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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

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Market For Flax

In an address to dairymen of Perth county, J. B. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, declared that there will be a big increase in the growing of flax in all Western Ontario if plans now under consideration by the Ontario Government materialize. He stated that there is an extensive market at present in the North of Ireland, where growers are anxious to secure flax from Canadian farmers.

Mr. Fairbairn intimated that an expert might be sent from the province to Ireland to study the flax situation and report back to the department. The Empire Marketing Board has offered to co-operate in every way possible. At the present time about 7,000 acres are devoted to flax in Western Ontario.

Fighting the Weeds

Ontario is this year making a determined effort to eliminate the weed menace which in recent years has seriously reduced crop returns and land values. Under the Ontario Weed Control Act it is the duty of rural municipalities to see that all weeds growing upon highways under their jurisdiction are cut down at the proper time to prevent the ripening of their seed and to appoint such officers as may be necessary for that purpose. Railway companies are required to take similar action along their rights of way. If weeds are to be eliminated from Ontario everyone must do his share because one weedy farm can effectively infest a whole neighborhood. Destroy weeds and help prevent enormous annual loss.

Bound For Poultry Congress

Prof. John Buchanan, Director of Extension at the Ontario Agricultural College, sailed last week on the Duchess of Bedford for England, to set up and arrange the Ontario Government exhibit in connection with the World's Poultry Congress, which opens on July 22. Prof. Buchanan has already designed and built the exhibit, which has been shipped to London. On July 2, a large party from Canada will sail for the Congress, and included in the number will be Dr. F. N. Marcellus, of the O.A.C., and Mrs. Marcellus. The Congress opens on July 22 and continues until July 31.

Veterinary Summer Courses

The summer course for practicing veterinarians which was so well liked last year is being repeated at the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph from July 7th to 11th. A short course on the veterinary problems connected with the fox industry will also be held on July 14th and 15th at the College, when both breeders and veterinarians will be present.

As one of the largest and best equipped veterinary colleges on the continent, O. V. C. is providing a service for the live stock industry which can hardly be gauged. Linked with the Ontario Agricultural College it is carrying on research into all kinds of health of animals problems and helping to rid the country of disease.

Tomato Crop Improvement

An extensive improvement program for the tomato crop branch of farming has been planned by the Ontario Agricultural College, for Northumberland and adjoining counties. Accordingly T. H. Jones and Mr. Butler of the Ontario agricultural staff for the past few weeks have conducted experiments on farms in the Quinte district in the spraying of tomatoes in beds before being transplanted. Tomatoes under this treatment were sprayed at various stages of growth with bordeaux mixture. The plants then were distributed to different growers, who will keep them under close observation during the present season.

Modern Spraying

Spraying practices have undergone radical changes in the last quarter of a century. Whereas an apple grower was once content to apply a single spray, today many of them spray as many as nine times to control apple scab. It is true that insects and fungus pests have greatly increased in numbers and that their working season is apparently longer. In any event the modern orchardist has found that it pays to spray early and often. Spraying appliances have shown noteworthy improvements. The old heavy rain made by early pumps and nozzles has changed to the finest mist or fog covering trees thickly, thoroughly and with less material used.

Injuries to Hogs

Quite serious losses are sometimes suffered from bruising of market hogs while in transit. The bruising causes a discoloration of the flesh which the packers are forced to cut away, destroying the side perhaps for the Wiltshire bacon trade. Much of this injury is done at either the loading or the unloading end of the trip from the farm to the packer through rough handling, which could be avoided through the use of secure, well-built loading chutes and a little extra care in providing plenty of straw in the railroad car.

Improving the Herd

In a recent address, W. R. Reek, Superintendent of the Ridgetown Experimental Station urged the need for cow-testing and declared that breeders have not made sufficient progress along this line. "Why work with low producers?" he asked. "It is the low producers and poor crops that are injuring our markets and it would be impossible to secure a market that would be profitable for the poor crops or inefficient cows. Don't expect someone else to clean up your difficulties for you. Tackle them yourself. The object of every dairyman should be a high producing herd, as too much time is now wasted on poor cows and inefficient methods."

The Women's Institute

There are now 1,150 Women's Institutes in the rural districts of Ontario with a membership of over 40,000. The Institutes exist for promoting social contacts and whatever is beneficial to the community as a whole, especially to women and children, through co-operative effort. The movement, started at Stoney Creek, in 1897, has now become world wide. Women's Institutes, wherever they exist, are non-sectarian and non-political.

