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Live Stock Figures
According to authoritative figures, there are about 180,000 farms in Ontario maintaining live stock, with capital invested in this stock of approximately \$210,000,000. This estimate is roughly apportioned as follows: Horses, \$82,000,000; cattle, \$120,000,000; sheep, \$7900,000; swine, \$14,000,000; poultry, \$18,000,000.

Dairy cattle are said to return to Ontario annually approximately one hundred million dollars from the butter, cheese, milk, powder and whole milk.

Making Poultry Pay
One of the most interesting features of the Poultry Week Conference at O.A.C. was the facts of poultry flock revenue as presented by Dr. Macellus in connection with the O.B.S. work in Ontario. One flock of 225 hens produced revenue totalling \$2,383.50, and the cost of feed totalled \$833.96; a profit over cost of feed for the year of \$1,459.

Here is where the revenue came from: Market eggs, \$850.68; hatching eggs, \$199.70; market poultry, \$747.97; and sale of chicks and breeding stock, \$595.15. In connection with feed, this operator bought feed to the extent of \$366.09 and fed feed produced on his own farm to a value of \$567.87.

A number of outbreaks of soil webworm have occurred in the western part of the province. The method of control proving most satisfactory is spraying with 4 pounds of arsenate of lead to 40 gallons of water. This, of course, can only be used where no stock are present.

Tour Tobacco Area
The inspection tour of the Standing Committees on Tobacco Investigations took place early in August. The party included Dr. Harcourt, Messrs. N. J. Thomas and J. E. Hargrave of the Department of Chemistry, O. A. C., Dr. Nelson, and other federal tobacco specialists as well as others directly interested in the tobacco crop. The tour was started at the Harrow Experimental Station and tobacco fields were visited in Kent, Essex, Elgin and Norfolk. At the tobacco test plots near Delhi a special study was made of fertilizers of varying combinations on the tobacco plants.

Following official tests, the O.A.C. herd of cattle, numbering 181 head, was pronounced absolutely free from tuberculosis. Live stock shipments from Canada to Great Britain continue to increase, a recent report showing that approximately 10,000 head of cattle have been marketed in the United Kingdom so far this season.

The harvest of tomatoes and corn for canning purposes is in full swing and most districts report the prospect of very good crops. Several counties declare the corn crop the best in years. In a few districts tomatoes have been severely injured by the tomato worm.

Latest returns from beekeepers in various parts of Ontario indicate that the honey crop generally will be lighter than anticipated three weeks ago. Unsettled weather came at a time when the honey flow was in full swing and materially lessened the crop.

A Pasture Experiment
A very interesting pasture demonstration has been carried out during the past two seasons on the farm of Howard Fraleigh, M.L.A., at Forest. Mr. Fraleigh, who is prominent in Ontario agriculture not only for his outstanding success with fibre crops, but as a breeder of Angus, is keenly interested in the problem of pasture maintenance.

With the co-operation of the chemistry department of the O. A. C., a series of plots was laid out in 1920 along the highway running beside Mr. Fraleigh's farm. In addition to the fertilizer applied in 1920, the pasture was harrowed over and re-seeded with a grass and clover mixture. The result of this reconditioning was very plainly apparent at a field meeting held on the plots this summer.

Part of the plots were grazed but a section of each was fenced off so that the actual growth of grass could be seen and checked.

Rural Hydro Expands
Returns compiled by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for Ontario of rural services to the end of May last show that 50,064 rural customers were connected with the various systems. From November 1 last to the end of May 3,340 new services were installed and 511 for May alone.

In the same period 438 miles of rural transmission lines were constructed, besides 666 for the seven months' period ending May 31. The total amount invested in rural systems is \$15,650,226 of which \$7,743,758 was a bonus by the province.

Markets Council Active
Charles W. Bauer, newly appointed secretary of the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Markets Council, has had ten years' experience with the Vineland Growers' Association, which he managed very efficiently. He has now opened an office in the Bruce Building, Hamilton, and will give his whole attention to the growers' marketing problems.

In a recent statement the president, H. L. Craze, said: "We are going to list all the commercial growers of fruit and vegetables and obtain particulars regarding the crops in which they are most interested. We expect to bring about a more satisfactory relationship between growers and canners, and in every export market we expect to maintain commercial representatives who will promote the sale of Ontario produce and put buyers in touch with growers and shipping organizations who are in a position to pack in carload quantities to supply these outside markets."

H. E. Thoms has already been established in Winnipeg to represent Ontario growers in that market, and the president of the council has intimated that markets in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces will likewise be explored.

C. R. Itic Watches Digger

Dear Readers,—I have been pretty busy during the last few days watching the big digging machine ripping up the main street and I've had plenty of assistance at the job. They got the machine in operation on Thursday morning and before Saturday night they had dug out between two and three feet from Queen Street corner to the Public Library on the east side of the village. At the present time if it were filled with water it would make a real good fishing pond provided the fish were in it. There is quite a gang of men assisting in placing the curb and gutter will be placed and I could get a job on this work but they hadn't a spare pick and shovel so I was out of luck again.

