A Question of Age

How old are you? The adage says that women are as old as they look and men as old as they feel. That is wrong. A man or woman are as old as they take themselves to be. Growing old is largely a habit of the mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If he begins shortly after middle age to imagine himself old, he will be old. To keep oneself from descrepitude is somewhat a matter of will power. The fates are kind to the man who hangs to life with both hands. He who lets go, will go. Death is slow only to tackle the tenacious. Ponce de Leon searched in the wrong place for the fountain of youth. It is in one's self. One must keep oneself young inside; so that while the outer man perishes, the inner man is renewed day by day. When the inner man ceases to exert itself; when there is no longer an active interest in the affairs of life; when the human stops reading and thinking and doing, the man, like a blasted tree, begins to die at the top. You are as old as you think you are. Keep your harness on; your job is not done yet.

ROD AND GUN

Following the recent announcement of the sale of the magazine Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News, the first issue of this national outdoor publication has appeared from the new office of publication at Gardenvale, P. Q.

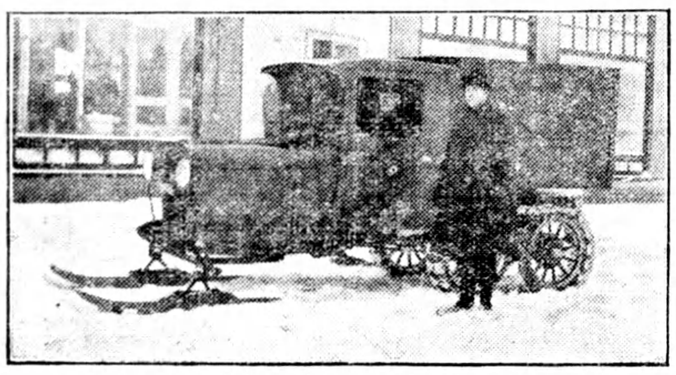
This January number is not only up to the high standard of past issues but also indicates promise of rapid development to an even higher standard among Canadian publications and greater popularity.

The general contents of the magazine are bright, interesting and well illustrated with a wealth of healthy, breezy outdoor articles. The silver fox department is also very good, containing a full report of the show at the Royal Winter Fair.

Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News is published monthly by Rod and Gun Limited, Gardenvale, Quebec.

A few months spent at the Northern Business College, Owen Sound, this winter, will mean a great deal to you in after life. Winter term begins January 2nd.

When Winter Comes



A "Snowmobile" used in the Maritime Provinces

DOWN in the Maritime Provinces the Canadian Fords wear snow shoes. Here is a Ford "Snowmobile" all set for a hard winter. Proof that it will get over the roads no matter how high the drifts may be is furnished by Captain Donald McMillan, the famous Arctic explorer, who was first to use a "snowmobile" in the Far North. With his Ford thus equipped he travelled nearly two thousand miles over ice on one expedition, at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. This, of course, is far better than dogs can do in ordinary circumstances. The McMillan "snowmobile" has a tractor tread and runners.

A Model A Ford, such as that shown in the accompanying illustration, is used by a lumber concern in the Maritime Provinces. It travels regularly over a rough wood road at ten miles an hour. Another used by a large hotel, has accomplished a speed of twenty-five to thirty miles an hour with ease on well built roads on which, however, three or four feet of snow has accumulated.

The "snowmobile" has skiis where the front wheels ordinarily would be. Heavy chains furnish traction for the rear wheels no matter how deep the snow may be. A Ford dealer has just reported that one such car regularly carries five passengers over a wood road to a lumber camp.

News and Information for The Busy Farmer

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

A thorough cleaning of walls, ceilings and windows makes a big improvement in the appearance of the stable. The cobweb-covered walls and windows are unsightly, to say the least.

The organization of the Fourth World's Poultry Congress by the British Government is well in hand and world-wide interest indicates that it will be better supported than ever. Over forty governments have already decided to participate and 24 of these have set up national committees for organizing their representation.

THE LAYING HOUSE IN IN WINTER

Pullets, to give maximum results, must not only be well bred and well fed, but must also be well housed. The laying house should be dry, comfortable, thoroughly ventilated and bright and cheery. Leaking roofs should be avoided and the floor should be suficiently elevated above the ground so as to allow good drainage. By all means use dropping boards under the roosts and clean them off regularly. When the pullest are brought in from range in the fall, they should be given all the fresh clean air possible.

BARLEY ON THE INRCEASE

According to the department's final report on crop estimates, there was a net decrease in the area devoted to small grains in Ontario of over 360,000 acres this year. The greater part of this slump was due to a decline of 300'000 acres in the area seeded to oats. Barley showed an exceptional increase of over 6,000 acres. A backward season favored the growing of barley as a feed grain is beginning to assert itself. In addition barley appeals to many as a solution of their rotation problems, because it provides in one season, as no other grain crop does, an opportunity to clean up the land, to grow a paying crop and to seed down to the best advantage with a hay crop the following year. There is always an industrial demand for all Ontario barley of good quality, that is surplus to the farm requirement. The quality for manufacturing purposes, however, can only be produced by the sowing of clean seed on land that is in good heart.

