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**NEWS AND INFORMATION
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The outstanding feature of the tobacco-growing industry in Canada continues to be the growing importance of the bright flue-cured type, declares the Economic Analyst. Production of this type has risen from 3 1/2 million pounds in 1928 to 27 million pounds in 1932.

The practice of inexperienced horsemen in watering their horses after feed is a dangerous one because the digestive fluids are interfered with and sickness is often the result. "Water before feeding (in a quantity depending on the warmth of the horse) and again before going to work, when only a moderate drink will suffice", is the advice of farm experts.

Effective April First
The Hon. Mr. Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture, announces that the Hog Grading Regulations passed by Order-in-Council, P. C. 328 and appearing in the "Canada Gazette" of January 30th, 1932, being covered by enabling legislation in the Province of Ontario, will be applied and become effective throughout the province on Saturday, April 1st, 1933.

Young Pigs Scarce
Indicating a distinct change in the hog industry outlook, J. A. Carroll of the Department, said: "A month ago, while in southwestern Ontario, I noticed good young sows with litters of ten, selling as low as ten dollars. On several markets suckling pigs found slow sale at fifty cents each."

"Undoubtedly, anticipation of increased price, due to the Ottawa Budget provisions, will increase even further the demand for young pigs, and the prices realized. Young pigs are likely to continue scarce as, according to Dept. of Agriculture estimates, sows to farrow in the first six months of this year, will number approximately 13% less than in the same period of 1932."

Canadian Cheese Export
Reports to the Department from London, England, state that there is little indication of doubt that the price of Canadian cheese can be fairly held, and that stocks will be out of the way before the new season's make arrives.

This statement was based on the fact that at March 1st, approximately 4,000 tons of Canadian cheese was on hand, with further arrivals estimated at 300 tons for March, and 200 tons for April. In 1931 old Canadians finished on September 4th at 70s. per cwt. In 1932 old Canadians finished on July 15th, after a rapid upward swing in price to 84s. per cwt.

In the present year, from January 1st to the beginning of this month, the price has continued constant 60s. to 65s., being just two points under the corresponding period of last year.

Lower Livestock Freight
Effective from March 20, the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways permit outbound shipments of livestock from Toronto to travel at the lower rates, and minimum carlot quantities, which now apply on inbound shipments. This is the announcement of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company.

All shipments up to a twenty cents per cwt. rate are affected. The reduction means a considerable saving to farmers carrying stock back country for finishing. The Farmers' Co-operative, and the Ontario Marketing Board strongly urged a reduction early in the year.

Weekly Crop Report
As a result of the recent improvement in livestock prices, farmers generally are looking forward with more optimism than for some time, according to reports from agricultural representatives throughout Ontario. Western Ontario reports a serious shortage of high quality seed grain with the demand keen. The same group of counties also report serious damage to fall wheat and clovers. In Haldimand the annual consignment sale of the Caledonia Shorthorn Club brought out a large number of bidders. Top price for the sale was \$120 for a cow, the average price for the sale being \$65.01 with the average for bulls \$66.75 and \$64.15. From Durham comes the report that about 200 entries were made at the Quinte District Seed Fair, with quality of exhibits outstanding. First prize alfalfa was grown in Hastings County while the first prize red clover was grown in Durham. The fourth general T. B. test in Prince Edward County is progressing very satisfactorily. 14726 cattle having been tested with only 39 reactors. Renfrew County reports a plentiful supply of high quality registered and commercial No. 1 seed of all kinds available at reasonable prices, while 19 poultry breeding stations declare their money can still be made out

of poultry when good breeding, careful feeding and regular attention are practised. Temiskaming district reports that cattle will be in much thinner condition this spring than for some years owing to shortage of feed.

The Brooder House

At this time a great many chicks will be started on the road to broilers and layers. Farmers and poultrymen realize that March and April hatched pullets are more likely to be in heavy lay at the peak prices than chicks hatched too late in the season. A lot depends on the start the chicks get, and for this reason it is important that no disease germs are lurking in the brooder house. In the first place give the brooder house a thorough cleaning, and if hens have wintered in the brooding house be extra particular. Not only sweep down the walls and scrape the floor, but saturate the floor and walls with a good disinfectant. This is not only a precaution against disease germs but against the young chicks becoming infested with lice or mites, either of which might prove fatal to the chicks.

