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More Fertilizer Used

R. H. Clemes, agricultural representative for Wellington County, [illegible] for some interesting information regarding fertilizers which seems to be quite typical of the situation this year. In 1928 his county imported 125 carloads of commercial fertilizer and in 1929 this increased to 225 carloads. One mixed farming township, twelve miles square, imported 41 carloads. A substantial increase over last year's figures is looked for this season.

More No. 1 Apples

Drastic changes are possible in the Fruit Act at an early date. Under the new amendments to the act the number 1 and three apples would be eliminated and all apples of good color and No. 1 quality with a minimum diameter of one and seven-eighths inches in the case of small types and two inches in the case of large types would be graded No. 1. [illegible] Extra Fancy will be dropped. There will only be two grades in place of four now existing. This is a result of the prejudice often displayed by consumers against anything marked No. 2 or 3. The new law would also insist that the small No. 1's be put in one package and the larger ones in another.

Egg Market Settles Down

The imports of eggs from the United States have now practically ceased for the current season. A few carloads are reported to have come in recently but these had been purchased on a previous order. The egg market has settled down quite early this year to a spring storing basis. And prices at a majority of producing points are considerably lower than a year ago. With mild weather in most producing districts it is no improbable that the movement into storage will be under way in earnest within the next week or so.

Fall Wheat Unpromising

The fall wheat situation seems to be anything but promising this year, judging from reports of agricultural representatives of the various counties in the province. Bruce county reports fall wheat to be in fair condition with the same to be said for alfalfa and sweet clover. Provincial clover and alfalfa have been subjected to [illegible] which [illegible] in some districts. In Halton [illegible] is complimented by Kent where it is said that some of the alfalfa will have to be re[illegible] as the hard frosts of winter have been playing havoc with this crop. Middlesex and Petersborough counties have been fortunate and the crop seems to be in fair condition. The present fall of snow will improve conditions appreciably.

Lime and Acidity

Success in crop growing and fertilizing often hinges upon the amount of lime in the soil, it has been found. Alfalfa, however, cauliflower and beets, to mention a few of the crops, require enough lime to reduce the acidity. It is a matter for the chemist and the experimental farms to determine where lime is lacking and what quantity needed to be applied. It is well-known, however, that there is a relationship between potato scab and lime. This is explained by saying that while an acid soil eliminates scab it may, if too acid, reduce the yield. Experiments have shown that the range of acidity which will prevent scab and yet not reduce the yield is very short; so that actually the farmer needs very careful lime service to determine his exact need of lime. Most vegetable crops as a matter of fact, do better under slightly acid conditions.

Poultry Industry Booms

Speaking at an agricultural conference in London recently, W. R. Reek declared that a few years ago Ontario poultry industry was in [illegible] but today Canada [illegible] per cent

Value of Co-operative

At the [illegible] of garden in Ontario [illegible] road

Apple Market in West

Somerset, former [illegible] by W. H. [illegible] representative of the Ontario Fruit Growers of this province and problem in the west that [illegible] will only go [illegible] little direct [illegible] Ontario and prairie markets because in [illegible] Columbia grown apples the British Columbia grower confines himself very largely to fancy boxes packing only fancy varieties. With a good crop sorts in bushel hampers, Mr. Somerset says no reason why the Ontario grower could not sell a great deal of fruit.

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Food for Brood Sows

[illegible] fed from [illegible] at weaning [illegible] age also good [illegible] available. [illegible] very considerable too strong. [illegible] oats and [illegible] parts, if fed [illegible] two to six [illegible] on the sow [illegible] as well as [illegible] has been [illegible] food results [illegible] usually essential [illegible] either by soda [illegible] mixture containing charcoal, ashes, bone meal, etc.

Miss Macphail's Letter

Ottawa, March 31st, 1930.