It is surprising how soon vermin appears on some live stock after it is established for the winter. These pests breed fast and cause much annoyance to the animals. One suggested remedy is to dust sabidilla powder into the hair. Another is to dust in one part hellebore to six parts cement. Applications should be made at ten-day intervals if vermin has made its appearance.

O. A. C. SHORT COURSES

Short courses in agriculture, horticulture, live stock, farm meats, dairy matters, draining poultry raising and beekeeping open at the Guelph Agricultural College Jan. 1 and continue until April 1930. In almost all of the courses there are no fees or other costs, except that the student pays railway fare and his own board and lodgings. There must be one or more departments in his chosen field of industry, in which every young farmer would like to be proficient; and in what better way can he attain that than by attending one of the courses named.

GIVES THREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Thomas E. Wilson, a London Old Boy, and now a leader in the packing industry in Chicago, has given three annual scholarships, available at O. A. C., to students of the three London Collegiate Institutes. The scholarships are morth $300 each. A preference is expressed for farm boys and particularly those whose parents are stock breeders. His generous gift comes as a direct result of a recent speech in Chicago by Dr. G. I. Christie, president of the O. A. C., in which he regretted that more of the brighter students in the high schools, and especially boys from the farms, whose fathers were stock breeders, did not go to agricultural colleges and pursue their profession in a scientific manner.

A BIG INVESTMENT

There are in Ontario, according to R. W. Wade, director of the live stock branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, over 180,000 farms maintaining live stock with capital invested in this stock of approximately 240 million dollars. This investment is roughly proportioned as follows: Horses, $82,000,000; cattle, $120,000,000; sheep, $7,000,000; swine, $14,000,000; poultry $18,000,000.

Dairy cattle return yearly to Ontario farmers in the proceeds of the sale of their products, approximately $100,000,000 while the annual sales of veal calves approximate $3,000,000.

NEW ORCHARD PEST

This year another insect of the old world, the apple and thorn skeletonizer, has been added to the already formidable list of orchard pests in Western Ontario. Prof. L. Caesar, provincial entomologist, has found the new insect to be fairly common between Oshawa and Niagara. It has also been discovered the O. A. C. orchard. The caterpillars of the species are about half an inch long and of a pale greenish color with black spots on the back. Working under a slight web they gnaw away the green tissue on the upper surface of the leaf. The moths are purplish brown in color with a wing spread of about half an inch The skeletonizer was found in the lower Hudson valley in 1917 and has spread in several states of the U. S. A. Although very little is known as yet concerning the proper methods of extermination it is known that this pest has not been found in orchards which have received the calyx spray alone.

THE ELIMINATION OF THE SMALL SCHOOL

According to the statistical reports of the Department of Education, there have been from 900 to 1000 rural schools in the Province of Ontario for the last fifteen years that had an average attendance of from 1 to 10 pupils each.

These schools are considered to be neither economical nor efficient. It is impossible for the child to receive such training as will fit him to co-operate with others, and play his part in life, when in early years he receives his training in isolation. There can be little if any competition in the class rooms, on the school grounds or in other activities whereby the children learn to work together. It must be very disheartening for the teacher to attempt to interest one or two pupils in a class. She has to put more enthusiasm into her work to make up for the lack of competition. The teaching process becomes a mere routine of imparting information. Pupils may be able to pass the entrance examination at an early age, but we must remember that the mere passing of examinations is not education.

A convention of school trustees of the county of Carleton was recently held in the city of Ottawa, where this matter was gone into very thoroughly. Inspector R. C. Rose called attention to a number of schools having an average attendance of from 2 to 7 pupils. It was singular that most of the schools had no local trustee levy. Some of them had a balance in the bank of over $1400. They drew the Township and the Provincial Grants. The school boards declined to take advantage of the school Regulations by which the few pupils in one school may be transported to the adjoining school. It was pointed out to them by the inspector that they would receive the Township Grant and the Provincial Grant if necessary, to pay for the transportation, and they would not therefore require all of those grants.

School boards hesitate to close their schools, even temporarily, for fear it would result in depreciation of the value of the farm property. It might also be difficult, they say, to re-open these schools. They consider it a step in the centralization of educational control.

The following resolution was passed by this convention:

WHEREAS there are many small schools in the Province of Ont. that are neither economical nor efficient; WHEREAS the school Regulations provide for the transportation of pupils from one small school to another; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it be made compulsory upon school boards, where there are four or less pupils in average attendance to close the school temporarily and transport the pupils to an adjoining school, unless they can satisfy the Public School Inspector that it would be impracticable.

