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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

For the first nine months of this year the number of head of live stock going through our Canadian stock yards is considerably higher than for the same period of last year. For instance, cattle number 582,602 as compared with 454,320 a year ago. Hogs are 1,141, 054, against 1,026,910 in 1930 and for nine months sheep numbered 360,422 compared with 306,183 for the nine months in 1930. Calves numbered 232,843 for 1931, against 241,106 for 1930, which is the only class showing a decrease.

Onion Growers Benefit
C. W. Bauer, secretary of the Ontario Growers' Markets Council, reports having completed negotiations with the Canadian National Steamships whereby Canadian onions now compete more favorably with Holland for the British West India trade.

Effective October 26th, the rate on onions from Montreal, Halifax and St. John is now 50¢ per hundred pounds to the ports of call in Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara, while to the smaller islands, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenada, the new rate is 60 cents per hundred pounds, as against the former rate of 75¢ to all ports of the British West Indies. It is expected with these reduced rates, the Ontario onion growers will meet a brisk demand from these markets.

British Apple Market
"More cheerful prospects for Ontario apples," is the way Andrew Fulton heads his latest bulletin from London, England. It was written after the return to power of the National Government and reflects definitely a restored confidence that better trade will exist in the United Kingdom from now on. Mr. Fulton states that in spite of the heavy trans-Atlantic shipments of apples and the decline of prices to lower levels, a better average has been maintained than expected. He has sold McIntosh apples from Western Ontario for \$6.25 a barrel, Greenings \$5.90, Snow \$5.86, and King \$5.57 on the Glasgow market. Watercore was found to the extent of about 40 per cent in several shipments of Kings. Mr. Fulton complains about the disadvantage under which Ontario growers are laboring owing to an unduly high freight rate, as compared with the rate paid by Nova Scotia shippers. He speaks encouragingly of the increasing popularity of Ontario apples of high quality, such as the Big "O" and Norfolk brands. He cautions growers not to ship between Dec. 15th and Jan. 11th as there is little demand during this period.

Cause of Barn Fires
That spontaneous combustion, and not incendiaries, was responsible for the great majority of the barn fires which occurred in Ontario during the last two months, is the opinion given, based on somewhat similar occurrences in previous years as well as on the reports of Fire Marshal Heaton and General Victor Williams, commissioner of provincial police, who since the first cry of "fire-bug" terrified the countryside, have had inspectors and detachments of constabulary constantly on patrol and inquiry in the affected areas. A majority of the fires which have occurred since the first of October are technically termed "self-heating" fires, being produced indirectly from "fermentation gas" that develops in cases where hay and grains are hauled to barn-mows without having first been properly cured in the fields. This gas, which is lighter than air and highly inflammable, rises from the grain to the top of the barn, especially where there is lack of adequate ventilation, and only needs an infinitesimal spark or flame to expand and explode it. Usually most barn fires occur in August and September, but the mild weather late this fall resulted in a continuation of the fire hazard into October and November. The insurance companies have been heavy losers, but most of the concerns covering losses are spread around. Ontario has always suffered heavily from barn fires. Two years ago there were 1,013 outbreaks reported, while in 1928 the figure was 848, and last year 894. The large loss in 1930 was also attributed to spontaneous combustion, since it was a difficult season for curing hay, also to lightning.

Grades For Turnips
Market grades for turnips have been in force for some years and with recent amendments specify the requirements for Canada No. 1, small, small medium, medium and large. The small grade includes turnips two to four inches in diameter that are shapely and free from damage. The term "shapely" is taken to mean reasonably regular in outline and with a length not more than one and a half times the diameter. Defects that are ruled

Why Burn Straw Stacks?
When with the use of suitable chemicals they can be converted into manure the question "Why burn straw stacks?" is really pertinent. Straw is worth something more than as a bedding material, and not the least valuable is its use for making pounds of ammonium sulphate and 100 lbs. of lime to each ton of straw and this thoroughly soaked with water produces a manure of distinct fertilizer value. From three to six months are required for the organic changes to become effective and the resultant substance has much of the appearance and practically the same value as barnyard manure!

