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**TENDERS WANTED**

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, Dec. 26th for the 15 cords maple and beech wood two feet long, with no stick too large for 10-year-old child to handle; to be delivered at S. S. No. 7, Euphrasia (Epping) before Jan. 20th, 1933. Also for three cords dry cedar cut 20 inches in length to be delivered at once. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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**News and Information for the Busy Farmer**

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

**Force Rhubarb For Winter**

To have fresh rhubarb for the winter table all one has to do is to take a portion of a crown from the garden in the fall (or dig it up during the winter), let it freeze solidly, then put it in the cellar where the temperature is from 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. No earth is required, the rhubarb crowns or sections themselves containing enough stored energy to produce the edible stalks; and for the best color they should be kept in almost total darkness.

**Better Marketing Methods Increase Sale of Turnips**

Charles E. Broughton, member of the Departmental staff, points to the operations of the Blackwater Turnip Growers' Association, as a striking example of the possibilities for producers increasing their markets, even in times of depressed trade.

This co-operative organization has direct control of some 500 acres of turnips, and the choicest of these are being washed, branched and waxed.

As a result of this operation, an excellent local market has been developed and export possibilities for the future look most encouraging.

The association has erected a plant on a co-operative basis and this plant includes facilities for storing, washing and grading, thereby placing this group of growers in a position to market a uniform product.

**Bottled Ontario Honey for British Consumers**

"Bottling arrangements are rapidly being completed, and it is expected Ontario bottled and labelled honey will be on the market for retail distribution in England, in a large way about the first of January," recently stated P. W. Hodgetts, Secretary Ontario Honey Export Association.

"Various bottle designs have been accepted for the different sized containers, while a striking series of label designs have been submitted and a final selection is now being made. It will take a few weeks yet to obtain delivery of bottles but immediately the first consignment comes to hand, packing and distribution will commence.

"Ontario beekeepers' interests are being adequately protected as only honey equal to the best, and superior to most brands, will be placed on the market in bottled containers. Some ten thousand retail stores will be contracted weekly for Ontario honey, through a new distribution arrangement effected by the Ontario Marketing Board."

**Ottawa Fair Winners**

The Intercounty Live Stock Judging Championship of Eastern Ontario was won by Grenville County team at the Ottawa Winter Fair. Eleven teams competed for the Peter White Trophy, which is emblematic of the championship. The runners-up were from Lennox and Addington County and the others followed in this order: Dundas, Peterborough, Prince Edward, Lanark, Renfrew, Frontenac, Leeds, Hastings, and Northumberland.

The Intercounty Seed Judging title went to the Prescott and Russell County team. Thirteen teams competed in this event for the George Nettleton Challenge Trophy. The Lennox and Addington team was again runner-up in this order: Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Renfrew, Dundas, Peterborough, Carleton, Prince Edward, Frontenac, Hastings and Northumberland.

**Treaties Stimulate Market**

The following excerpt from a statement just issued by the Dominion Live Stock Branch, is of special interest at the present time: "The passing of the Bill covering the United Kingdom-Canada agreement as the outcome of the Imperial Conference, had a stimulating effect on the market for various classes of meats in Great Britain. As well, the raising of the special duty on Free State cattle from 20 per cent. up to 40 per cent., and the loss of the 10 per cent. preference by the Irish Free State, have been bullish factors in the cattle market. This week at Birkenhead steers and heifers were quickly cleared at advances averaging approximately £3 per head or, at the current rate of exchange, \$11.31 per head above last week's sales. There were no Canadian cattle on the market, owing to the narrow margin existing as a result of the very adverse condition of exchange on sales in the British market."

**Christmas Market Display Competition For Farmers**

The Department is making a grant to all regular weekly Producers-Consumers Markets as part of a provincial wide effort to increase the demand for home-grown products. Prize money will be awarded for best displays at Christmas market or market first preceding Christmas. Exhibits will be judged as follows: 1. Quality, 70 points; 2. Effective and attractive display (Ontario farm products

only), 20 points. The regulations are as follows: 1. Open to any bona fide farmer or gardener. No entry fee. 2. Displays must be ready for judging not later than 9 a. m. 3. Only Ontario products to be exhibited. (fruit, vegetables, honey, maple products, dairy products, eggs, meat and poultry). 4. Any of all farm products may constitute an exhibit. 5. One exhibit to each farmer. 6. Products must be raised or grown by farmer exhibiting. 7. Exhibit to be arranged or dressed by members of family of farmer exhibiting. The prize money will be divided as follows: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$2; ten prizes of \$1 each. Each exhibitor is urged to be ready for judging before 9 a.m. and should any article be sold, it is suggested that it be tagged with purchaser's name and arranged to hold until judging is completed. Each local contest will be under direction of the district agricultural representative.

