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Editorial Notes

Automobile accidents make up a big part of the news items in the daily papers every Monday morning. As long as common sense is not a part of the make-up of drivers we may expect accidents to continue.

Canada's two great railway systems are making a determined effort to regain the business which has been lost during the past few years but until the overhead is reduced their efforts will not avail much. The T. and N. O. owned and operated by the Ontario Government, has been operated at a profit during the years of depression. High salaried officials are not employed in connection with this system but the workers are paid good wages.

Livestock Controls Road-side Weeds

In spite of weed laws, weeds are gaining ground. Along the highway they have been cut, but once seems to be not nearly enough. After the first cutting they spring up, bloom and go to seed, and one season's seeding means several years of weeding. They weren't so bad in the days when sheep and cattle roamed the roads and kept them down. There is a lot of feed on a mile of road, too. Once sheep used to turn it into money. Some places they still do it. In the township of Wilmore—birthplace of the late Sir Adam Beck, cattle are permitted to pasture the roadsides. For this privilege the township makes a charge, and cattle wear a tag showing that they have a right to be there. The charge is moderate, but it is on a sliding scale, and the unusual feature is that the minimum charge is for the first or for a single animal. Two cost twice as much as one—plus a surcharge, and three cost the same as two plus another extra. During 1930 the revenue from this source totalled about two thousand and eighty dollars and about the same for 1931. The live stock kept the weeds down so that the cost of making it a complete job amounted to very little, leaving a substantial margin of six hundred dollars or so each year. Many are not aware of the fact, but where cattle are permitted by municipal by-law to graze on the roads, damages are recoverable where these animals are damaged or injured by vehicles. Where cattle are prohibited by by-law, it is the other way about, and the motorist can collect damages from the owners of live stock involved in accidents.—The Listowel Standard.

Worst Blunder was Absentee Direction

Editorially the Sherbrooke Record, in discussing the subject, says the old Grand Trunk Railway, the nucleus of the Canadian National, missed its golden opportunity in Canada through having an absentee Board of Directors. The President and his directors all resided in England, and from that far-off land they tried to direct an undertaking which required daily supervision. The result was that a good financial undertaking became a job for an undertaker.

Yet in the organization of the Canadian National Railway system the same palpable blunder was made. The alleged Board of Directors chosen were selected from the different provinces. They were men who would have to spend their whole time on sleeping cars did they attend the meetings with any degree of regularity. They just stayed away and drew their pay. A small quorum of the Board sat each week and fiddled, doing just what the President told them to do, even to giving him a free mansion and providing a retiring allowance of \$35,000 a year, if, when and how he might be retired.

Selected for their personal stripe of partisanship, chosen from their geographical location, there was no thought of the directors having any knowledge of railway work or transportation problems. The less they knew the better. This cumbersome board of eighteen directors should have resigned with their chief, for many of them did not even attend meetings, and some of them had their own private cars on which to travel hither and yon.

Until such time as the country expresses more forcefully its weariness with this money-gobbling venture into public ownership the acting President, S. J. Hungerford, should be confirmed in office. He may be more of an expert railway man than would any financial expert, but he has already shown that he is a constructive economist. Canada must practice rigid economy until we can rid ourselves of all such mad ventures without too much of a capital loss.

We are now on the rising tide. The time is soon when we can dispose of the railway without a loss of more than a billion dollars—all that has been loaned to the railway in ten years past. Of the rest of the indebtedness, call it debentures or bonds, much of it is oxygen.

News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

Canning Crop Peaches
"The prospect of large requirements by canners for canning varieties of peaches is very bright this year." This was the recent statement of C. W. Bauer, Secretary, Ontario Growers' Markets Council. He went on to say that canners have already reported their stocks are entirely depleted of last year's pack, while wholesale and retail grocers, throughout the Province, prefer Ontario canned peaches to any other pack offered for sale, and are awaiting this year's stocks.

Bill of Lading Protects Farmers
"Excellent progress has been made in applying Bill of Lading regulations to truck movement of live stock," states Garnet Duncan of the Ontario Marketing Board staff.

"Farmers appreciate the protection offered by this system against irregularities practiced by some truckers," continued Mr. Duncan, "and most reliable truckers support the system as it saves time and protects them from unfair competition. Weekly records show the use of bills of lading is increasing steadily."

Ploughing Practice
A series of experiments carried out at a government experimental station has given some interesting results in regard to ploughing at different depths and times.