Potato Selling Campaign
Under auspices of the Ontario Growers' Market Council, a selling campaign on potatoes has been launched. The Council is urging the thousands of employers in Ontario to purchase ten bags each of home-grown potatoes, and at the same time to induce their employees to do similarly. The employers are asked to make arrangements for financial assistance, if necessary, in the purchase of these potatoes, and to furnish storage space for them. An appeal is also made to the farmer to register with the Ontario Growers' Markets Council the following information: Number of bags for sale, the variety of potatoes, and whether the potatoes will be government inspected. By virtue of this campaign it is hoped that the two million and six million dollars worth of potatoes in the next few weeks. This should have a stimulative effect on all lines of business, in addition to taking a great load off the farmer's shoulders. It will supply him with needed cash for the winter stock of clothing and other merchandise and thus retailers, wholesalers and everyone will benefit.

Weekly Crop Report
Reports from most districts show that fall work is about completed. Live stock and sheep are in good condition due to open pasturing weather. Eggs are now bringing good prices. In Lincoln they are selling as follows: Special, 50¢; extras, 45¢; fresh firsts, 42¢; pullet extras, 38¢; and fresh pullets, 35¢. The Oxford representative advises that the organization of the Oxford Fruit Co-operative under the management of Mr. George Laird, operating a central packing plant, has been the salvation of the fruit industry in that section. There has been no waste in the orchards that were taken care of and there is every prospect of reasonably good prices for the fruit. Down in Prescott and Russell the chicken thieves have been active lately, whole flocks of hens and turkeys disappearing over night. This is very discouraging at this time when most farmers figure on the poultry sideline for cash returns.

Slats' Diary
Friday—ole man MacKruger confessed today that he a tempted suicide last night, he tired on the gas and went to bed and then he happened to think that he cudden tirn it off when he was threw comiting suaside so he jumped out of bed and tinned it off, so he made a faleure of the job.
Saturday—Mr. Gillem says he is not making Xpenses now on acct. of the Dipreshun but from the way the Collectors is calling at there house Ant Emmy says Mrs. Gillem must be a making plenty of Xpenses.
Sunday—pa says ole man MacKruger always pays as he goes. Unless he goes with sumbody else.
Monday—up at the city last nite after the show Ant Emmy went down a side St. and sed she wood be back in a Jille. and she went up to a fellow and wanted a sack of Pea Nuts and she found out it was a fire engine taking its Xersize.
Tuesday—pa told us at Supper time that the bos down at the Noose paper office had got himself a new Toopee and Ant Emma wanted to now if he had traded in the Tooring car for the new Toopee.
Wednesday—Ant Emmy sent off for a sistem of Xercizes to reduce her wait and the 1st 1 is to tutch yure toes but all she can do yet is to point at them she says.
Thursday—Ant Emmy was happy today becuz she got wurd that a ole bodoholr witch she refused to Marry 1 time had left her 5 thousand \$.
Pa says meby that was what you wood call Gratitude.

Layers Need a Real Home
While there are many factors that enter into the management of the poultry flock, there is nothing that will have greater influence on the poultry raiser's success or failure than the way in which he houses his flock. Birds of good breeding, no matter how well fed, will not return maximum profits unless well housed. The poultry house is the hen's home and to be comfortable and give good production, the house should have proper ventilation, insulation and sanitation; it should have a proper location, plenty of light, be dry, and have ample floor space.
Buy Home-Grown Seed Corn
Geo. R. Paterson, departmental authority on seed corn who has just returned from a trip through Southwestern Ontario, is convinced that the purchase of imported seed corn this year would be not only unnecessary but most impracticable. He points out that the crop in Ontario is the largest in history, and the quality is exceptionally good. Mr. Paterson stresses the vital importance for planting in a northern climate. The varieties offered in the southwestern section of Ontario are well-suited to growing corn for silage, fodder, and grain feeding purposes both in this province and Eastern Canada. There should be no necessity this season of importing corn for seed purposes.
Dealers may expect a higher standard of seed this year, inasmuch as the inspection standards, to be set in the near future by the Federal Seed Branch are to be considerably more rigid.
Inquiries as to sources of supplies may be directed to the following officials: W. R. Reek, superintendent, Ridgeway Experimental Farm at Ridgeway, Ontario; S. B. Stothers, agricultural representative, Essex, Ontario; J. A. Garner, agricultural representative, Chatham, Ontario; W. P. Macdonald, agricultural representative, Petrolia, Ont.

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