Grading Wool Has Helped

Canadian wools are now recognized both at home and in outside importing countries as possessing highly desirable qualities. Since wool grading became a general policy several years ago, buyers have learned to look with confidence to Canada for supplies. In the last fiscal year a little less than 3,500,000 pounds were graded, slightly more than in the preceding year. Wool grading has had a very good effect on improving the annual wool clip and its preparation for market. The fleeces now received at the storages are well-rolled and dyed and show a very small percentage of rejects or low grade wools.

Harkaway

A number from this vicinity attended the U.F.O. Picnic at Flesherton on Tuesday.

Misses Lina Murdock and Isobel Torrie of Markdale visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker and baby of Windsor are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Patton and other relatives.

We are pleased to report Mrs. W. Halbert, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia the last month, gaining. We hope she may continue that way.

Mr. Chas. Thompson had the misfortune on Wednesday while working in the gravel pit to have a finger very badly hurt. We hope the injured finger will soon heal.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnston and children of Owen Sound and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston and Nettie of Temple Hill were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston and family.

Mr. B. Pitts of Meaford and Miss Olive Quinton of Walters Falls were Sunday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson were Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wiley and boys of Epping, Mrs. Rorke of Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie and girls of Cherry Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawken, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rodman and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson and children of Markdale were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A. Barry.

Rev. Mr. McCarten preached his farewell sermon on Sunday to a large congregation. Rev. and Mrs. McCarten were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawken and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Menary on Sunday. We wish Mr. and Mrs. McCarten every success in their new charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rusk of Markdale visited a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rodman.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Binns were Mr. and Mrs. Wardrope of Chatsworth, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Corby, Mrs. Scarrow, Mr. and Mrs. Dewar of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Binns of West Toronto.

Sunday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rodman were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page and Master Carson of Markdale and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rodman.

Rev. W. C. and Mrs. Pearce of Drumbo are visiting with the McLaughlin family and will attend the Taylor re-union on Monday at Wasaga Beach.

The W. M. S. met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard Johnston. The meeting opened with singing and prayer by the president, Mrs. Binns. Scripture reading, John 14, read alternately. Ten members and five visitors were present. It was moved that every member give in two dollars not later than October. It was decided that all the members that can do so write to Mrs. F. G. Stevens, Norway House, Man., so that she may receive these letters before leaving for her very lonely Northern Mission. Mrs. Wakefield gave a reading entitled "Prince of Leadership." This was followed by a recitation by Miss Edna Lyons entitled "The Great Guest Comes." Mrs. Barry then gave a talk on the 4th Chapter of the Study Book. Rev. Wakefield gave two interesting talks on the Work of the British and Foreign Bible Society entitled "The Harvest of the Year," and "Winter visiting in Northern Ontario by one of our Missionaries." These readings and talks were very much enjoyed by all present. Next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. A. Barry. The word for meeting is "Redemption." Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Wakefield. Miss Maggie Johnston, assisted by Mrs. Corby and Miss Leona Johnston, served a dainty lunch when a pleasant half hour was spent. Tea money $1.75.

Eugenia

Quite a severe electric storm passed over here Monday about 4.30 p. m. There was some damage done by the hail.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Williams, on Monday, June 23rd, twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron and children of Toronto visited on Sunday with Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. Bert Magee, husband and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whiteoak and two children of Feversham visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaitting and Delsa.

Mr. Chas. Park, of the H.E.P.C., Toronto, spent Monday and Tuesday at his parental home here.

Mr. Herb. McMullen, Mr. Lloyd Moore and Miss Verna Long were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Kaitting on Sunday.

Mrs. J. Linton and son, John, and daughter, Miss Reta, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert. Magee on Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Lever and brother, Harold, of Flesherton, and sister, Miss I. M. Lever of Toronto, accompanied by their mother, and Miss Edna McCallum, nurse-in-training at Grace Hospital, Toronto, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Conn and family of Feversham and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Conn of Windsor visited one day the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Kaitting.

Mr. W. E. Morgan has returned home from Christie Street Hospital, Toronto. We are glad to have him back in the village again and we wish him continual improvement in his health.

Mrs. Rody Gordon and family and Mr. Chas. Turner's family are under quarantine with the prevailing epidemic. We hope they are soon well again.

Mr. Robt. Young of Maxwell visited with his son, Fred, and wife the first of the week. All three accompanied by Mr. John Magee attended Mr. Jackson's meeting Monday evening in Proton.

Miss Irene Thompson, in company with the Misses Kathleen Hutchinson and Iola Graham, are holidaying at a summer resort near Orillia. We wish the girls an enjoyable time.

Mr. John Sheers, mail carrier, and Mr. John Magee visited on Sunday at Stayner.

Mr. Henderson and son of Toronto are holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Williams.

