

## News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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### Current Crop Report

Grey County reports its apple crop this year equal to that of 1935, with all fall apples turning out a good average crop and with Duchess nearly double last year's. McIntosh however show a decline of about 30 per cent. Estimated production of Georgian Bay fruit district is between 55,000 and 75,000 barrels. Quality is exceptionally fine. Huron County has a similarly encouraging report in this respect. In Waterloo yields of grain have been very disappointing. Livestock in Brant is in fair condition, with pastures improving due to recent showers. Lincoln reports peaches as plentiful, but apples are only 50 per cent. of a normal crop. More rain is needed in Welland to prepare a proper seed bed for fall wheat. Sowing of fall wheat is reported general throughout Wentworth. Alfalfa and second growth meadows have helped out the pasture situation in Oxford. Pastures in Middlesex are still very dry, although prospects are better since recent showers. Prince Edward reports that recent rains will greatly benefit corn, potatoes, tomatoes, roots, apples and pastures. Eastern Ontario has also benefited considerably by the downfall of moisture and the countryside is looking well.

### "Cost of Milk" Survey by Ontario Producers

What does it cost to produce milk in Ontario? The milk producers of Ontario aim to have an answer to this question in the very near future. Through the co-operation of the Economics and Dairy Husbandry Departments of the Ontario Agricultural College and the Economics Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, a research staff is now actively engaged in this study.

It is planned to learn the cost for every section of Ontario and for every type of market. To this task the milk producers' associations interested in cheese, butter, concentrated products and whole milk, in co-operation with the two above-named agencies, have thus far secured the active support of more than 1500 individual milk producers throughout Ontario.

Each co-operator has been supplied with an account book which has been carefully prepared by the Ontario Agricultural College and the Dominion Economics Branch, and approved by the joint committee of the milk producers. During the year, representatives plan to call on each of the farmer producers to provide any desired assistance in connection with the keeping of the records.

For some considerable time the milk producers have felt that the accurately determined cost of production would be of great benefit to them in arriving at a satisfactory sale price. With this data at their command, they are convinced they will be placed in a more favourable position. On the other hand, the milk distributor, knowing the most advantageous consumer price and also his distribution cost as the result of his constant contact with consumers, is in an advantageous position in dealing with farmers.

Many factors in addition to price are included in the agreements drawn up as between milk producers and distributors, and it is the prerogative of the Ontario Milk Control Board to exercise authority in connection with agreements made between these two parties.

### International Plowing Match Being Held at Cornwall

The enthusiasm displayed to date by farmers and agricultural experts of the Province of Quebec and New York State, as well as those in Ontario, promises to make the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration to be held from Oct. 6 to 9 at Cornwall, Ont., by far the largest and most international event of its kind in the world, according to a statement issued by J. A. Carroll, Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, under whose auspices it is held each year.

"Many new features will be in-

cluded on the official program this year," Mr. Carroll announced, "and foremost among these will be the new 'visitors class' which is open only to residents of the United States, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces. This competition will be held on the closing day of the match and, because of the international aspect of this year's meeting, will probably be watched with the keenest interest by all who attend."

Mr. Carroll stated that several groups of farmers across the border were planning to charter busses to bring contestants and visitors to Cornwall. He said that he had informed their farm bureaus that the Ontario Highway Traffic Act permitted motor busses while on chartered trips to operate in this province without Ontario registration plates.

Officials of the match have been assured of a strong contingent of skilled plowmen from Quebec, prize winners in many contests in their own province. These contestants will also demonstrate the excellent progress made in horse-breeding in Quebec by bringing teams representing the breeds most used in Quebec. They will include Percheron, Belgian, Clydesdale, and the native French-Canadian breed. The latter was evolved in Quebec and is the only breed of horse originated in Canada. These teams will qualify for the horse show held during the match by participating in the plowing contests.

An old-world touch will be provided by a few yoke of oxen from the French-speaking province which will participate in a special plowing demonstration. Also on display will be at least one pair of the French-Canadian breed of cattle.

Plans for the four-day assembly at Cornwall have been thoroughly worked out by the executive of the Ontario Plowmen's Association in co-operation with Eastern Counties Plowmen's Association, made up of ten branches from the seven Ontario counties of Glengarry, Stormont, Dundas, Grenville, Carleton, Prescott and Russell. Ten local committees are completing all details which they claim will make this year's match the greatest in the history of the association and exhibition plowing.

There will be more than 30 competitions on the program, with trophy and cash awards valued at over \$4000.

As the match will be held within 25 miles of the Quebec boundary and just across the Roosevelt Bridge from the international border, the executive committee has been given assurance that many thousands of spectators will come from Quebec and the United States to support their local contestants, and present indications point to the breaking of last year's record of more than 500 competitors and 100,000 spectators.

### GORING

Mr. Edwin White, Miss Ina White and little Miss Barbara Doble of Meaford visited with Mrs. A. Wood on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kirkpatrick of Kimberley visited with Mr. W. J. Woods on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirkpatrick, Miss Ethel Kirkpatrick, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. H. E. Parker, Mr. W. J. Wood and family, Mr. Harold Parker and Mr. Jack Sparling spent a few days at the Toronto Fair.

