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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

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Ontario Conventions

Feb. 2—Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers, Toronto.

Feb. 3—Ontario Plowmen's Association, Toronto.

Feb. 4—Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, Toronto.

Feb. 10—The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, Toronto.

Feb. 11-12—Ontario Horticultural Association, Toronto.

Cleaning Out Couch

The eradication of couch grass, otherwise known as quack, twich or scutch grass, is one of the hardest problems with which the farmer has to deal. Few people realize the enormous quantity of couch grass roots which exist in infested soil.

Tests conducted by the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa show weights of roots ranging from 531 to 6,997 pounds to the acre— as much as a heavy crop of hay. No wonder it is hard to clean out when it spreads by roots as well as seed.

Thoroughly cleaning out the roots is the one effective way of getting rid of couch. In small areas this may be done by hand. In larger areas by shallow plowing and working thoroughly with the cultivator to keep the roots turned up to the sun long enough for them to "kill".

Only as large an area as can be thoroughly cleaned up at one time should be undertaken, as half-way measures are only lost time and effort.

Canadian Eggs Best

The per capita consumption of eggs in Canada is approximately 366.18 a year, according to J. A. Carroll, secretary of the Ontario Marketing Board, a record unequalled by any other country, because of the fact that Canada produces the best eggs. Mr. Carroll gives as the underlying reason the fact that Canadian eggs are government graded, and declares: "Guesswork is eliminated. The annoyance and disappointment of paying for a high quality product and receiving an inferior one, is a thing of the past in Canada, so far as the egg business is concerned. The old expression, 'let the buyer beware', is obsolete in this country when eggs are being purchased. The Canadian consumer decides the quality of eggs he or she purchases, not the dealer, providing the eggs are bought by grade. As for the effect of this huge consumption on general prosperity, consider these figures. The farmer received an average price of 23cts. a dozen for his eggs, or a total revenue of \$69,940,000. The consumer paid an average price of 33.5 cts. a dozen or a total of \$117,176,000. The difference of \$47,234,000 is the sum contributed to 'business' in the way of transportation, storage, merchandizing and incidental costs."

Ship Approved Cockerels

Under the federal policy of cockerel distribution arrangements have been made to ship male birds which have passed inspection to Ontario points to supply demands for the coming breeding season. One lot of 200 cockerels is being shipped from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to Ontario, while another lot of around 500 birds is being shipped from the Western Provinces also to Ontario. Most of these birds are Barred Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes.

Fattening Poultry

In crate-feeding poultry particular care should be taken to feed a ration which will produce the white fat and the milk-fed quality. The following ration has been tested and found suitable for crate feeding: Equal parts of middlings, ground oats and mashed potatoes; equal parts of middlings, ground oats and cornmeal; equal parts of shorts, ground oats and ground barley; equal parts of low grade flour, and ground barley and ground oats; equal parts of ground whole wheat, ground whole oats and ground whole barley; equal parts of ground barley, ground buckwheat and bran.

Barley Crop Important

Barley has competed strongly with wheat as a revenue producer on Ontario farms. This grain holds an important place, for several reasons. It is a comparatively high yielding. Experiments show that mixed with early oats, returns from the combination exceed highest yields obtainable from either grain separately. Also, in analyses, it is shown that in carbohydrates and protein, barley compares very favorably with field corn. Barley is also the north country corn. In northern counties, where early frosts render the growing season too short for the production of large crops of corn, barley is found to be an excellent substitute. It grows rapidly and is the shallowest rooted of all the cereals. Because of these two points, barley does best of all cereals on ground which is insufficiently drained and hence is cold and backward in spring. In

recent experiments by the Department of Chemistry, O. A. C., it was noted that the highest yields of barley were realized where it followed a root crop. The department's experiments with fertilizer on barley, showing a big increase in yield where fertilizers were used, are important in view of the fact that this province last year sowed 505,000 acres of barley.

Hay Market Quiet

The hay market is reported as extremely quiet throughout Canada. The domestic demand during December was light as compared with other years, owing to the mild weather. The usual movement of hay to lumber, mining and road construction camps was not as brisk as in other years. The export demand for hay continues to be poor and unless it improves no real substantial movement is expected of the large supplies of commercial hay still in growers' hands in many parts of Canada. Prices being paid for immediate needs of the trade are much lower than in other years.