Master Rody Gordon had the misfortune to step on a sharp tin with his barefoot and received a very nasty cut. Dr. Bibby was summoned and he called Dr. Brown. Chloroform was administered and the injured foot was attended to. Rody is suffering considerably from the sore foot, but we hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. Percy Magee and son, Willie, are visiting friends at Orangeville at present. Mrs. Magee's health was impaired and we hope the rest will restore her to her usual good health again.

Holland Centre

Born—On Thursday, July 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirktown (nee Ruby Givens), the gift of a son.

Miss Rhoda Shute, who has been teaching school in Toronto, is home for the sumer holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. McCarten left for their new pastoral charge at Kemble on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Wm. Smith and little baby are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bentham and little granddaughter, Shirley Marriott, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Craven and family.

Miss Alma Hampton spent Sunday at her parental home here.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Wm. Holley is suffering from a severe burn on the leg. We hope for her speedy recovery.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Fee on June 26th. A large number of members were present, with Mrs. Thos. Fee, the president in the chair. The meeting was opened by the singing of "O Master, Let me walk with Thee," after which Rev. Mr. McCarten led in prayer. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Emerson Craven, followed by the reading of the minutes and the roll call by the secretary, Mrs. Harry Jackson. Then came the most pleasing feature of the afternoon when, following a complimentary address read by Mrs. (Dr.) Bull, which expressed very feelingly the regrets of the Ladies' Aid at losing two of their most highly esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. McCarten were presented with an Avondale Comfortable by Mrs. Thos. Fee, on behalf of the members of the Ladies' Aid. Appropriate replies were made by both Mr. and Mrs. McCarten, after which everyone joined in singing "Jesus keep me near the cross." Then several items of business were discussed and the meeting was closed by singing "Blessed Assurance," and repeating the Mizpah Benediction. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Thos. Fee, served a very dainty lunch.

Miss Roberta Knox spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Muriel Knox, who is staying at Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Campbell's.

The shingling of the United church roof, under the supervision of Mr. Robt. Harper, has been completed.

Miss Willa Patterson was with the Young People's Society on June 24 and gave a very interesting lecture on the work among the Ukranians in the West.

Mrs. Robinson of Dundalk is visiting with Mrs. James Dixon at present.

Miss Marie Troughton left on Tuesday of last week to visit some friends at Oshawa.

Mrs. Thos. Sowerby entertained the St. Matthias' Church Ladies' Guild, Berkeley, on Wednesday evening of last week.

Berkeley

Miss Beatrice Irwin of Toronto is holidaying with her sister, Mrs. Jno. Price, and Miss J. Irwin.

Miss M. Dodd and Mrs. E. Dodd motored from Hamilton last week and are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Agnes Beatty, and Mrs. H. David and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Abbott and the former's mother, Mrs. Hammett, of Toronto and Mr. Jos. Gawley sr., spent the week-end and holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McTaggart.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Haldenby and family motored from Thamesford and visited for the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. McInnis and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caswell. Miss Elsie Caswell accompanied them home for a two weeks' vacation.

Quite a large congregation gathered at the United Church on Sunday morning to hear Rev. Mr. McCarten preach his farewell sermon before his departure to Kemble.

The play presented on Thursday evening by Bognor talent was well attended and well presented. The proceeds amounted to nearly forty dollars.

Mr. Joe Middleton motored to Toronto and visited for the holiday with his sister.

Miss Josie Black of Toronto is holidaying with Mr. J. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Gillespie and Arthur of Owen Sound visited on Sunday with the former's parents.

(Intended for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Haldenby and family of Thamesford spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. R. W. Martin and Mrs. Brough of Collingwood spent a couple of days in our burg recently.

Miss Josie Black of Toronto is holidaying at Mrs. Wm. Fitzsimmons' here.

The United Church Ladies' Aid held there meeting at the home of Mrs. Thos. Wiggins on Thursday. At the close of the meeting they journeyed to Rev. and Mrs. McCarten's at Holland Centre, to present them with a little token of remembrance on there departure.

Mr. Bert Watts, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. J. Watts, Mrs. Wes. Stoddart and Mr. Edwin Stafford, motored to Cochrane to visit their sister, Mrs. Will Teeter, for a week.

Miss Mabel Walters of Toronto is visiting at her home here.

Miss Elsie Caswell is spending a couple of weeks, the guest of Misses Marion and Norma Haldenby at Thamesford.

Miss Beatrice Irwin of Toronto spent the week-end with her sisters, Miss Irwin and Mrs. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Caswell and family of Rosedale, accompanied by Mrs. Dodds, Berkeley, spent Sunday with Glenelg friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCauley of Flesherton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Henry.

(This week's items.)