If the weather is cold it might pay to line the brooder house with paper and put paper on the floor to stop the draft. Then have the brooder stove running for at least 48 hours before the chicks are expected so as to get the stove regulated to hold the temperature at about 100 degrees F. under the Hoover, 2 inches above the floor level.

Grafting Compounds

The Department of Horticulture at O. A. C. has been experimenting with various compounds for grafting and wound dressing purposes. Experience and observation in Ontario showed, that for our conditions, the standard Resin-beeswax-oil-lampblack liquid wax (Ontario Bulletin 357) could be improved on chiefly through a cheapening of the product or by the elimination of the necessity for heating. The cost for 1931-32 was about \$1.30 per gallon.

One very promising material was discovered that will probably do away with the heating requirement. This is an asphalt-water compound sold under the name of Braco and used chiefly as a roofing compound. It contains no tar or creosote. The material is applied with a paddle just as it comes in the tin. It must not be frozen and should be kept covered with water while in use or storage, otherwise it becomes hard and dry. Grafting is very seldom done when the temperature is below freezing. The cost when purchased in small quantities, is about the same as the liquid grafting wax in common use, and less in larger amounts. It is available in containers of from 1 to 45 gallons.

The result of two years' trials are as follows: 1931, Scions only fair, 37 grew of 46 set; 9 lost of 340 branches set. In practically all cases both the scions grew on the 231 branches which succeeded. This is better than 97% of scions. Braco, in both years caused a heavier callus growth than any compound which was tried. The callus was a little too heavy if any criticism could be made. It is possible that Braco could be mixed with some oil to prevent hardening and retain more plasticity during cool weather. Braco is strongly recommended for trial as a grafting compound which does not require heating. Further information on this subject will be given in a succeeding issue.

EUPHRASIA COUNCIL

The Council met at the Township Hall, Rocklyn, on Friday, the 10th of March, with all members present, the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Parker - Miller—That the Treasurer receive from Collingwood township the sum of \$237.82, per adjustment of towline work.—Cd.

Cook—Parker—That the Auditors' Report as read be received and adopted and that the Clerk have 200 copies of Minutes and Auditors' Report printed.—Carried.

By-Law No. 7, levying expenditure on roads, and No. 8, appointing Road Superintendent, were passed and filed.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: E. Boone, expenses of Division Court, Thornbury, \$5.00; T. Hawken, error in assessment, \$1.68; John Parker, county treasurer, refund of Falles' taxes on account of barn being burned, \$5.00; G. G. Albery, expenses of Division Court in Meaford, \$3.00; Ezra Fawcett, relief, \$6.56; Fred Brown, relief, \$2.77; Wm. Wright, salary as Auditor, \$20.00; Lorne Curry, salary as Auditor, \$20.00; J. Elford, keep of Mr. Bradbury, \$14.00; H. Dawn, quarter salary, \$9.50; H. E. Parker, quarter salary, \$8.70; J. A. Cook, quarter salary, \$7.50; R. D. Carruthers, quarter salary, \$9.90; J. J. Miller, quarter salary, \$9.30; N. L. Curry, quarter salary, \$75.00; N. L. Curry, for adding interest on roll, \$2.50; A. Pledger, quarter salary, \$50.00.

The Council adjourned until the 14th of April.
—N. L. Curry, clerk.

CONTROL OF WARBLERS

One of the most serious losses suffered by farmers is that caused by warblers. These are to be found in every stubble in Grey County at the present time. All cattle which pastured outside last summer are sure to have some in their backs at the present time.

The chief and most obvious damage is, of course, caused by the breathing and exit hole made by the maggot whilst in the lump on the beast's back, and it should be noted that this damage occurs in the most valuable part of the hide.

The question of perforated hides was first brought to a head by the leather trade, which was required to supply large pieces of unblemished hides for the motor and other industries, and prices had to be modified accordingly; in addition to this the scarcity of suitable hides has tended to encourage the use of artificial fabrics. Figures are apt to be misleading, but as some indication the loss in value of hides to Canada alone has been reckoned as at least 20 per cent while the annual loss in Great Britain is anything from a half to two million pounds.

