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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Ontario Department of Agriculture

Crop Diversity Helpful

Dr. G. I. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, in a recent address said that the recent gloomy talk about the price of western wheat was of minor concern to Ontario, where a diversity of products is grown and where it is possible to make a choice among half a dozen lines to specialize.

Stresses Home Markets

In his first public statement, Mr. Jas. B. Fairbairn, newly appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture, gives expression to the following views: "My thought is that we should stress Ontario products. We should try to create in the minds of all housewives the desire to purchase Ontario products."

Current Crop Report

Many fields of fall wheat are being plowed up in Brant, according to a recent crop bulletin issued by the department. Sufficient hay to carry all stock to grass is indicated in Bruce. In Dundas American buyers have been active and a number of grade cows have been sold for from \$85 to \$100.

clover and fall wheat fields in Midsex are said to be practically worthless.

Profits in Dairying

A dairyman in Oxford County, Albert Siple, who keeps a herd of from 17 to 18 Holstein cows on his 70-acre farm and a strict account of the revenue obtained from all sources making use of the milk produced, has just compiled some interesting figures covering the past four years which strengthen the argument so often advanced that the dairy farm offers a safe investment provided the cows kept are of the breed and blood lines likely to give good results at the pail.

Honor Retiring Official

Heads of the various branches of the Department made a presentation on the last day of April to W. Bert Roadhouse, former Deputy Minister, on the occasion of his transfer to the position of chairman of the Agricultural Development Board.

Soy Beans More Popular

Soy beans are coming more and more into use as an annual hay crop. For this purpose soy beans should be sown early in May at the rate of one and one-half to two bushels per acre, and the crop cut when the pods are about half-grown.

Soil Survey

In 1914 soil survey work was begun in Ontario and has been carried on ever since. Based on the preliminary soil survey of Southwestern Ontario, permanent soil experiment stations have been located in Wellington, Norfolk and Wellington Counties.

The Apple and the Orange

In a season when apples are abundant and prices are low it might be thought that sales would increase and that this fruit would take its rightful place on the market.

Of General Application

A townsman in Western Ontario recently wrote to the Ontario Agricultural College asking whether the Provincial Corn Borer Act had any application in ditches, towns and villages.

Keeping Accounts

Although many farmers seem to have a sort of horror of accounts, and are inclined to say, "I don't know anything about bookkeeping" or "It takes too long," still the best of our farmers have always kept some sort of record of their farm operations and transactions and the practice is becoming more common and necessary as farming becomes more of a competitive business.

Our Ottawa Letter

Ottawa, May 10th, 1930. Parliament is enjoying the ominous calm that precedes the storm. In the sittings of the past few days there has been but little to indicate that an election struggle, generally expected to be bitter, is just around the corner.

Indeed since Rt. Hon. Mr. King announced his intention of closing up the house as speedily as possible and going to the people, the parliamentary situation has become complicated rather than otherwise. In addition to the business which was on the order paper when Hon. Mr. Bennett launched his want-of-confidence amendment that precipitated the government's election announcement, there is now a sub-amendment proposed on behalf of the Progressives by W. R. Fansher of Last Mountain.

The sub-amendment is not one which is expected to pass. Not only will it be opposed by the Conservative opposition, but the government forces also will resist it. Its purpose is purely political. The Progressives are looking for political capital for their ridings, and seeking to embarrass Western Liberals, by placing them on record against a proposal to reduce the tariff upon articles of wearing apparel.

In the debate, of the past few days the textile industry has been much to the fore. Conservative speakers, notably A. M. Edwards of

South Waterloo and T. A. Murphy of Lanark, have been emphasizing that the so-called protectionist budget of the government has done nothing to aid in the revival of this basic industry, despite the fact that millions of dollars worth of equipment, capable of affording employment to thousands of workers, is standing idle for lack of a sufficient tariff.

"Hon. Members should bear in mind," Mr. Edwards emphasized, "that this condition has not been brought about because we have an oversupply of such factories or equipment in Canada. We have not enough spinning machinery in Canada to take care of our normal requirements. The fact is that while our present mills are standing idle the importations from mills abroad, where wages are much lower than those in Canada, are continuing to the extent of millions of dollars annually, creating a competition which it is impossible for our mills to meet if they are to pay living wages to their employees."

The re-acton upon the farm enterprise of the failure to encourage the textile industry also constituted one of the points in the debate. Mr. Edwards pointed out that whereas at Confederation Canada had had 3,500,000 sheep, the total today was less than 3,000,000, notwithstanding the fact that a total of 20,000,000 was required in order to meet the normal woolen requirements of the country's population.

The present opinion in parliament is that the budget debate will close on Monday, and that the

chamber will be able to get down to actual business upon the tariff resolutions. Just how long they will require for their passage is a problem upon which few Commonsense will hazard an opinion. It is generally expected, however, that a fortnight, if not sufficient for their passage, will at any rate suffice to tire the patience of the government and induce it to go to the country without the budget being enacted. While it is known that the ministry is anxious to have the budget adopted before it appeals to the people, it is not believed that the point is regarded as absolutely vital. As a matter of practice the budget is now in force, and the general election can only affect it, so far as the Liberal Party is concerned, by giving it the formal endorsement of the people to confirm it.

The special committee of the house on soldiers' pensions has been working busily ever since the prospect of the close of the session was raised, and it is expected that on Wednesday next it will recommend to the house a bill completely revising the conditions for the application and granting of soldier pensions. While nothing definite has been announced, it is generally expected that the change for which the veterans have been contending, namely of shifting the onus of disproof of a claim to the Board of Pension Commissioners, will be given effect.

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