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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

Buy Quality Seed
"As never before in the history of farming should care be exercised in the purchase of seeds for planting this spring," is the advice of one well-known authority, who adds that it is doubly important to make sure that purchases have been government tested as a result of last year's drought and the reduced supply of high quality stock. He warns against buying bargain seeds where price alone is the only description given, because reliable seedsmen do not approve of advertisements where seeds are offered at stipulated prices without any indication as to their quality or origin. It would actually be cheaper to buy the best the market affords than to take the poorest as a gift, he concludes.

Demand For Asparagus
From information gathered by the Ontario Growers' Markets Council, a strong demand by the canners for asparagus is anticipated. It is understood that the market for canned asparagus has shown a steady expansion with the result that an increase in the pack is to be looked for.

The Council is of the opinion that 13 cents per pound will constitute a fair price for the 1932 crop. Various canning companies are now endeavoring to secure contracts but no effort has been made to set the price. Some growers have undertaken delivery on the promise of the canning companies to pay prevailing market price, but efforts to have the canners indicate their opinion as to what will constitute a fair market price have failed.

A Farming Journal
An example which might well be followed in other counties is that of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce in issuing an annual Agricultural Journal. The fourth annual issue has just been distributed free of charge to 5,000 farmers in the county. It is an eight-page publication and contains a wealth of information relating to the farming industry. Almost every phase of agriculture as carried on in the county is discussed, such as poultry breeding, reforestation, tobacco raising, fertilizers, fruit and vegetable growing. Numerous pictures of local interest are used to brighten the pages. The local agricultural representative, F. C. Paterson, who is also secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has been largely responsible for the success of this valuable publication.

Weekly Crop Report
Alfalfa and clover crops are reported as badly damaged from heaving in some districts. The recent cold spell put a stop to seeding operations which had been started in some districts. Bruce County reports that most farmers are either getting seed cleaned or arranging to have it cleaned and that county has sufficient for all needs for practically all classes of crops. Brant County reports a similar condition. Potatoes have been selling at 25c a bag in Middlesex. Field mice were busy on the farm of John Kidd, Inglewood, Peel County, and severely girdled over 100 20-year-old Spry and Baldwin trees. The orchard was held in a sod mulch which harbored hundreds of these pests. A senate of lime mixed with corn meal spread in a circle around the base of the tree. Live stock is wintering in excellent condition in Temiskaming, with an abundance of good hay and a considerable quantity of grain.

Should Check Fertilizer
This is the season for buying fertilizers and it is important that farmers should know how to protect themselves in making sure that they are delivered the kind and analysis of fertilizer which they purchase. The Federal Fertilizer Act requires that every fertilizer delivered to a farmer must be labelled with the guaranteed analysis in terms of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Therefore the farmer should check the guaranteed analysis of the fertilizer when it arrives. If short one per cent. nitrogen, it is worth about \$2.50 a ton less than the purchase price and phosphoric acid and potash are worth about \$1 for each per cent. Purchasers are advised to refuse acceptance of fertilizer which is not labelled precisely the same guaranteed analysis as that purchased. Should any farmer have reason to doubt the value of a fertilizer delivered to him, he is advised to communicate with the nearest fertilizer inspector or the district representative of agriculture.

Register Your Acreage
Commenting on the system of acreage registration, Charles E. Broughton, of the Ontario Marketing Board, said, "As a grower myself, I believe that the advantages offered by acreage registration are

infinite. In my estimation this system, if taken up enthusiastically by the individual grower, would be the means of eliminating two of the greatest menaces to successful agriculture, namely, over-production and under-production."
"Only the other day," continued Mr. Broughton, "it was reported to me that the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Market Council, at Hamilton, have inquiries on hand for 75 carloads of Ontario carrots which that organization cannot fill. This condition is doubly lamentable because of the fact I am quite certain these inquiries could be filled if the grower would advise the Markets Council as to what he has for sale, and that such situations can be avoided if the grower will cooperate with the Council by registering his acreage."

Free Trees
Owing to the fact that the Forestry Branch has a surplus of trees on hand this year, the former limit of 3500 trees for reforestation purposes will not be adhered to, and any land owner in the Province of Ontario may procure additional quantities free of charge by applying to the Ontario Forestry Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.

The above ruling handed down presents a wonderful opportunity that may only be available this year. Planting stock is classified as—
(a) Trees for reforesting waste land.
(b) Trees for windbreak purposes.

