SCHOOL QUSTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Question—Is voting by ballot at a rural school section annual meeting legal either for the election of a trustee or for other motions placed before the meeting?—R.J.M.

Answer—No provision is made in the Public School Act for voting by ballot at the annual meeting of a rural school section. Voting by a showing of hands or by the use of a poll book are the two methods provided for.

Question—Is it necessary for the secretary-treasurer of a rural school board to write the township treasurer for money collected as school section levy each time it is required or should the township clerk send to the secretary-treasurer the total amount of the school section levy within a week or ten days after the date when taxes are due.? We feel this section has paid this money and it should be returned to the section as soon as it is collected.—Rural Secretary.

Answer—Under section 57 of the Public Schools Act it is the duty of the municipal council to pay over to treasurers of boards of trustees the sums levied and collected for school purposes "from time to time as may be required by the board on the warrant of the proper inspector." Under the Act it is therefore the duty of the board to make request for the amount required and to secure the warrant of the Inspector for the amount.

Question—Will any part of the Legislative grant to a rural school be deducted if music is taught (1) by the regular teacher, (2) by a fully qualified teacher?—G.V.

Answer—The regulations do not state that any portion of the legislative grant may or shall be deducted where music is not taught. At all times a part or all of the legislative grant may be witheld where the requirements under the courses of study are not met fully.

The Deparment of Education is now strongly encouraging the teaching of vocal music in all Public and Separate Schools. See circular 56, Special grants to Public and Separate Schools for the grants paid to encourage the teaching of music. The Minister of Education in September, 1935, appointed Mr. G. Roy Fenwick, Mus. Bac., as Supervisor of Music for the Province and Mr. Fenwick is ready to assist any board in the introduction of this subject.

Question—In case a child falls off a swing or is in any way injured by playground equipment and judgment is given by the courts against the school section, are the trustees personally liable or is the school section as a whole liable?—Trustee.

Answer—The trustees are not personally liable for damages or injuries due to accidents on school grounds. Where it might be shown that the board neglected to give proper attention to grounds, buildings and equipment an action might be taken against the board and in such case any collectible amount would be paid from the funds of the school section.

Question — Section 66-8 (e) states that the business of the annual school meeting may be to instruct the trustees by resolution if deemed expedient to insure the school buildings and furniture. If the ratepayers do not instruct the trustees by resolution to insure the buildings and the school burns without any insurance can the trustees be held personally liable?—Trustee.

Answer—It is the duty of the trustees to take proper care of the school property by insurance or otherwise; but where they fail to do so the whole school section would suffer the loss. Section 132 of the Public Schools Act makes provision for a fine of $20.00 where a trustee refuses or neglects to perform his duties.

It would be the duty of the trustees to insure the school property when directed by the ratepayers to do so under Section 66-8 (e) of the Public Schools Act.

Question—We have a teacher absent on two months' leave of absence. She is engaged by yearly contract for $1,000.00. What is the correct manner and most equitable way to make deductions from regular teachers' salaries when off duty on leave of absence. If figured on a pro rata basis how would this be figured out, the actual number of schools days in the year in a public school, or the number of days in the year less Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays?

Answer—Section 103 of the Public Schools Act states: "Unless otherwise expressly agreed a teacher shall be entitled to be paid his salary in the proportion which the number of days during which he has taught bears to the whole number of teaching days in the year."

Circular 94, issued by the Department of Education each year, sets forth the number of legal teaching days. This circular may be had upon application to the Department of Education. If the teacher has taught for 61 days during the year and if there were 196 legal teaching days during the year, then the teacher would be entitled to 61|196 of the year's salary.

Question—Is it legal or lawful to pay a fee to school auditors or is this work to be done gratis?

Answer—There is nothing in the Public Schools Act which would make it illegal for a board of trustees to pay auditors for their services. On the other hand the Act does not require that payment be made for these services.

CARE AND BREEDING OF BROOD SOWS

At the Experimental Station, Fredericton, N.B., the brood sows are housed in portable cabins all year except for a period from a week or ten days before farrowing until the pigs are weaned. A three year rotation of rape, oats seeded, and clover is carried on in the hog paddock and this provides a continuous supply of green feed throughout the summer. The object in feeding is to keep the sows in a thrifty condition. They should not be allowed to become too fat or too thin. If they are very thin after the pigs are weaned, they are fed well until a normal weight is reached. If plenty of green feed is available, about four pounds of mixed grain per sow per day is usually sufficient to keep her in good condition. When nursing a litter, the sow is fed all she will clean up.

