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According to a cable from London, the United Kingdom apple markets are showing a somewhat better feeling following the usual holiday lull and prices have strengthened somewhat for limited sales of barrelled and boxed varieties on some markets, particularly Liverpool. With supplies comparatively short, there is an improved demand and Ontario apples are moving a little better on the London market.

Clean Nests, Clean Eggs

It takes less time to place clean straw in the nests than it takes to clean eggs. Some eggs will become dirty in spite of the best care, but the egg cleaning work is greatly reduced if the nests are cleaned at regular intervals. From three to six months are required for the organic changes to become effective and the resultant substance has much of the appearance and practically the same value as barnyard manure.

Crate-Feeding Pays

Farmers who are in a position to follow the practice, find that crate-feeding of their poultry pays them big dividends. There are several reasons for this. It produces the highest grades which bring the highest prices; the leading wholesale merchants are now buying poultry by Government grades with substantial differentials between each grade; the premium assured for birds which grade "milk-fed" makes crate-feeding worth while; and all poultry intended for eating purposes should be properly finished before being marketed. The farmer who has poultry to market would do well to remember that it is the last pound which brings the finish and increases the value of the bird by 50 to 75 cents.

Stewart's Disease of Corn

Agricultural authorities are becoming concerned about Stewart's Disease of Corn. This disease, so far, is most serious in the Southern States, though it has penetrated as far north as Ontario. Damage of one million dollars annually has been reported from Ohio. Last season the disease made its appearance in Norfolk, Essex and Kent counties. Sweet corn and the early-planted field varieties seem to be the most susceptible. Once established it will live for at least three years in the soil, depending on weather conditions. Mild winters favour the disease.

A field may be attacked any time between germination and tasselling and a badly damaged plant wilts, turns yellowish, becomes stunted and either there are no cobs or these are shrivelled. The whole field has the appearance of being hit by frost or a severe draught and is often confused with these weather conditions.

Pigs Need Fibre

Winter fed market pigs and breeding stock relish a little fibrous matter to chew, and they need it regularly. They will eat straw if

nothing better is available. It is easy, however, to give them something better, such as second cut clover or alfalfa and other well-cured grass or cereal crops that have been cut green. The feeding of a few mangels from day to day, as is well known, has very desirable effects. The important thing is to see that all pigs, except the very young, get some form of vegetable matter regularly. The results obtained from this practice will amply repay the cost involved in the small quantity of fibrous feeds used.

Why Burn Straw Stacks?

When with the use of suitable chemicals they can be converted into manure the question, "Why burn straw stacks?" is really pertinent. Straw is worth something more than as a bedding material, and not the least valuable is its use for the making of artificial manure. The use of 100 pounds of ammonium sulphate and 100 lbs. of lime to each ton of straw, and this thoroughly soaked with water produces a manure of distinct fertilizer value. From three to six months are required for the organic changes to become effective and the resultant substance has much of the appearance and practically the same value as barnyard manure.

Keep Mangers Clean

An inspection of the mangers of stables when cows are not doing well might go a long way toward finding out the cause of trouble. Sanitation in mangers and the drinking supply is in many cases very poor. When cows don't drink as much water as they should, or leave a certain amount of meal in the bottom of the mangers, the trouble may generally be laid to the door of poor sanitation. An inspection of mangers and drinking cups would probably show that the cups had become fouled with chaff and spoiled silage, and when left for even a day the water is filthy. It is reasonable that cows will not drink freely of this water. Anywhere from a quarter of an inch of hard accumulated filth can sometimes be scraped out of the manger. It has a stench which makes the animal quit eating long before it has had enough. Drinking bowls and mangers should be kept clean if the cattle are to flourish.

Barley Smothers Mustard

Experimental work carried out at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, shows conclusively that barley can be used most effectively in smothering out mustard. It has been found that barley sown at the rate of 3 bushels per acre is most effective for this purpose. Incidentally, it is also shown that heavier seedings produce a higher yield of grain per acre.

Dairy Problems

The solution to the question of demoralized returns from the dairy business, according to George H. Barr, Director of the Dairy Branch, is not more cows, but better cows through improved feeding and breeding. "Better cows mean economical production. By this I mean that, in many cases, I have found dairymen feeding ten cows where five animals should be sufficient to produce the same amount of milk, providing, of course, that these five cows have been properly bred, and are being fed in the most approved way.

Losses due to poor breeding and improper feeding, in addition to careless handling of milk and cream

have assumed almost staggering proportions. During the year 1932 more than 20,000,000 pounds of second-grade creamery butter was produced in Ontario. The difference in returns between first and second grade cream is approximately three cents per pound butterfat, hence the direct loss from this source alone was about \$600,000.

"Another loss due to the same cause," continued Mr. Barr, "was sustained in the cheese business last year. Some 34,000 cheese, produced in this province, were second grade. At a loss of one dollar on each cheese, this represents a total of \$34,000.

"In general, flavor and mechanical defects in cheese produced in Ontario are showing a decided decrease each year. During 1932 we produced cheese in greater quantities, and of a distinctly higher quality than ever before. Notwithstanding this fact, the returns to dairymen were less, due to depressed prices.