Mr. Richard Walters, accompanied by his boy friends, motored from Detroit and spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rowe of Detroit spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mr. McConnell spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watts of Niagara Falls, N.Y., called on friends here on Sunday.

Mr. Chris. Swigger and niece of Toronto are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Kirk.

Miss Madeline Flumerfelt of Toronto is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Henry and family motored to Granton for the week-end.

Mr. John Deaver spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hannah.

Berkeley L. O. L. attended Divine Service in the United Church Sunday evening at which the new pastor, Rev. Kitchen, delivered a fine sermon.

The Berkeley ball team is making a good showing, but can't always be on the winning side.

Rocklyn

Quite showery of late.

Miss Olive McGirr of Bognor is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. McGirr.

Mr. W. Yeadell, who has spent the past two months in Toronto, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Born—On Wednesday, June 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Sewell, a son.

On Monday evening last the friends and neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Erskine and presented them with a miscellaneous shower in honor of their recent marriage. We join in wishing them a happy and properous wedded life.

Miss Eliza Clugston and Miss Pearl left on Monday last by steamer "Manitoba" from Owen Sound, enroute for Hawarden, Sask., where the former will visit her sister, Mrs. E. Lougheed. Miss Pearl intends to take a trip to the coast before returning.

Sorry to report Mrs. W. FitzPatrick ill at the home of her sister, Miss Flora Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCullough and Misses Vera and Iva of Collingwood visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Will Clugston.

TO THE ELECTORS

The Official Nomination is in Durham on Monday, July 14th, at 2 o'clock. The rink is ready if needed.

I broadcast over C.F.R.B., Tuesday, July 22nd, from 8.30 to 9.00 o'clock, Standard Time. If I do not see you at Durham I will say "Hello" from Toronto.

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MISS MACPHAIL AND DIVORCE

Miss Macphail, South-East Grey's representative in the last House of Commons at Ottawa, voted in favor of the granting to Ontario of the power to create its own divorce courts. In face of the overwhelming majority she has for so long stressed the point that it was the right prerogative of the people, and not any politician or party, to make that decision, I feel at this time to ask: "Did she represent the people of South-East Grey when she voted for the establishment of divorce courts in Ontario?"

Surely she did not take it upon herself to state that the people of South-East Grey are not in favor of divorce courts. Neither did the people of Ontario. The people of Ontario did not ask that this province be given this authority. Rather, there was an outcry at the time when this infamous Woodsworth bill was introduced. Far as the people of this Province were concerned, the question to leave things as they were, and to have nothing to do with a measure that was to invade the homes of this country and leave a trail of sorrow in its wake.

The people of Ontario almost revolted against this attempt to force on the people of the Province something they did not want, something which they regarded with abhorrence, and something which, if it came into a foothold in this Province, will assuredly so [illegible] the sanctity of the marriage vow, make for loose morals, and in the end prove the most [illegible] legislation ever passed through the House of Commons at Ottawa.

But Miss Macphail voted for it, voted for it in direct opposition to the wishes and pleas of the people of South-East Grey, who sent her as their representative.

Miss Macphail has on many times without number that the big profit to be gained with the two old political parties was that they did not represent the people. For this, according to her reasoning, they should be voted out of authority and a government that would truly represent the people elected.

What nerve has Miss Macphail after going against the wishes of the people of South-East Grey. According to her own statements and reasoning, she should be defeated at the polls on the 28th of this month for this breach of trust.

It is scarcely possible that the electorate of this riding will condone Miss Macphail's breach of trust by marking their ballots in her favor on polling day.

DO FARMERS NEED PROTECTION?

Do the farmers of the Dominion of Canada, and more especially Eastern Canada, need protection from the inroads on their business by the importation of foodstuffs from those countries where the cost of production is lower and where the standard of living, if not to be compared with that enjoyed by the Canadian agriculturist? Can they successfully compete under these conditions, with the assurance they are receiving a fair return for the labor expended?

This is the main issue of the present federal election campaign as it effects the farmers of South-East Grey. It will be the farmers who will decide this question at the polls on the 28th of this month. To them it will appeal as a matter of business; idle sentiment should not and will not count. Farmers, like other business men, are in business in order that they may make a living for themselves and their families during the productive years of their lives, and also to lay by a sufficient amount of this world's goods to assure them a decent existence in their declining years. This is about the best the average farmer and business man can hope for.

As the standard-bearer of the Liberal-Conservative party in the present campaign, I promise, if elected, to do everything in my power to improve the business conditions of this country as it effects the farming community; and by so doing increase the prosperity of the country as a whole. Behind me in this pledge, stands the political party I represent, whose platform appeared in this column last week.

Yours sincerely,

L. G. CAMPBELL.