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In Raising Young Pigs for Real Profit.

Pithy Paragraphs Full of Facts About Feeding Them — Fertilizers for Fall Wheat — Pregnant Ewes Require the Best of Care.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Causes of failure and success in the feeding of young pigs are pointedly put in the following article:

Causes of Failure In Feeding Young Pigs.

1. No one on hand to see that everything is right when pigs are born.
2. Excess of fat in mother's milk.
3. Cold, damp, uncomfortable quarters.
4. Intestinal parasites.
5. Shortage of sweet skim milk at weaning time.
6. Ration out of balance.
7. Ration composed of unsuitable grains.
8. Lack of mineral matter in food.
9. Housing conditions unsuitable.
10. Diseases—hog cholera, etc.
11. Neglect to alter male pigs at proper time.
12.—Neglect to supply ample feed for proper development, regularly.
13. Working with poor stock.
14. Treating the pig as a general scavenger.

Success In Feeding Young Pigs.

1. Mother's milk normal.
2. Clean, dry, bright, comfortable quarters.
3. Practice of disease preventive measures.
5. Ample yard room, protection from hot sun and flies.
6. Ample clean drinking water and wallow, during hot weather.
7. Mineral matter and conditions supplied during winter when on the soil conditions are not available.
8. Working with well bred, vigorous stock.
9. Ample supply of green forage, such as alfalfa, red clover, sweet clover, rape and blue grass.—L. Stevenson, Sec. Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto.

Fertilizers for Fall Wheat.

Fall wheat must have a strong well-rooted plant to withstand the winter. To insure this there should be an abundance of all kinds of available plant food in the soil. The two constituents the wheat plant has the greatest difficulty in getting out of the soil are nitrogen and phosphorus. If the land has been manured and summer fallowed, or, if a clover sod has been ploughed down there will probably be no need of purchasing a further supply of nitrogen and an application of acid phosphate alone will probably be sufficient. If, on the other hand, the wheat is to follow oats, or if there is any fear that the plants will not develop a good top, then some form of readily available nitrogenous fertilizer may be used to advantage.

Cereal crops have little difficulty in getting their supply of potash, consequently it will rarely pay to purchase a fertilizer containing this constituent for application on the land to be sown to wheat.

The Department of Chemistry at the Ontario Agricultural College has found that an application of from 200 to 400 pounds of acid phosphate and 100 pounds of ammonium sulphate per acre has very much increased the yield of wheat on the clay soils predominating in the Niagara Peninsula and in the area lying along the north shore of Lake Erie. It is probable, however, that when the soil contains a good supply of organic matter, enough to furnish sufficient nitrogen, the ammonium sulphate may be omitted.—Chemistry Dept., O. A. College, Guelph.

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CANADA'S NEW EMBLEM

The powers that be have eliminated the beaver from the Canadian coat of arms, and the reasons given appear to us to be peurile in the extreme. These reasons are said to be that the beaver is a member of the rat family—an animal unpopular with the world. So the lion must take its place, the animal holding a maple leaf in its mouth!

We submit that no justification lies in this reason for a change in our Dominion coat of arms. Any person who knows the habits of the Canadian beaver will not admit that his honor is in any way smirched by his close alliance with the rat family. His intelligence and industry are models for human imitation instead of being marks for sneering references to his ancestry, and Canada was honored by giving him a place on its coat of arms.

The United States has much more reason for discarding the eagle in their national emblem, because he is a dirty bird and half brother to the odoriferous turkey buzzard. But he is agressive and has a wonderfully keen vision, and his virtues evidently outweigh his obnoxious qualities with the American people. There are really no obnoxious features in the beaver and he is a marvel of industry. Everything he does, and the manner in which he lives, is admirable and worthy of imitation even by the men who are responsible for withdrawing this symbol and replacing it with an African lion holding a leaf in his mouth!

We say with emphasis, place the beaver back on his honorable pedestal and hit the man who dares to call him a rat.

CLEMENCEAU

Ex-Premier Clemenceau of France is touring the United States at present and in his opening address in New York said some very plain things to the citizens of Uncle Sam's country about their participatied in the war and subsequent removal from European affairs. Consequently his life has been threatened when he makes his appearance in Chicago. Is this the kind of democracy that the United States boasts of, when it cannot accept straight facts? But it is just the natural attitude a country would adopt which expects to receive full benefits from a world at peace, without contributing to the result.

Xmas is always on time. It has never been late yet.

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A newspaper report says that the deposed boy ruler of China is to wed a princess whose face he has never seen. If the same thing was general in Canada without a doubt the number of spinsters would be lessened. But then the divorce courts would have extra work to do on divorce applications.

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Here is a way by which we might add considerably to the luxury tax receipts, and it should meet with popular approval. Tax the speeches of the members of the House of Commons after they reach a certain length, and maybe then the term of Parliament will be shortened.

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Reeve Calder of Durham was presented with a gold handled umbrella last week by the County Councillors, he having intimated that he intended to get in out of the rain—in other words he was not going to run for Reeve any more. This gift was evidently intended as a gentle reminder that they would like to have him remain with them and face the storms as he has of yore.

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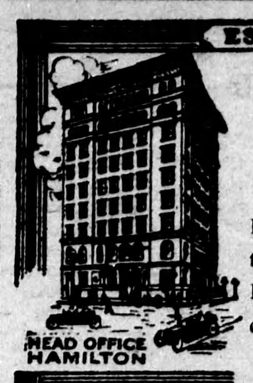

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