Alfalfa For Poultry

Alfalfa in the green state has long been recognized as an ideal poultry feed when used in conjunction with the usual grains and mashes. It is used extensively as cut green feed for birds in confinement or as cut green feed for birds in confinement during the spring, summer and fall months in alfalfa-growing areas, but the value of the hay as a winter feed is not so generally known. So much of the year's success depends on the number and quality of chicks hatched each spring, that it is important to do all possible to increase the fertility and hatchability of the eggs and the livability of the chicks. Experiments have shown that 20 per cent. better fertility and 6.4 per cent. better hatchability of fertile eggs can be obtained from birds where alfalfa hay instead of straw is used as litter in the breeding pens. The alfalfa should be used as litter during the winter months preceding the breeding season and the same treatment given to males and females.

Ontario Growers' Council Asks

Growers Register Acreage
Forms are being sent out as widely as possible to fruit and vegetable growers requesting them to register with the Ontario Growers' Council the acreage of the various crops they grow and intend to produce next season. Any grower who does not receive a form is asked to write for one, to the Secretary, Ontario Growers' Markets Council, Bruce Bldg., Hamilton. A concerted effort is to be made to provide next season against any repetition of the disastrous marketing season experienced by many growers this year.

In so far as fruit and vegetables

are concerned dependable information has been available from practically all producing districts in Canada with the exception of Ontario. This has resulted in Ontario production always being a most disturbing factor on domestic and export markets and the net returns to the growers for their production highly unsatisfactory. With this information available for Ontario, however, an accurate estimate of Canadian production can be made and thus closer working facilities can be arranged between all the fruit and vegetable producing provinces in order that the greatest advantage may be taken of all possible markets.

C. R. Itic at Hockey Match

Dear Readers,—I had a most enjoyable evening at the hockey match Saturday night and I must tell you all about it. I didn't know that there was to be a game until Saturday afternoon when I was up town and heard a couple of boys, who were ringing a bell, announcing it. When I went home I got everything in good shape around the house before announcing to the little woman that I was going to take in the game. There are times when she reminds me of Jiggs' Maggie and I was a little afraid that I might be requested to remain at home but luck was with me.

I came up town early after supper

and stood around at Hills' corner for a while hoping that some of the sports would invite me to go with them to the game and thus save the admission fee. I didn't get the invitation and after I had seen a few of the boys going to the rink with their outfits on I followed.

I had expected to see a bumper crowd

in attendance but I was somewhat disappointed. I thought that "The Greys" of Owen Sound would attract a big bunch of spectators from all quarters but they didn't. It was arranged that the High School boys would meet the visitors in the first spasm and they took the ice in a line-up like this: Goal-tender, Bob Dundas, younger son of George Dundas the tailor; defence, Alvin Noble and Bob Berry with Tuck Berry, Reg Warren and Sandy Alton as forwards. Stanley Thibodeau was the spare man. The Owen Sound lads got four or

Slats' Diary

Friday—went to a party of the younger set tonight and sum of the kids wanted to play Postoffice so we did and Elsy called me in for a to sent stamp. At 1st I was kinda of afraid on acct. they said that kisses has got jerm in them. But now I believe they are worse things then jerm.

Saturday—They was ottomobel! aksident here today and a man was killed and his wife was sent for and when they wanted to know how she wood identify him she sed he has been having a offie bad coff.

Sunday—Annie Prang has disided to put off getting a divorce untill after the Depreshun is over. she says she believes people shud ought to denie their self of sum of the pleasures of Life at this time.

Monday—Ma has got a new party Dress and she says she dusent think pa will like it a tall but then she Knoes she cant please evry body so she is a going to keep it enny ways.

Tuesday—Joe Blunt was let out of jail today witch he was in becuz he was a bottlegger. He sed he got a bad brake becuz he was locked up behind the Bars under Day litte saving time and was left out under regalar Standard time.

Wednesday—in the fiziology class the teacher ast Jake what was the meaning of the word Pore and Jake sed it meant when you dont have no incume to speak of and ect.

Thursday—Ant Emmy says that times have changed a grate deel since she was a young ladle. she sed now days when a girl holds a fellas hand you dont no weather she is in love with him or weather she is skairt of him.

Yours truly,
C. R. Itic.

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J. A. Halbert, president.
T. S. Cooper, secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING
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