Applications should be submitted on or before 31st March, 1932. Further information about type of trees best suited to various soil conditions can be procured from the Forestry Branch.
The only expense to the farmer is the express on the trees. This is not a large sum as the trees are small.

A Typical Northern Ontario Women's Institute

The Orville Women's Institute is typical of the local branches in the North country. This village, seven-and-a-half miles east of Parry Sound, has a Women's Institute which utilizes local talent to very good purpose at the regular monthly educational meetings, and it is usual for one of the local nurses to give nursing demonstrations from time to time. They provide wholesome social opportunities for their members and are rendering a splendid service to the community. Like the majority of the communities which support Women's Institutes in the north, they have this year been able to look after the needy, except for one poor family, for which large supplies were sent by an Institute in Old Ontario, and in addition, they spent \$37.00 in providing linen for a hospital in the district. They also sent to the House of Refuge Christmas Gifts, and every new baby in the district is provided with a warm jacket and all persons who are ill in the township receive flowers and some times other luxuries.

Miss Macphail's Letter

Insurance companies, particularly the Sun Life Assurance Company, occupied the attention of the house for one day. Mr. Michael Luchkovich, the only Ukrainian member of the House of Commons, who represents the constituency of Vegreville, Alberta, introduced a resolution asking that the house instruct the Banking and Commerce Committee to investigate the business transactions of the North American and Sun Life Assurance Companies, especially in relation to their investments in common stocks and the allegations as to the swindling of policy holders by the directors of the said company.

Mr. Luchkovich thought that life assurance companies, having so much to do with the savings of the people, should be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. He argued that if all was right the companies had nothing to fear by an investigation. If such was not the case then the public was entitled to know it. He quoted from the Journal of Commerce at length and from it showed that the shareholders of the Sun Life Company, had paid dividends to themselves varying from 15% in 1928 to 75% in 1931. He showed that in 1923 T.B. Macaulay, President of the Sun Life, held 2,113 shares in the Life Assurance Company, but on the same date of 1930 he had only 55 shares and quoting from the Journal of Commerce on this point he said: "From this it would appear that Mr. Macaulay is getting from under the consequences of his own acts with a full pocket." It would appear that the Sun Life Assurance Company especially had too large a proportion of its investments in common stocks. Of the common stocks held by all Canadian life insurance companies the North American and Sun Life are said to hold over 95 per cent. Mr. Luchkovich urged an investigation. He was supported by Mr. Hepburn.

The Prime Minister in replying to Mr. Luchkovich said he believed the Sun Life Assurance Company was as solvent as any company transac-

ing the business of life insurance need be. However on attaining office the Prime Minister looked into the business of the Sun Life and found that at that time the company had no restrictions upon the purchase of common stocks. The Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett asked the directors of the Sun Life to pass a by-law to restrict their purchase of common stock shares. This they did, making the limitation 25 per cent. More than that, since the Prime Minister took office the Sun Life had not bought any common stocks except those which they had contracted to purchase and the common stocks which came to them by way of dividends and otherwise in connection with their operation. In a year their holdings in common stock had dropped from 51% to 47% of their total holdings. More over the amount the Sun Life had invested in Dominion of Canada bonds had increased from almost nothing to twenty-three million in two years and it is their determination to increase their investment in Dominion Bonds.

The Prime Minister attributed any difficulties to bad judgment rather than to bad intent. "As to the wisdom of some of the investments to which reference has been made, I entertain no doubt; they are not investments which I would have made," the Prime Minister stated. He did not argue they were wise, but that they were legal. He did not think that the Banking and Commerce Committee was a suitable committee to deal with the matter, but he stated that it may be desirable in the future when conditions are steady to have a calm, dispassionate investigation into the whole business of insurance in Canada, and he hoped that the provinces would agree with the Dominion that it was to the public interest to have central control of insurance rather than provincial control.

Most of the week has been spent discussing the two months extension asked by the Government for the "blank cheque" bill. This bill gave the Government full power over expenditures for farm and unemployment relief; it terminated on the 1st of March. The Government is asking that it be extended for two months longer. Under the powers granted by parliament to the cabinet in this bill, many things have been done which had nothing to do with relief work. It has led to government by Order-in-Council. The whole Opposition is against investing Parliament of the authority that constitutionally belongs to it and so day by day the debate goes on. Mr. E. J. Garland, the member for Bow River, argued that members of parliament had no right, if they would be true to the oath they had taken, to delegate to the cabinet powers which rightfully belong to parliament. "The power to legislate as well as the power to vote money is inherent in parliament itself and while it is sitting it cannot constitutionally, without doing violence to the oath of office taken individually by its members, delegate such powers to the executive." It seems clear that little by little the democratic aspect of Parliament has been slipping through our fingers and the autocratic power of the Cabinet has been gaining ground, and yet we have been trying to do the impossible, conduct democratic governmental institutions alongside of a financial autocracy.