I was over to the fair grounds on Wednesday to see the ball games and I had a real afternoon's sport. On my way in I ran across Ben Walden who was offering chances to guess on the weight of a pig in a crate. He was charging 25 cents a guess but I had paid my last quarter to the gatekeeper to get in so I couldn't take a guess on the weight of the pig. Up on the grand stand where I went there was quite a crowd watching the different events. A softball game between the Cherry Grove boys and Markdale was the first item of interest and it wasn't going long when the horse race was called. I was interested in Jack Johnston's colt and went over to the judge's stand, which was Percy Sim's truck, hoping that I would know the officials and get an invitation to assist them with the race. They were both strangers and I did not get a chance to do any of the work. Jack's colt didn't get away to a good start in the first heat and consequently was in third place at the finish. In the second heat he got a good start and made a fine showing, winning the round handily. In the third he broke several times and was third again. I was badly disappointed as I was sure he would have won the race.

Herb Irwin and his partner with the pipes and the drum kept the Scotchmen in good humor all afternoon with their music. The sports lasted so long that I was late in getting home for supper and I had to be satisfied with a cold lunch as the little woman had the dishes washed and was a bit sore because I hadn't arrived home on time.

She went to the concert at night and I stayed home to look after the youngsters. I think she must have remained for the dance as we had been in bed for some time before she arrived home. They tell me that the bottom fell out of a piece of the road below Flesheron one night last week and left a hole big enough to drop a barn into it. Several trucks have been busy trying to fill it with gravel from a big hill but the last I heard the hole was still there. I tried to get a chance down to see it on Sunday but I wasn't successful. The work in the gravel pit here has been stopped until the hole at Flesheron has been filled.

As a noise-making machine the big digger on the street is one of the best I have ever heard. It is a wonderful attraction for the members of the Sons of Rest and they are out in great numbers these days. I am hoping that when they start laying the cement I will be able to get a job as I have helped to put in the floors in several barns and know how the work should be done. I am going to see Johnnie Dillon tonight to see if I can't get on. Keep eyes open and you'll see me on the cement job when it starts.

Yours truly,
C. R. Itic.

New Market For Lambs
One of the most interesting developments or trends of the present time is the extent to which tourist traffic is providing new outlets for farm products. The visitor evidently prefers the best in quality and insists on having it supplied fresh. This demand is making itself felt in connection with almost all farm products, but this year it is particularly noticeable in connection with the heavy demand for fresh lamb and mutton. Despite the fact that there has been a fairly heavy marketing of lambs, and that these have had to compete with considerable quantities of imported frozen lamb, the tourist demand has taken care of practically all the fresh product as fast as it has come onto the market.

Fly Spray Valuable
The importance of fly spray for cattle is definitely shown in the following statement by a well-known Oxford dairyman: "Our herd had not been sprayed for two or three days and the milk flow had been materially affected. The first day after spraying there was 22 pounds more milk and the second day the herd was up 42 pounds. This rate was maintained for about a week. While other factors may have been partly responsible, I believe the increase was largely due to the fly spray. This increase was not much on twenty cows, but it more than paid for our investment in fly spray at 90 cents per gallon."

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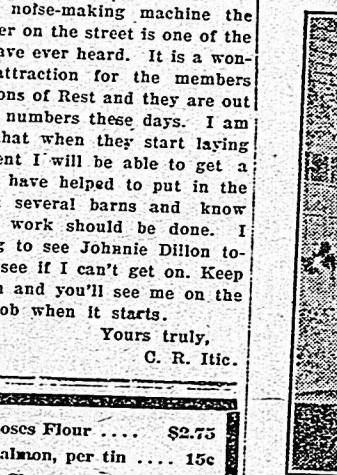
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"A French-Canadian Wedding in 1830"



A hundred years ago when our great-grandfathers and grandmothers were marrying and occasion one of the most colorful and joyous in their lives. Reconstruction of such a wedding with the utmost fidelity to costume and customs has been done by Alderic Bourgeois, Montreal newspaperman and writer, who has written a sketch with the above title for the Quebec Festival to be held at the Chateau Frontenac, October 16-18. Musical settings will be by Oscar O'Brien, Montreal composer and song writer.

One of the old customs was the arrival of uninvited guests, attracted by the good cheer and general gaiety, who paid their scot with songs and dances. These will be represented in the sketch by Lionel Daunais, Miville Belleau, Emile Boucher and Fortunat Champagne, of the Bytown Troubadours, who will keep things moving with true French-Canadian verve, singing in all 15 old wedding songs harmonized by Mr. O'Brien. There will be choruses of men and women's voices, a quartette of young girls, fiddlers and folk dancers.



Members of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association of Canada with their wives and daughters gathered outside the Hotel Saskatchewan on the occasion of the Association's annual convention held at Regina July 3 and 4. After two days spent in the business of the convention the whole party went by special train over the Canadian Pacific to Banff where for three days they enjoyed the many attractions of Banff Springs Hotel and the Chateau Lake Louise. Among some of the world's finest and most romantic scenery they played over the golf course, plunged into the swimming pools and biked over mountain trails during three busy and happy days.