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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

Farmers Will Benefit
The new hog grading regulations put into effect by promulgation in the Canada Gazette of January 30 extend the provisions for trading in hogs on the basis of official grades in such a way as entirely to eliminate flat-price trading. Hogs sold from farmer or other producer right down the line to the final packer or processor must be traded in on the basis of official grades. This ensures to the farmer full benefits of the agreement with the packing industry whereby a premium of one dollar is paid for all hogs grading "Select Bacon." The regulations also provide for that premium for quality, which is rightly his, passing back in larger measure to the original producer.

Field Roots For Horses
Turnips and carrots are the most commonly used of field roots as feed for horses. There is no question as to the value of field roots as feed for horses, a value which is too little appreciated.

Roots are rarely sliced or pulped when fed to horses for the reason that the outstanding virtue in root feeding is the beneficial effect on the teeth and gums resulting from the necessary biting into the whole root. The principle values of roots in the ration for horses are:

1. Increase palatability.
2. Form a succulent addition highly desirable, forming as it does a food in the natural or unchanged form.
3. Assists in or increases the digestibility of coarse fodders.
4. Benefits the teeth and gums.
5. Are slightly laxative.
6. Cheapens the ration.
7. Form a splendid tonic or conditioner.

Importance of Institutes
While the 1200 Women's Institutes in the Province of Ontario are devoting a good deal of time and thought and drawing upon their resources for relief and community service of various kinds their main objective is educational.

The country women at their regular monthly meetings pass on to each other much valuable information gained through practical experience, and they are utilizing to splendid advantage the literature available from various sources. The Institutes Branch of the Department of Agriculture provides graduate nurses, dietitians and seamstresses to give systematic instruction to groups of women and girls in their home centres. Last year there were 75 two-week courses in sewing, 41 in home nursing, 25 in food values, and in addition there were 74 three-day courses covering these lines. In a few cases special instruction in handicraft, needlecraft and house furnishing were given. Nearly 5000 girls and women took advantage of these special courses.

During 1931 there were 31 courses of one month's duration for girls. Twelve hundred young women, mostly girls, from the farm took advantage of this systematic instruction which covered housing, clothing and food problems, with classes morning and afternoon. The Department of Agriculture is, in this way, trying to take to the girls of rural Ontario some of the advantages enjoyed in the centres of population through classes established in the technical and high schools, as well as in the higher forms of the public schools.

It Pays to Dip Sheep
In discussing the fact of parasites on sheep and methods for their control, a Canadian authority gives four good reasons as to why it pays to dip sheep. These are:

1. Sheep that are free from ticks and lice grow more and better wool.
2. A clean flock requires less feed and is more easily kept in good condition.
3. The lamb crop is stronger, ewes milk better, and lambs grow more rapidly.
4. Parasites are a source of serious discomfort to sheep. The good shepherd should be mindful of the comfort of his flock.

He also points out that as a result of dipping the saving in feed and increased weight of lambs and wool may easily amount to from 50c to \$1.50 per ewe. The cost of dipping under ordinary conditions should not exceed three cents per head.

Must Have License
All persons other than producers, including farmers transporting their own fowl, must have a license from the warden and the county clerk if they want to transport fowl on the highway from one place to another. The provincial statute requires that such licenses be taken out regardless of whether or not there is a local by-law, but it is thought that the passing of a bylaw by county councils strengthens the officials' hands. The purpose of the license is to enable the police to get a better check

on chicken thieves as all persons other than the producer or farmer when transporting fowl must carry this license, produce the same when requested by the authorities and also show a record of the purchase made from the vendor. The license regulation does not apply to a private citizen transporting fowl bought from a farmer, but will be required from a purchaser if he is a dealer in fowl.