As Prof. Soddy of Oxford University says, "There cannot be two heads to one state and the people have to choose between parliament and the banks."
The taking of wealth from those who have a good deal of it found another advocate in Mr. Ian Mackenzie. He was speaking of the reduction in salaries of Civil Servants by which a saving of \$8,300,000 is to be made. He then drew the attention of the Minister of Finance to the fact that in 1933-35-37 a total of \$497,000,000 tax-free bonds will mature. If, he said, five percent was charged on them, the Canadian Treasury would be the richer by \$25,000,000 or at five and a half percent by \$27,500,000. It is not being done because the government argues that they made a contract with the bondholders that no tax would be levied and that the contract cannot be broken, but, Mr. Mackenzie argues, the contract with the Civil Servants did not prevent the Government cutting their wages, so why should it protect the bondholders. "Confiscate it if you like but gather into the treasury this \$27,500,000, and you will go far towards meeting the present unemployment problem in Canada."

The special committee appointed to investigate the Gordon charges has reported. It is true there is a majority and a minority report but it is agreed that Mr. Gordon was incorrect when he stated that the Prime Minister had arranged things so that the cost of his sister's wedding trip was paid by the government of Canada. The Prime Minister emerges with a clean bill of health and Mr. Gordon with a still further damaged reputation. It might be a good idea to have all the wild statements which are made on public platforms by responsible politicians investigated by parliamentary committees. At any rate if it would stop the wild statements

it would be a good idea.
Agnes C. Macphail.

Slats' Diary
Friday—pa was about 1/2 sore at ma today at the dinner table. pa was casually saying that when he rights enny thing, for the moose pa he wirks on why he never reads it after he has ritten it and ma she sed to him. Well I gess nobuddy else dont read it neither.
Saturday—enny thing I hate is Suspishus people that dont trust there neighbors like for Instant Miss Addie Seeker witch had a falls to nite and me and Jake went over and when we tryed to look in the winder why she had the Curten pulled down.
Sunday—Pa is going to the city tomorro to a Bi-Centeneal selebrashun for Washington. He says he dont want to miss it becuz after this yr. he probably wont have a nother chance to go to 1.
Monday—Rollie Crump told his muther and law he was a going to move up north where he has got a Job and she sed if you take my daughter away I believe I shud die and Rollie sed Well I gess you mebbie no yure own business bettern I do.
Tuesday—we are getting up a play at skool and ma ast me what Carackerit I was a going to have but I gess I am to be a Part of the horse so I wont half to have a Carackerit a tall.
Wednesday—Sandy Mac Fergus was late to skool today becuz he had about a 1000 b b shots for his air Rifle and he had to stay at home intill his pa counted them to see weather he got Cheeted or not.
Thursday—The teacher give us sum Proverbs to camit to memory today but I can oney remember 2 of them Xackly. 1 is The erly berd gets the worm when it turns and the uther 1 is Time untill waits for no Man.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of JESSIE ANN MELVIN LITTLE-JOHNS, late of the Township of Artemesia in the County of Grey, widow, deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 51 of the Trustees Act R.S.O. 1927, Chapter 150, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said JESSIE ANN MELVIN LITTLE-JOHNS who died on or about the 20th day of December, A.D. 1931 at the Township of Artemesia in the County of Grey, are required on or before the 31st of March, 1932, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Lucas, Henry & Lucas, Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the said deceased, their christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars in writing of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.
And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.
Dated at Markdale this 9th day of March, A.D. 1932.
Lucas, Henry & Lucas, Solicitors for the said executrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER of the estate of JANE LEE, late of the Township of Euphrasia, County of Grey, widow, deceased.
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And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.
Dated at Markdale this 12th day of March, A.D. 1932.
Lucas, Henry & Lucas, Solicitors for the said Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER of the estate of CHARLOTTE HAWKEN, late of the Township of Euphrasia in the County of Grey, married woman, deceased.
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