"That certain sections of the country are making greater efforts than others, is indicated by the fact that the total percentage of cheese produced under first grade, in one district of Ontario, was eight times greater than the percentage produced in another district of the province. Putting it another way, in one district 261 cheese were under first grade. In another district of equal size, over 2,000 were below first grade."

In conclusion, Mr. Barr said: "If the dairyman would stop the leaks in his business over which he has entire control, the returns to dairy farmers of this province would be very much greater than at the present time. Proper breeding and feeding of dairy herds for five years would change the dairy herds in Ontario from, in many cases, no profit at all, to at least a paying basis."

CHERRY GROVE W. I.

The January meeting of the Cherry Grove Women's Institute was held on Jan. 5th at the home of Mrs. Wm. Stephenson. Thirteen members and two visitors were present.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner and several items of business were discussed. It was decided that we send in an application to have a summer speaker again. The quilt blocks were all handed in and Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Boyce were appointed a committee to procure material for lining, etc. The quilt to be quilted at the next meeting. Miss Nettie Abercrombie was elected press reporter, following the resignation of Mrs. W. A. Dickie.

Dr. R. L. Carefoot, Medical Health Officer for Euphrasia, was present and gave a very interesting address on the numerous types of Diphtheria, the preventatives and explained the way in which the diphtheria toxoid was used. He strongly urged that everyone protect themselves against this dreadful disease, through the use of this toxoid. A hearty vote of thanks was given Dr. Carefoot for his splendid address.

As this was the "Health" meeting, roll call was answered by "A Homemade Remedy". The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

The hostess led the way to the dining room and after singing grace, all sat down to a sumptuous supper, which was served by Miss Mary Burrell, Mesdames Burrell, Bussey, Summers and Whitney.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Burrell, Markdale.

ARTEMESIA COUNCIL

The members-elect of the Township Council of Artemesia met in the Council Chamber at Flesherston on Monday, Jan. 9th and after each had made and subscribed to the required declaration of office the Council was formed as follows: Reeve, J. A. Davis; Deputy-Reeve, C. D. Mel drum; Councilors, G. E. Warling, I. B. Whittaker and R. D. Purvis. Each of the members expressed willingness to proceed cautiously as to expenditures during the year.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion adopted. By-Laws were introduced and passed making the following appointments for 1933: Assessor, F. R. Boland; Auditors, G. W. Buchanan and W. Swanton; Sheep Valuers, Jas. Oliver, Wm. Gibson, Jas. Beatty, Harry Baker, Luther Love, Roy Piper, Jos. Watson, John Campbell and R. D. Clark; High School Trustee, Richard Allan; Member Board of Health, Geo. Cairns; Sanitary Inspector, Geo. Arrowsmith; Secretary Board of Health, W. J. Bellamy; Fenceviewers, J. Oliver, Bert Irwin, Allie McLean, Ben White, Ed. Baker, Jas. Beatty, P. Beard, Thos. Genoe, W. G. Acheson, John Campbell, W. G. Jamieson and John Parson; Weed Inspector, John Dow and Geo. Bowles.

The Clerk was instructed to order the usual number of copies of The Municipal World for use of the Council. The following accounts were ordered paid: Lloyd Vance \$2.50 and J. Meads \$3.55 for work on culvert; D. Watson, team on grader, \$8 E. N. Brodie of Markdale.

The following dates were fixed for meetings of Council in 1933: the first Monday in each month excepting in August, September and November when the meetings are on August 14th, Sept. 11th and Nov. 15th, all meetings to be held at 1-30 p.m. Council then adjourned.

EBENEZER

Mr. Irwin Curry of Markdale spent a day with Mr. Jack Taylor recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright of Barrhead visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchinson.

Mrs. J. I. Graham and May visited with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Freeman and family recently.

Mrs. H. Sewell returned home after spending some time with friends at Geelph.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wyrville spent a day with the former's brother, Mr. Albert Wyrville and family.

The Ladies' Aid held their January meeting in the church on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Considerable business was transacted. It was decided to give five dollars to M. and M. fund, this along with money spent for relief work makes the usual ten dollars for missions. Program and other committees were appointed. A good report of the year's work was given by the treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Heath. A short program was given, prepared by the president, after which a treat of Christmas cake was passed around by Mrs. Thos. Freeman.

Miss Myrtle Freeman spent a day with Mrs. W. H. Erskine of Riverdale.

Master Stanley Brodie is visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

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with a copy of the new Scout song book, "Songs for Canadian Boys." The appeal of this book is to all classes of boys and girls, to adults and to the English-speaking world generally. Some of the finest poems in the language are included, making the book an anthology in itself. The songs include those common to the Empire, songs of Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the United States, French-Canada, France, sea songs, sea chants, scouting and marching songs, choruses and miscellaneous

songs. The French-Canadian song group have scholarly English translations by J. Murray Gibbon. It is a book that would adorn the shelves of any library. Mr. Beatty made a complete inspection of the Scouts' Montreal premises and evinced lively interest in the toy shop where hundreds of old and damaged toys were being put into shape and renovated for distribution among the poor and destitute children at Christmas. Photograph shows him among the boys at work in the shop.

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