The Use of Potash
It is the light, sandy and gravelly soils and muck soils that as a rule are markedly deficient in potash, and on which profitable returns may be expected from the application of this element. The rate of application will, of course, depend on a number of factors, chief among which are the character and fertility of the soil, and the nature of the crops to be grown. For most grain crops an application of muriate of potash of 50 to 75 pounds per acre will be found sufficient. For clover and alfalfa these amounts might be doubled with profit. For potatoes, roots, corn and leafy crops, generally, 100 lbs. of muriate of potash per acre may be considered an average dressing, but frequently 200 pounds may be profitably used. As a rule it will be found more advantageous to use potash with forms of nitrogen and phosphoric acid than alone and it is always advisable to try out the fertilizer on a small scale before making large purchases.

Clover and Grass Seed
Due to the low cost of Ontario-produced clover and grass seed this year, farmers may seed down 10 to 20 acres more than they have been in the habit of doing, states A. H. Martin, Markets Board. In addition to this, the total cost of seed will be materially less. Nature has endeavoured, it would appear, to offset low prices by providing a bountiful crop. Almost every clover field in the Province has produced its allotment of seed and, in most cases, seed of very high quality.

The 1931 legume crop in Ontario has been estimated at varying amounts. Even the most conservative estimates, however, place the figure at one which will ensure ample high quality alfalfa, red clover and alsike of hardy strains, to meet the requirements of every farmer in this province. This heavy supply of homegrown legume seed is a real blessing to all farmers, particularly those not actually or regularly engaged in the production of small seeds.

Some sections of Ontario are not growing alfalfa, to any great extent. If the truth were known, this may be due to the disappointment caused by winter-killing of imported seed. As a soil builder, pasture and hay crop producer, alfalfa stands supreme. As a green manure crop, alfalfa opens the soil, adds nitrates and other plant foods, to a value much greater than the price of the seed. As a hay crop alfalfa outyields all others both in quality and quantity. It was the only crop to remain green for pasture during recent very dry years in Western Ontario. In sections where alfalfa has not yet secured a foothold, it should be sown in mixtures with other legumes.

This year clover, alfalfa and alsike, are very reasonable in price. Present conditions afford a splendid opportunity for a more extensive seeding down of legume crops for hay, pasture and as a green manure crop to be plowed down.

C. R. Itic Still Shut In
Dear Readers.—I haven't had much excitement lately as I am still confined to the fire-side with my cold. The hockey boys appear to be getting along without my assistance although I believe that if I had been on the job they would have made a better showing.

I was listening to the radio the other night and I heard a broadcast from Toronto of a hockey match which ended in a scrap something after the style of the scrap we had in Flesheron. There are many interesting programs coming over the radio and if it had not been so I would have been in a bad way with no person to listen to but the little woman and the children.

Jimmie Bradey was over to see me the other night and he's the only one of the boys who has called on me during my illness. He offered to take me to the hockey match in Orangeville but the little woman refused to let me go so I had to turn down the offer.

When I get out I am going to call a meeting to see what we are going to do regarding amusements in the sports line during the coming summer. I know that I can depend on Dan Murdoch and Nick Burnside to help me. They are both getting a great deal of satisfaction out of the hockey team in which they are so interested. Dan is the president of the club and Nick has something to do with the managing of the players. Scotty Stewart also helps to keep the boys in line. With these three and myself we should be able to get up a pretty good bunch of ball players and create some excitement around King Edward Park.

understand that Charlie Caldwell has dropped his baseball team and we will be able to get some of these players to unite with us in our efforts to win championships. Since I have heard very little of the doings about town I will now close.

Yours truly
C. R. Itic.

Slats' Diary
Friday—we had dinner guests for supper tonight and they were 2 sisters I was a widow which's husband died last month and the other I was a bride with got married a week before her sisters husband died. pa like to of recked the winks when he cum home becuz he Congratulated the one which's husband had just died and offered his Simpathy to the I wich just got married.