On an average, over a period of nine years, ploughing four inches deep for a rotation of corn, oats, clover and timothy has given higher yields than has ploughing seven inches deep, except in the case of oats, in which the yields have been practically the same. The shallow ploughing is of particular advantage to the corn crop.

In the preparation of sod land for grain, it has been found that ploughing in July, as soon as the hay is off and top-working during the summer has not only given higher yields of oats, but has also left the land free from couch grass. The experiment has shown that on sandy loam soil, it does not pay to either rib the land or re-plough in the fall. On heavy clay soil, ribbing or re-ploughing late in the fall gives the frost a chance to mellow the soil and leave it in a better state of tilth.

In the preparation of sod land for corn, manuring on the sod and spring ploughing has given higher yields than manuring and fall ploughing.

It would, therefore, appear that for corn on sandy loam, the land should be manured and spring ploughed four inches deep, while for grain, it should be ploughed as soon as the hay is off and top-worked.

Points on Hog Feeding
The big thing for the hog feeder to keep in mind, according to the Dominion Animal Husbandman, is "the feeder needs the frame but the packer wants the finish"; and the ideal type which sells as the "select" bacon hog must have both. Grow the frame first. Never feed more than pigs will clean up; over-feeding, particularly of heavy or unbalanced rations, causes unthriftiness which in turn is the common cause of short, thick pigs. For the first four months the pig should clean his trough and look for more.

Fruit Growers' Federation Proposed at Conference

W. B. Somerset, Chairman, Ontario Marketing Board, reports that one of the outcomes of discussions among representatives of the fruit industry, at the Imperial Economic Conference, is a proposed Empire Fruit Growers' Federation, the first conference to be held in London, England, in September, 1933.

The proposed Federation will have to do with the promotion of all matters towards the improvement of fruit growing within the Empire. The provisional agenda for the first organization meeting includes such subjects as: the production and distribution of Empire fruits, the organized development of fruit growing within the Empire, co-operative inter-Dominion and Empire advertising, cold storage, transportation and standardization of packages.

Ontario Seed Prospects

According to A. H. Martin, Assistant Director, Crops Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, due to cool showery weather in the early part of July, the alfalfa seed crop in Western Ontario is almost a failure. Eastern Ontario, although never considered an alfalfa seed centre, will probably harvest the largest alfalfa seed crop ever taken from this area. The total production in this area, however, will be comparatively small.

Red clover seed production on the other hand is much less than half a crop in Eastern Ontario while indications in Western Ontario would point to a fair yield of clover seed.

Alsike production is also below normal. The earlier threshed fields yielded from 2-3 bushels per acre but later reports show some fields going as high as six bushels per acre. It is likely there will be sufficient alsike to meet local demand.

A considerable increase is expected in timothy seed. This is to be expected from the high price of timothy seed last year in comparison with legume seeds and also to the fact it is necessary to import about 50% of the seed used in Ontario.

Prices for all seeds are likely to be higher this year. The price no doubt will be governed to some extent by the amount of seeds held over from the large 1931 crop.

Weekly Crop Report

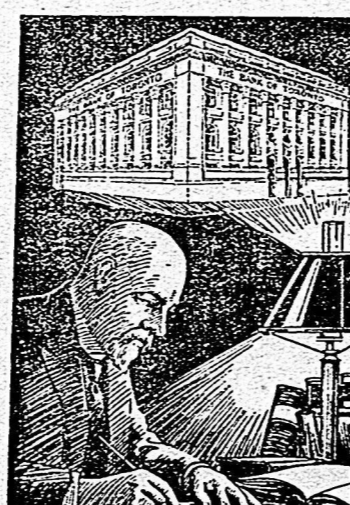
Bruce County reports that after-harvest cultivation is being practised fairly generally. Grey has had discouragingly wet weather, with the result that many fields were left in stook and much second-cut alfalfa still in colls in fields. A farmer in Peel has 1½ acres of Okra, which is a plant similar to Red peppers and whose pods are used for thickening soup. The crop looks promising. The alfalfa crop from Peel will be greatly reduced this year, as the second crop did not set seed as anticipated owing to continued rains during blossoming period. Harvesting of sugar beets in Kent is starting. With over 20,000 acres of this crop to be harvested there, many unemployed will find work. In Middlesex silo filling is now general, with the crop a bulky one, heavily loaded with well matured cobs. Corn borer and storms have broken the crop down badly in some fields. A keen demand for good breeding stock is noted in Oxford, where incidentally most of the cattle are in excellent condition. A Cheese Patrons' Association has been organized in Peterborough County. Yields in barley and oats in Prescott and Russell were exceptionally high. Late blight has hurt potatoes in Temiskaming District. Wet weather delayed the harvesting of grain in Port Arthur area.