**Current Crop Report**

Dufferin County reports that 20 purebred rams have been purchased by farmers there through the bonus encouragement offered by the Live Stock Branches. Commercial price of potatoes in Dufferin remains around 50c, with frequent inquiry for them. Halton County reports seed growers doing work on exhibits for Regina and that a small clipper mill installed in the local agricultural office last year has been used extensively to supplement the work of commercial seed mills on show samples when an exhibitor got down to small quantities. Peel County alfalfa seed received more favorable publicity when Robt. J. Shaw, 20-year-old farmer, won first and Reserve Championship with his sample of Ontario Variegated Alfalfa seed at the International Hay and Grain Show, Chicago. Peel also had the highest Ontario prize-winner in the Timothy class of Lansdowne. A shipment of 60 head of purebred Holsteins was made from Perth County to U. S. A. recently. Haldimand County live stock industry has suffered by reason of the discontinuance of shipments by one of the oldest companies conducting live stock drover business there. Average yields of sugar beets in Kent County are high and will exceed those of 1931. The sugar beet growers of Kent will receive upwards of a million dollars for their 1932 crop. A few of the best fields of soy beans turned out around 30 bushels per acre. The price of buckwheat in Victoria County is reported to be disappointing to men who have used it as a cash crop in the last two years. At the annual Napanee Poultry Fair approximately 120 tons of dressed poultry was marketed. The Lennox and Addington pool did the largest volume of business and during the two days of the fair they received 163,597 pounds of dressed poultry. Over 35 per cent. of this tremendous turnover was graded "Milky," as compared with only 17 per cent. in 1931.

**"U.F.O. Sold Out to Red," Writes Farmer**

The Stratford Beacon-Herald's "Fourth Column" is conducted under the heading "On the Farm." It is written by "Rusticus," presumably himself a farmer. He has no possible use for the revolution advocated by the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, to which a few agitators have presumed to commit the United Farmers of Ontario. In the latest issue of the Beacon-Herald Rusticus says that Mr. Average Farmer must have received a bad shock when he read the daily newspaper reports regarding the recent U.F.O. convention and its curious action. Rusticus states that he has been a member of the local U.F.O. club; that he watched it during the days of its enthusiasm and strength, and that he has continued to watch it on down through the recent years which have witnessed a rapid dwindling away of its membership. In his opinion, the U.F.O. made its first fatal mistake when it entered candidates in various provincial ridings. As a non-political force it was very influential whether the Liberals or the Conservatives were in power.

**The Busiest Time**

What is the busiest time of the year?  
I wonder if any can tell;  
I've been trying and trying to figure it out.  
But I'm not getting on very well.  
Now, we'll start in the spring, real early I mean,  
As everyone knows, there's the whole house to clean;  
From cellar to attic and thoroughly too.  
Everything must be polished, and made look like new.  
By the time this is finished, there's the garden to dig,  
And each one gets busy, both little and big;  
With spades and shovels and rakes and hoes.  
Then the seeds are all planted in nice even rows.  
But the weeds soon grow up and then we're kept busy,  
A pulling them out till our poor heads get dizzy.  
And when they're all out, still our work is not done,  
For likely as not there's a scorch-hot sun,  
Then all summer long when the sun shines so hot,  
We must keep the hose running to combat the drought.  
Spring and summer now over, yet no time did I see,  
To call on a friend for an afternoon tea.  
Next comes preserving; my larder just teems,  
I have canned everything from

cherries to beans.  
Cucumber pickles, tomatoes and onions.  
Had it lasted much longer I'd surely have bunions.  
Now it's fall-cleaning time, I'm still chasing the dirt.  
In my dreams I'm re-hearing, "The Song of the Shirt".  
And I see by the paper that a merry old soul  
Is on his way to the West from his home at the Pole.  
You all know what that means. I don't need to tell.  
He has been here before and you all know him well.  
Now I've got to get busy with plum pudding and cake,  
There's doughnuts and cookies and candies to make.  
There's the cranberry jelly and stuffing for the "Turk".  
I'll tell you right here it makes plenty of work.  
There are gifts to make ready, yes, dozens and dozens,  
For sisters and brothers and aunts and cousins.  
When this spasm is over, I may get it clear  
"What is the busiest time of the year."  
M. (Helghes) McColl, Lethbridge.

**TENDERS WANTED**

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including Monday, Dec. 26th for the caretaking of school house of S. S. No. 7, Euphrasia (Epping): caretaking to include lighting fires, cleaning school, cutting grass cleaning out-houses, sweeping, replacing broken glass, etc. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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**TENDERS WANTED**

Sealed tenders, marked "tender", will be received by the undersigned up to 6 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1933, for 30 cords 18-inch maple body wood delivered to Annesley Church, Markdale not later than March 15th, 1933. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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**Christmas, Trans-Atlantic Style**



Christmas, whether it be ashore or afloat, as a season, looms almost as largely on the horizon of Steamship Companies as on that of Santa Claus himself. Schedules must be planned months in advance for those who want to cross the Atlantic for Christmas in either direction, and above all, copies of the sailing lists have to be sent to the old Saint in time for him to plan his visits to the ships at sea. This year, from the Canadian side the Canadian Pacific liner "Duchess of Atholl" sails from Saint John December 15th, thus giving her passengers a chance to arrive in the Old Country in time to hear the Waits and Carol Singers on Christmas Eve.

Looking for Canadian children Santa Claus will visit the "Montrose", also of the Canadian Pacific, two days out from Saint John, on her way to England. It is strongly suspected by those in the know that a scene such as that shown above, which is a familiar feature of Christmas festivities on all Canadian Pacific liners, will be enacted by Chief Steward Leith, of the "Montrose", aided by cotton whiskers and the spirit of Christmas.

**To Subscribers of The Standard:**

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