This amount will vary from 6 to 12 pounds daily for different sows.

The grain mixture for the sows varies at times, owing to the nature of the feed on hand. A satisfactory mixture consists of equal parts of ground oats, ground barley and middlings. The barley may be omitted for sows in good condition and unless suitable mineral and protein supplements are provided it should be omitted during the last month before farrowing. The nursing sow should receive at least two pounds of skimmilk per pound of grain or fish-meal or tankage at the rate of 8 per cent. of the ration.

Mangels are always provided for winter feeding and are fed at the rate of about two pounds per 100 pounds of live weight per day. Clover hay is supplied in racks. If potatoes are fed to brood sows, they should be fed only sparingly during pregnacy. At this time it is advisable to feed fish meal at the rate of about 3 per cent. of the ration, if no skimmilk is available. Bone char and salt are each fed at the rate of one per cent. of the ration at all times.

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What Fertilizer For Oats

During the past summer, the Grey Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Department of Chemistry, Ontario Agricultural College, conducted tests of two fertilizers on Oats on the farm of Richard Allen, Flesherton. This crop is of great importance in this grain and livestock county, hence, anything that makes for improved yield and quality in grain is of great interest to Grey county farmers. Mr. Allen's oat soil was gravelly loam, sweet or alkaline in reaction, low in nitrogen, medium in potash and very low in phosphorus. All cereal crops thrive best where there is good supply of phosphorus, because it is this element that not only invigorates growth, but hastens ripening and has a great deal to do with the plumping of grain.

Results obtained on Mr. Allen's test are: for no fertilizer, 42.3 bus. per acre and for 250 lbs. of 2-12-6, 56.4 bus. per acre. or a gain of 14.1 bus. per. acre. The fertilizer at 250 lbs. per acre, costs about $3.75.

Oat growers of the Flesherton section will be especially interested in the outcome of this test. It follows very closely the test on Oats, conducted on the farm of McLoughry Bros., Markdale, in 1932, when 2-12-6 fertilizer made a gain of 11 bus. per acres on Oats, when applied at the same rate.

SWINTON PARK

January is now in her 'teens and a bit boisterous yet mild. Roads are fine for cutter or sleighs, and cars are still going, but not the best. The Christmas holidays are over.

Mrs. Dick Hardy and little daughter returned on Friday from Toronto, where they had spent the full holiday.

Mrs. Delbert Haw, from her old home at Bayfield, reports more snow on Lake Huron's shore.

John Lawrence, who has spent several weeks with the Hardys and other friends here, returned to Stratford last week.

The buzz saw outfit at Bert Martin's has still several days of work. They estimate over 500 cords of wood.

Events have occurred in this locality lately. Donald McCannell of Boothville, while the family was all absent and the fire out, decided it was the right day to clean the chimney. He set up the ladder and climbed the roof, but just as he was leaving the ladder it fell and Donald went with it, striking the frozen ground with such force as to be very badly injured. He has been confined to the house, but is improving. A few days later Mr. Dougald McCannell had driven two miles to another farm to attend to the stock, when he slipped on the ice striking the back of his head and lay there for some time. He was unable to do the chores, but climbed back into the cutter and arrived at his home after an absence of four hours. Mrs. Archie Ferguson suffered the third accident while thawing frozen water pipes she slipped, falling with her side on the edge of the cistern: result, broken ribs. So ye old folk better go very carefully.

Another event occurred to an old lady who has not been feeling well lately, when she received a calendar from an undertaker, but she said "No No., I'm not making a date with you, yet!" We have heard of a young man going to see his girl taking some armfuls of good wood along with him, in the back of the car, to help out. In another case an old farmer, who has grown-up daughters at home, says that he cut five extra cords of wood this winter in case . . .

Mrs. Christina Ferguson is on a month's visit with friends in Drayton and London.

Mrs. Sam McMurdo is visiting her brother, Mr. Robertson, of Markdale, also friends in Flesherton, for a couple of weeks.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. George Clark Sr. has suffered with a sprained ankle for a couple of weeks, caused from a slip on the steps.