Field Crop Figures

The fifth departmental report of the season on Field Crops gives some interesting facts and figures. More than the ordinary amount of stook threshing was done this year, but the weather was not too favorable for this attempt at labour-saving. Farmers are planning to sow their fall wheat somewhat later than usual in order to reduce the likelihood of injury from Hessian Fly. Buckwheat and hood crops have made good growth during the month and excellent yields secured from second cutting of alfalfa.

The total acreage of field crops sown in Ontario in 1932 is practically the same as last year. The most important changes in individual acreages occurred in barley, buckwheat, fodder corn and alfalfa which showed increases, and hay, clover, beans and potatoes which show large reductions in acreage. The total production of both beans and potatoes will show considerable decrease from last year, for in addition to reduction in acreage, the per acre yields are lower owing to less favourable growing conditions.

The estimated average yields of spring wheat, oats and barley for Ontario this year show little variation from the figures for 1932. Oats and barley gave rather disappointing yields in Southwestern Ontario and slightly higher yields than last year in other districts. Per acre yields of flax and beans show some decrease over last year while the yield of peas is considerably higher.




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6 Comforter, A.O.K. Homemade	75....	50....
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15 Patchwork Quilt	75....	50....
16 Bedspread, Fancy	75....	50....
17 Comforter, any kind, Homemade	75....	50....
18 Afghan	75....	50....
19 Hand Hemmed Bed Sheet	40....	25....
20 One Pillow Slip, Embroidery Trimmed	40....	25....
21 Pair Hand Made Curtains	40....	25....
22 Hemstitched Table Cloth, White	40....	25....
23 Specimen Tatted Edging	40....	25....
24 Centrepiece, Colored Linen Embroidery	40....	25....
25 Night Robe, Handmade	40....	25....
26 Buffet Set, Embroidered	40....	25....
27 Six Table Doilies	40....	25....
28 Bath Towel, Crochet Trimmed	40....	25....
29 Guest Towel, Embroidered	40....	25....
30 Day Case	40....	25....
31 Vanity Set	40....	25....
32 Scarf and Cushion	50....	25....
33 Luncheon Set, Embroidered, five pieces	50....	25....
34 Fancy Apron	40....	25....
35 Centrepiece, White Embroidered	40....	25....
36 Hand Knit Girl's Sweater	50....	25....
37 Boudoir Pillows	50....	25....

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5 Embroidery, Italian Cut Work	40....	25....
6 Specimen Tatting	40....	25....
7 Specimen Fancy Knitting, Cotton	40....	25....
8 Specimen Darning in wool	40....	25....
9 Pillow Slip, embroidered	40....	25....
10 Pillow Slip, crochet trimmed	40....	25....
11 Towel, embroidered	40....	25....
12 Towel, thread trimmed	40....	25....
13 Bath Towel	40....	25....
14 Guest Towel, embroidered	40....	25....
15 Luncheon Set, White	40....	25....
16 Luncheon Set, Colored	40....	25....
17 Centrepiece, solid white, embroidered	40....	25....
18 Centrepiece, colored linen embroidered	40....	25....
19 Centrepiece, colored linen, crochet trimmed	40....	25....
20 Six Table Doilies, embroidered	40....	25....
21 Buffet Set Embroidered 3 pieces, White	40....	25....
22 Buffet Set Embroidered 3 pieces, Colored	40....	25....
23 Sofa Pillow and Runner, embroidered	40....	25....
24 Table Runner, Crochet trimmed	40....	25....
25 Sofa Pillows	40....	25....
26 Ladies' Underwear, 1 piece colored	40....	25....
27 Ladies' Underwear, 1 piece thread trimmed	40....	25....
28 Night Robe, hand work	40....	25....
29 Kimono, Homemade	40....	25....
30 Two Fancy Handmade Handkerchiefs	40....	25....
31 Ladies' Slip, colored	40....	25....
32 House Dress, plain	40....	25....
33 Specimen Italian Hemstitching	40....	25....
34 Collection of Tatted Edgings	40....	25....
35 Christmas Gift, small novelties	40....	25....
36 Ribbon, Novelties	40....	25....
37 Best Article made from old stocking	40....	25....
38 Best Novelty	40....	25....
39 Needle Point	40....	25....
40 Cross Stitch in Wool, new	40....	25....

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