This shows the burden upon the school board. The schools would, according to this resolution, automatically close unless they can give good reason for keeping open. It will be interesting to know what rural trustees think of this resolution.

In Huntsville a toboggan slide is being constructed by the parks commission which will be one of the best in the province.

The noon recess of the Milverton Continuation School has been extended by five minutes to enable pupils at the far end of the village to get back to school in time for the afternoon session.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two good heaters and a cook stove.—W. G. Kennedy, Flesherton.

FOR SALE— Purebred dark red Shorthorn bull, 10 . months old.—D Williams, Eugenia, Phone 43 r 41.

FOR RENT—A six roomed house with good garden, opposite high school.—W. J. Caswell, Proton R.R. 3.

FOR SALE — Several good varieties of apples, one dollar per bag—John Flynn, R. R. 2 Flesherton.

FOR SALE—A number of good turkeys, both sex, bred from 1st. prize winners at London in 1928.—Jas. Turner, R. R. 3 Priceville. Phone 21 r 11.

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FOR SALE — new seven roomed house with all modern conveniences, Toronto St., Flesherton. Write or phone C. J. Crossley, 651 Annette St., Toronto, phone Junction 2161.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—Would the party who removed the jack from John Runstadleer's garage this fall please return the same.

FOR SALE OR RENT — 100 acres, lots 166, 167, 1 R. W., T. & O. S. N. on No. 10 Highway, in township of Artemesia, ¼ mile from school. 2 miles from Flesherton. Apply to L. R. Thistlethwa 2 Connor Ave., Toronto or W. Collay, Flesherton.

GOOD SMOOTH FARM OF 70 acres best of land almost all under cultivation 2½ miles north east of Flesherton. Good barn 33x40, new garage 20x22, good brick house, newly decorated, 20x35. well, windmill and ½ acres orchard. Priced for quick sale. Apply Lucas, Henry & Lucas, Markdale, or Mrs. S. Dezell, P. R. No 5,Owen Sound.

FARM FOR SALE

100 acres, being lot 37, Con. 4, Artemesia, 80 acres under cultivation. Good house and large barn with good stabling and out-buildings. For further particulars apply on premises.

—ALB. BLACKBURN,
Phone 42 r 6 Maxwell.

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT

A good farm for sale or to rent with comfortable buildings and in a good state of cultivation. This farm is in the Township of Artemesia, quite near Ceylon and Priceville. A real snap for quick sale. For further informatioin apply to Mrs. Sarah Mills, R. R. 1, Proton Station. phone Dundalk 62 r 4.

FARM FOR SALE

75 Acres in Osprey, all under cultivation; brick house and large frame barn with stone basement; half mile east of Maxwell being parts of lots 11 and 12, Con. 6. Apply to Dr. D. H. Guy, Newmarket, administrator of the estate of the late W. H. Guy.

PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT

The property of the late Ella Gibson, lot 10, Collingwood street, Flesherton. On this property is a comfortable dwelling house of 9 rooms, with electric lighting. Barn 25 x 33 ft., with stable and driving house thereon, also a good well on the premises. This property is in a good location and will be sold reasonably. For further particulars apply ti the administrator,—W. J. Meads, Flesherton, Ont.

Farm For Sale
BY TENDER.

106 acres in Osprey, nearly all under cultivation. Cement house and large frame barn with stone basement. Lot 31, Con. 10, Osprey. Apply to John Thompson, Agincourt, Ont., administrator of the estate of the late George Thompson. Give your best offer.

FARM FOR SALE

About 100 acres of giod clay loam land, being lot 24 and 25, 2nd con. N.D.R., near Six Corners, about a mile from Flesherton Station, about 85 acres of cultivated land, 10 acres in hardwood bush, five acres swamp. Seven-roomed house, solid brick with cellar under all, also summer kitchen roof barn 45x46, drive shed 20X40, good spring well and good fences. This farm cheap for quick sale.—Geo. E. Banks, Flesherton, telephone 36 J.

FARM FOR SALE

110 acres in the Township of Artemesia, lots 77 and 78, 1 N.D.R., about 85 acres under cultivation, balance pasture and mixed bush; barn 36x60 with T 36x45, all with stone basement, in good repair, water at barn; driving shed 24x30, also hen house; 8-roomed solid brick house with soft water cistern and furnace. This is a good grain and stock farm, well fenced and watered, situated convenient to railway and school. Reason for selling is on account of poor health. For particulars apply on premises.

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—C. HINDLE,

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Durham Bull for service. $1.50 if paid before January, otherwise $2.—C. Akins, R. R. 3, Proton Station.