walls, but small openings between cakes should be filled as well as possible with dry snow or fine pieces of ice. The idea of this is to get rid of the air spaces and secure as far as possible a solid block condition of the ice. Do not freeze blocks together with water. Whenever any ice is removed during the summer dry sawdust, or whatever covering is used, should be at once put back over the ice. If these conditions are well provided for there will be very little loss of ice by meltage within the bin or storage.

Plans for more elaborate and costly forms of ice-houses, and also plans and specifications for small ice cold storages, may be secured free of charge by writing the Department of Physics, O. A. C., Guelph.—R. R. [illegible], O. A. College, Guelph.

Many herbs, such as sage and thyme, may be easily grown in the home garden.

Baby City Has Holdups.

Owen Sound has escaped a long time, but at last the hold-up man has arrived. According to the Advertiser two hold-ups were staged there within two days.

The first hold-up occured on Thursday night about 8 o'clock. Mr. M. Bishop was crossing the Pleasure Grounds about eight o'clock when he was stopped by a tall man in a dark overcoat with a light cap and a revolver. Mr. Bishop was relieved of $3.80. The stranger disappeared in the darkness and when the police went to the scene, there was nobody to be seen although a search was made.

A more serious hold-up was reported to the police on Friday night about 7 p.m when Mr. Steve Byers was relieved of about $100 by two strangers. The hold-up occured between the Malleable Iron Works and Lloyd's farm. The men were short and rather stout and wore short mackinaw overcoats. They had clubs in their hands and approached Mr. Byers and demanded his money. Mr. Byers could do little else than give up his money. The men then disappeared along the shore.

The robberies were more or less serious the more serious being that of Jury and Leslie's Drugstore where seven bottles of fine liquor were stolen.

Errett Dixon of the 2nd concession Luther has a 6 year old Durham grade cow of which he is naturally proud. During the last twelve months this animal has increased his herd by five head twins, the first time, and triplets the other day. One of them died from a chill but all were normal well developed animals. Who can beat this?—Grand Valley Star.

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