In the past these losses have, of course, been borne by all stockowners, but buyers and dealers are now discriminating and in future stockowners will be penalized more and more for "warbled" hides, while owners of warble-free cattle will receive correspondingly increased prices.

Moreover, we have not taken into reckoning the damage to beef which is rendered unsaleable on account of the festering set up by the maggot in the lumps on the back. Nor have we included, and this affects the cattle-owner more closely, the loss of condition and, in the case of dairy cattle, reduction in milk yield caused not only by gadding, but also by the irritating presence of the grub in the animal's body for at least nine months out of the twelve.

The only way to combat the pest is to destroy the grubs in the backs of the animals. This is easily and inexpensively done by the use of Pyrethrum powder, derris powder, tobacco, iodoform or a commercial preparation known as Cooper's Warble Fly Powder—an English preparation which is being used by the Department of Agriculture in the Barrie and Manitoulin Island eradication trials.

The cost per animal is very little. One pound, costing about 75 cents, dissolved in water and applied with a brush at monthly intervals starting about the last week in March will be sufficient to go over the herd four times. This will absolutely control the pest and keep them free of any attack.

From an economic and humane standpoint the pest cannot longer be neglected. The local Department of Agriculture are anxious that a start be made this year in the control of Warble Flies.

BARRHEAD W. I.

The March meeting of Barrhead W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Hamilton, with ten members and a number of visitors present. The meeting was opened in the usual manner and the roll call was answered by "What I would like to be." It was also answered by the Barrhead school pupils, who had charge of the program. The minutes were read and adopted. Mrs. Hatton thanked the Institute on behalf of Markdale Hospital for donations sent there at Christmas.

The address of welcome was given by Billy Letch, after which "Our Colours" was given by the school pupils. Other numbers on the program included a recitation, "Friendship," by Anna Wilson, which was well rendered; a song by the boys; a recitation by Irene Letch on "Signs of Spring," enjoyed by all; recitations by Clarence Tebbutt and Russell Sewell were equally well recited; Miss McAllister read a paper entitled "Life is more than living," which was very interesting; a dialogue, "An Irish Philosopher," was well acted by Stanley Sewell and Lloyd Wilson; recitations by Lloyd Wilson and Stanley Sewell were much enjoyed; a duet by Anna and Lloyd Wilson was a pleasing number; current events, by Anna Wilson, brought the program to a close. This was followed by a contest, "Questions on Legislation," conducted by Miss McAllister and won by Lloyd Wilson. The National Anthem was sung and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and members of the Institute. The pupils were treated to candy and nuts.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. L. Whitehead on April 29th at 2 o'clock.

SLATS' DIARY

Friday—Bill Hix says his luck is turning vs. him he guesses. He said he was in five places to-day enquiring for work and was offered to jobs and it kept him busy making Xcesses so he wudnt half to go to work.

Saturday—Ma went and boughten a new evening Gown today and to-night she tried it on her self to see

how wood it look on her. Then she wasnt satisfied and she sed to pa. Well I yam all drest up now I wish we cud go sum place where wood you sigest we mite go to and pa replied and sed Well from the way you are drest I wood sigest that you go a swimming. Ma got about 1/2 sore at pa.

Sunday—Doc Tyson is getting wirryed I gess from what pa says. Doc is blding a new house and now just when he has a lot of bills to pay why they issent enny buddy getting a Pendency enny more and

thats what he Depended on. Munday—Well we got are Test papers today and Jake and me and Blisters is a going to get Erl West becuz it is his falt that we got poor grades in rithmetick. He says he diddnt no we was a Copping from nis paper.

Tuesday—Elly Prate and Hen Pickens got married Sunday we herd today and when pa herd about it he sed. Well I think they shud ought to be Congrachulated becuz I think they both got a Better mate then they Deserved.

Wensday—Pa was a telling us to-nite that he was proud of his self becuz he is a Self maid man and ma sed Well it mite of ben all rite ony he must of quit to soon intirly. Thursday—Ant Emmy was a going to have a X ray pitcher tuk becuz the Dr. ordered her to have a X-ray tuk. But she has put it off for a while on acct that rite now she has a ugly Pimpel on her Upper Lip and she dont want to spoil the Xray pitcher with a Pimpel.

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