Saturday—pa bring home a medicine Ball tonight becuz the dr. told him he hadda get more Xercize and I thot Ant Emmy wood die laffing. Finclly she confessed that she all ways thot a medicine Ball was a dance which was gave for the doctors.

Sunday—pa was talking to me about my rithmetick today and he told me I wood get a long a hole lot better if I wood Use sum horse sents. I been studying about that and I cant see where it has got the horse very far.

Munday—ma is down at the Liberry every day now trying to get a book, she red in the noosepaper where the book has been condemned by the Ministry of the Nashun.

Tuesday—ma is sore at pa becuz he put a note in his pocket wich sez enny body was a fool wich thot he had enny munney. She found it this morning before he got up and now she wont speak to him.

Wednesday—ma seen a suit in the window down at the Store today, and she was wondering how much it costed. I hope it costs about a 100 \$ becuz I seen the suit all so.

Thursday—Ant Emmy ast me what I was a going to be when I got out of skool. I diddent give her no anser but I Xpeck I will be the Old est boy in skool the way things look now.

GLENELG COUNCIL
Met on February 13th in the Township hall. The members were all present, the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of January meeting were read and passed. A number of communications were read, among them being one from R. C. Muir, chief engineer of Municipal roads, acknowledging receipt of work on roads in 1931 and promising early consideration of same. The auditors, Messrs. Patrick McMillan and W. A. Robinson presented their report which was adopted. The total receipts for the year 1931 were \$57,228.62, and total expenditures \$54,530.81, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,647.81.

McGirr - McKechnie—That the auditors' report be adopted and auditors be paid \$15 each for their services and that clerk be instructed to get 30 copies of report printed.—Carried.

The road superintendent presented voucher No. 2 for road improvements.

McGirr - Boyd—That voucher No. 2 be accepted and payments made accordingly. Total amount being \$177.15.—Carried.

The following payments were made on resolution: Treasurer, Town of Durham, Glenelg's share of Durham Division Court Fees for 1931, \$9.60; Clerk, for registering 23 births, 1 marriage and 20 deaths, \$11.00; Grey and Bruce Fire Insurance Company, first instalment on Township buildings \$8.20; McFadden's Drug Store, account paper, 1.40; Treasurer, telephoning, 30 cts.; J. N. Perdue re search Treasurer's securities, 75 cents; auditors and J. McGirr, do \$1.00 each; J. A. Boyd, 1/2 day committee work \$1.50; Municipal World for 8 copies of Municipal World \$8.00 and assessor's and office supplies \$35.70.

The Treasurer was authorized to sell certain lots bought by the Township at tax sale in November 1931, providing this procedure was found to be legal.

By-Law No. 750 was passed appointing pound keepers, fence viewers and sheep valuers for 1932 as follows: Poundkeepers, James Elison, Hugh Wright, John A. Beaton, Henry Eckhardt, Wes. Arnett; Fenceviewers, J. G. Firth, Walter Nichol, Duncan Smellie, Wm. McLeod, J. J. McFadden, John McCarthy, Wm. R. Jack, Bert Coffey; Sheep Valuers, Ward 1, Wm. R. Edge; Ward 2, Malcolm Malnis; Ward 3, James McCarthy; Ward 4, Colin McArthur.

McGirr - McKechnie—That members of this council be paid \$2.50 per day, superintendent 30 cents per hour, man and team 40 cents per hour, man 20 cents per hour, and that the clerk be instructed to prepare a law providing for this for next meeting.—Carried.

The Council adjourned to April 2nd, 1932.

H. H. MacDonald, Clerk.

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Appear in Court
(The Dundalk Herald)
Some cases of local interest will come before the police court in Owen Sound on Saturday next, when a number of young men of this village and district will appear.