Mr. Ivan Sparling returned home from the West bringing a car load of cattle.

Mrs. Ryerson Sparling, Miss M. Rielly and Miss L. Rielly are spending a few days with Mr. B. Shaw at Clarksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hodgkinson of St. Vincent spent the week-end with Mrs. M. E. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McLaughlin of Arnett on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wood, Miss V. Taylor and Miss Elia Taylor attended the camp meetings on Sunday.

Mrs. Ryerson Rennie of Toronto visited a day last week with Mrs. A. Rennie.

Mrs. Robinson of Gore Bay spent the week-end with Mrs. G. King.

### IN DAYS OF YORE

[Continued from page three.]

30 YEARS AGO—Sept. 20th, 1906

#### Local and General

Miss Amy Gillespie of Berkeley is attending Model School in Orangeville.

Mrs. H. B. Smith and Master Edric of Chicago are visiting at Harkaway. The guests of Messrs. Wm. and Robt. Wiley.

Mrs. Wm. Hutton and two daughters, Laura and Vernie, returned home to Allandale after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Levi.

Mrs. J. W. Galbraith of Owen Sound, who has been visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Stedwill, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Mundle of Kimberley is having a most enjoyable visit among old friends and acquaintances and is the guest of Mrs. R. McGruther.

Mrs. Wm. McLeod of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smyth, in the suburbs.

Mr. Battie Wright of the townline Glenelg and Holland has purchased from Mr. John Maxwell of the 4th line, Elderslie, his beautiful 100-acre farm. This farm is in Chesley suburbs.

Mr. Henry M. Douglas was awarded two firsts and a third prize at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, on his two stallions and gelding and at Ottawa he carried off first prize, diploma and gold medal for Duke of York.

#### Holland Centre

Mrs. Shaw has returned after an extended visit to Gorrie.

Misses Gardhouse and McKinley spent the week-end in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright left on Monday for their home in Gore Bay.

#### Kimberley

Mr. Joseph Kaake's clover huller is doing the clover threshing in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fawcett and baby, Hazel, of Collingwood spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fawcett, "Rockview".

What might have proved a fatal accident occurred to Mr. Joseph McClung on Monday evening last when a shot gun was accidentally discharged, one of the grains of shot entering his chin, while another pierced his arm. Dr. Shullis of Heathcote dressed the wound.

The County Council has let the contract for the erection of a steel bridge over the Beaver River at Heathcote. Mr. Geddes of Meaford has the contract of building the cement abutments, which will cost \$1400. The steel part of the structure will cost about \$1600, making the total cost of the bridge \$3000.

Mrs. Lindsay Lougheed, accompanied by her daughters, Maggie and Ethel, and son, Millar, of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. James McCallum of Duncan, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. J. M. Fawcett.

#### Orange Valley

Mr. John Holley of Owen Sound spent a few days last week at Mr. F. A. York's.

Mr. John Beatty of Vancouver, B.C., son of Mr. Jos. Beatty of Markdale, is visiting with his brother, Mr. James Beatty, and his sister, Mrs. Silas Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George White and little Miss Agnes returned last Monday from a week's visit at St. Thomas.

Messrs. Will and Dan. McCormick and Frank Moore spent a day this week with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore and family.

Mr. Burney Galbraith was at Durham last Monday.

#### Walters Falls

Mr. James Campbell, P.M., of Leroy, Mich., is visiting here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. L. Campbell.

Mrs. D. Brown has returned home after spending a couple of weeks in Toronto.

Mr. T. G. Proud is having the rear of his store dutch-sided and painted.

#### Blantyre

Mrs. Wm. Cook and little daughter of Meaford visited at Mr. E. Manning's last week.

Mr. Johnston Abercrombie and Miss Lettie Shepherdson of Walters Falls visited friends at Blantyre.

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### VANDELEUR

(Held over from last week.)

Miss Viola Black, Miss Verna Gilkinson, Master Harold Black and Church Peel have returned to their homes in Toronto after spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fitzsimmons and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blackburn and Misses Georgina and Ruth Blackburn of Flesherton and Mr. Hartley Blackburn and friend, Miss Ruby Choles of Port Credit, were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boland and family.

Mr. Garnet Blair of Toronto was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Graham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clark and family of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hutchinson.

Mr. Lorne Cottenden and lady friend of Sault Ste. Marie are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Johnston.

Miss Doreen Boland spent a few days last week with Miss Georgina Blackburn of Flesherton.

Mrs. Lundy Johnston spent a few days in Toronto.

Messrs. Angus and John Bowles, Norman Williams and Sam. Fitzsimmons and Miss Violet Fitzsimmons left last week for a trip to New Liskeard and other points in Northern Ontario.

Mr. John Boland has taken a position with Mr. Harry Baker at Tavistock.

Miss Lillian Buchanan entertained a number of her friends to a corn roast one evening last week.

Arrangements are being made for the annual Sunday School Rally to be held in the Church on Sunday, Sept. 20th. The attendance contest, which has been creating considerable interest, will be brought to a close on the Rally Day. A social evening will be held a week or two later and the losing side is to put on the programme. The sides are fairly even at present.

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