The wind up of the Prime Minister's [illegible] address for the Unit[illegible] d States was dramatic. Mr. [illegible] ment made an attack on the gover[illegible] ment for having changed their po[illegible] sition since last [illegible] ther lavishly [illegible] speech of a year [illegible] had been no [illegible] on, and yet the [illegible] made a right-a[illegible] ease of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. "What has become of the solidarity of the cabinet?" he asked, "Mr. King and Mr. Euler be at [illegible] one in this matter?" But he concluded by saying, "We vote for the third reading, and leave it to the people of the country to determine whether [illegible] conduct [illegible] as that so lacking [illegible] in sincerity, so [illegible] on a great [illegible] crave of before the Canadian [illegible] people." After the long [illegible] speech [illegible] instantly to [illegible] ce was treated [illegible] singly eloquent [illegible] honorable friend [illegible] say that must [illegible] ers of the gov[illegible] ere must be a [illegible] solidarity be[illegible] member and his [illegible] ues accused Mr. [illegible] as Dr. Jekyll [illegible] Hyde. "If my [illegible] is so ardent, so [illegible] to grant clear[illegible] ces to liquor ves[illegible] sels, how is it [illegible] a word about [illegible] ear before. Mr. [illegible] certain section [illegible] of trying to make the [illegible] nt to the country, saying, "We have [illegible] the chamber for [illegible] the spectacle of [illegible] man opposite not [illegible] the bill but afraid [illegible] ly and squarely:" [illegible] his seat the opposition [illegible] in unison "Euler, [illegible] Euler," and the [illegible] utmost difficulty [illegible] for Mr. Bourassa [illegible] speak. The Prime [illegible] Minister attempted to address the [illegible] House, but Mr. Guthric rose to a [illegible] point of order. The Prime Minister [illegible] had introduced the bill and so had [illegible] already spoken. The point was well [illegible] taken and the Speaker sustained [illegible] Mr. Guthrie. Again the House [illegible] chorussed, "Euler, Euler, We want [illegible] Euler." He arose, "I have no apologies to make for anything I said [illegible]

Our Ottawa Letter

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The issue will [illegible] supply campaign made in [illegible] during the forth[illegible] coming election. The [illegible] Government's [illegible] adamant stand of [illegible] "no alteration or no revision," taken by Finance Minister Dunning, was thoroughly at variance with the Conservative view, which urged equitable revision of the treaty in the interests of further development of the lumber, newsprint, and fishing industries of British Columbia particularly and Canada generally.

The significant note in the debate was undoubtedly the admission by Progressive members, Dr. T. W. Caird of Kindersley, Manitoba, and E. W. Lucas of Camrose, Alberta, that protection was gaining ground amongst the farmers on the prairies. Mr. Bird admitted the fact more in sorrow and perturbation than in speaking as himself a convert. "It is not a pleasant thing to [illegible] from the fact that because it is ugly," Mr. Bird said, "We may regret it, but we must face the fact that in recent years there has been a definite trend towards the idea of protection amongst the farmers. The farmers to the South have been protectionists for years, so why not the farmers of Manitoba?" Mr. Lucas was even more significant, admitting himself an advocate of at least one form of protection. "Some Hon. Members in this house representing agriculture," Mr. Lucas said, "have taken the stand that protection does not benefit the farmer. I am free to admit that under the general principle of protection the farmer does not gain the benefit which is afforded industry generally. But on those commodities in which the farmer is not on an export basis I am of the opinion that he does get a benefit."

The Senate has again resumed its activities. It has one important subject before it—namely the Liquor Clearance Bill, but so far its only action has been to give the measure a formal reading. Second reading is put down for Tuesday next, but it is doubtful if the bill will be proceeded with then. The expectation is that in any event the bill on second reading stage will be referred

Agnes C. Macphail.

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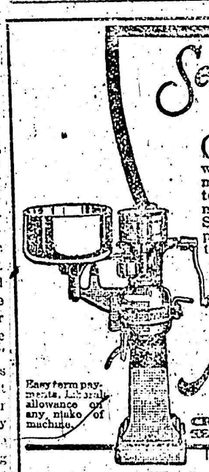

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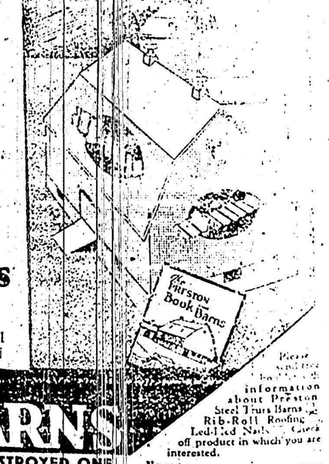

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