A theft which caused a mild sensation occurred about midnight on Sunday when the home of Ed. Heard, treasurer of Salem United Church, was entered and the collection of the afternoon service stolen along with some of the church papers in a box. The Heard family heard a commotion downstairs and soon discovered the loss. Fresh tracks in the snow led to Salem Church shed, with buggy tracks leading away from the place. County Constable Middaugh and Village Constable Murcar were notified and finally arrested two young men in a home on Con. 18, Proton. While search was being made for the box containing the money and church papers, parts of a still were found hidden in the straw mow, and a further charge will be laid against the owner of the place by the Inland Revenue officer. The money box was eventually found in the chop box in the barn. The money involved totalled a little over twelve dollars. Both young men were arrested and brought to Dundalk on Monday morning.

As was mentioned in The Herald some weeks ago, there have been a number of small thefts in the district of late. Provincial Constables Denton and Cook made an investigation and as a result three residents of this village and district will face charges of theft. Articles alleged to have been stolen include can of cream, barrel of oil and other articles. These cases will also be tried at Owen Sound next Saturday.

Controlling Expenditures
(The Alliston Herald)
When a number of representatives of a farmers' organization called on Premier Henry to protest against giving the Railway and Municipal Board greater control over the finances of municipalities they received the assurance that the government had no intention of encroaching on the autonomy of municipalities. It is different in Quebec where Premier Taschereau is sponsoring a bill to create a Municipal Commission to control the finances of 1400 municipalities plus the same number of

school corporations in that province. The bill is being fought by the opposition and by some municipalities on the ground of autonomy. The charge is made that centralization of power in the proposed commission will bring about other evils worse than the ones it is proposed to remedy.

The merits and demerits of the controversy are Quebec's own business, but there are men with knowledge of municipal affairs who would say that the time has come, not only in Quebec, but elsewhere, to pay less attention to autonomy and more attention to economy. Autonomy, home rule for municipalities, is an admirable theory and few papers that give any attention to municipal affairs have not stood up for it. But municipal autonomy, like a lot of other democratic theories, frequently doesn't work out, this matter of uncontrolled borrowing and financing being a case in point.

One of the consequences, the most serious of all, is that a number of municipalities are in financial deep water, either unable to borrow at all or in a position where they must borrow at prohibitive rates of interest. This sort of thing cannot be allowed to spread. The seriousness of the situation would not be so bad were the municipalities concerned the only ones affected. The real danger is that these borrowings mounting higher every year affect the credit structure of the entire country. If the total of municipal borrowings and debts in Canada were available we venture to say the amount would be staggering in its immensity. What we do know is that hundreds of municipalities in Canada are practically, some actually, in a state of insolvency. They cannot take care of their debts and they cannot boost taxation any higher.

This being the condition control is inevitable and we would say, perfectly proper. It has also been suggested by a few newspapers that there should be some sort of Dominion board or tribunal to control the external borrowings of the provinces as their borrowings outside of Canada affect Canada as a whole. If provincial borrowings call for some measure of supervision why not municipalities?

What the fate of Premier Taschereau's bill will be we do not know, but we hope to see it become law. It will be the first law of the kind in

Canada and will act as a sort of precedent to other provinces which may yet have to apply the principal of this bill to municipal borrowings. It is all very well to talk about freedom and political independence, but there cannot be political independence. This lesson has been learned by nations and it is time it was realized by municipalities.

Vandeleur W. L.
Mrs. Hare entertained the ladies of the Vandeleur Women's Institute at her home on February 18th. The roll call was answered by naming the one article they would like new to wear and sixteen members answered. Eight visitors were present. Letters were read thanking the Institute for flowers and treats sent by the Sunshine committee.

After the usual business was finished Mrs. P. Thompson gave a talk on "Dressmaking, pointing out touches that make a dress new and was very interesting to all. A reading was given by Dora Boland, after which Mrs. Frank Davis gave current events. Mrs. W. Elliott read a letter from the Northern Textile Company telling about their goods, prices, etc. An auto contest was given, in which Mrs. W. Bowles and Mrs. Fleming won prizes. The meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem. After this a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Lever.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ratcliffe.

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