A little boy in a rural school was asked to describe a duck. The following is his description,

"The duck is a low, heavy-set bird, composed mostly of meat, bill and feathers. His head rests on one end and he sets on the other. There is some skin between his toes, and he carries a toy balloon in his stomack to keep him from sinking. The duck has only two legs and they are set so far back on his running gear that they come near missing his body. Some ducks when they get big are called drakes. Drakes don't have to set or hatch. but just loaf, go swimming, and eat, if I had to be a duck, I'd be a drake every time. Ducks don't give milk, but eggs."

As it has been occasionally noted that some beef cattle which have suffered from frost-bite in the ear are left with deformed ears as a result, it will be inadvisable to prepare these for export to the Old Country. They can be shipped, but would probably bring a much lower price because they woud not qualify for the subsidy. This news has been transmitted through the office of the Canadian High Commissioner for Canada.

VANDELEUR

A large number from here attended the funeral in Markdale on Thursday afternoon of last week of Mrs. Eliot Smith, formerl,y Miss Myrtle Freeman who passed away in Markdale hospital recently. Myrtle was the finest type of young Canadian womanhood and was loved and much respected by a host of people in this district, and her untimely passing is deeply deplored. The friends and relatives have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moore attended the funeral of the former's aunt, Mrs William Moore in Durham on New Years Day.

Toronto papers on Friday of last week contained notice of the death of Dr. F. B. Allan, Dean of the faculty of Arts, and professor of Organic chemistry, at the University of Toronto, and on the staff since 1893. He was a cousin of Mr. J. I. Graham of this place. The funeral service was held in Bloor St. United church on Saturday afternoon, with interment in Innisfil cemetery, near Barrie.

Mr. Elmore Williamson of Toronto is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. G. Hutchinson.

At the mid-week meeting on Friday evening last, Mrs. Sam. Fitzsimmons had charge of the topic and also conducted a couple of contests.

Pres., Miss Lillian Buchanan presided. It was decided to hold the meetings on Tuesday evenings in future on account of the hockey games. It was decided to have a debate at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21st, the subject being, "Resolved that all medical services should be provided by the State." The affirmative will be taken by Mr. Harold Hutton and Miss Violet Fitzsimmons, and the negative by John Bowles and Wilma Cargoe. This should be an interesting debate, and a good attendance is expected.

The report of the school meeting in last week's items should have contained the following: Mr. Will Ratcliffe was elected trustee, and Chas. Boland auditor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moore and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Laughlin of Duncan recently.

Hay Crop Report

Reports from central eastern and northern Ontario indicate practically no movement in hay excepting local transfers for current use and the shipment of a few car loads of 1934 hay from the lower Ottawa Valley to the Maritime provinces for which growers received about $6 per ton. Growers still hold the bulk of this year's crop and in many areas a part of the 1934 crop. In northern Ontario the carry over of 1934 hay estimated at 25 per cent to 35 per cent. In the upper Ottawa Valley hay is abundant but much of it is of poor quality.

Offers to growers in the St. Lawrence counties are reported as from $4 to $5.50 for timothy light clover of grades 2 and 3 with as much as $8 per ton for no 2 timothy light clover in the Kingston area. Straw prices in the Brockville area, $4. per ton Prices per ton to growers in northern Ontario are reported as follows: timothy no 2, $10 in the New Liskeard area; timothy light clover $18. in the Timmins area and $16 in the Sudbury area; timothy clover at Fort William, $9.00.

In south-western Ontario the proportion of this year's market hay crop still on the farms is estimated at 60 per cent. The bulk of this is timothy mixtures no 3 grade. The supply of alfalfa is not plentiful but small quantities are being used for grinding. The present demand is poor for timothy mixtures but fair for good timothy, because there is little of this quality in the immediate vicinity of Toronto. Some of the biggest consumers in Toronto already have large supplies on hand. Little increase is expected in domestic or export trade next month.

Present prices at Toronto for good quality hay are about $9 per ton and $5 for straw. Average prices to growers range from $7.50 to $8.50 for no. 2 timothy mixtures; $5.50 to $6.50 for no. 3 timothy mixtures, and $3.50 to $4 for straw. These prices are based on average frieght costs to terminal markets.

HIS WORRY

Marget: "Hang it, man! If your car has been stolen, why don't you communicate with the police?"

Target: "I'm not worrying about the car. I'm wondering how they got the thing to go!"

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