

## News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Geese, like ducks, require a large proportion of roughage in their feed. This is supplied best in winter by the use of alfalfa or clover hay and roots, and in summer by grass.

### Watch the Seed Fairs

The adaptability of different varieties of grain to different soil and climatic conditions is reflected to no small extent in the degree of development attained by individual kernels. Varieties which consistently win high places at our seed fairs are therefore likely to be at least reasonably well suited to the district from which they come. Moral: Watch the winners at the Seed Fairs!

### Store Farm Machinery for Winter Repair

Place all farm equipment under cover at this time of year, but store it with a view to convenience in removing to repair during the winter. In repairing inspect all the field machinery; tighten all frame bolts; clean and wash the bearings with coal oil or gasoline; overhaul and straighten all bent members, replace unserviceable parts; sharpen all cutting edges and apply a coat of paint where required. Winter repairing insures against breakdowns, loss and annoyance in rush seasons.

### Field Crop Production

Between the first and second estimates of the 1936 production of field crops in Canada, taken respectively in September and November, there are very few significant changes. The Dominion totals for wheat (233,500,000 bushels) and oats (276,265,000 bushels) are higher than in the September estimate, while barley, rye and flaxseed are lower. The greatest change, relative to the size of the crop, is in fall rye (3,191,000 bushels), which represents a drastic estimated decrease of 590,000 bushels, or 16 per cent of the September estimate. In 1935 the fall rye crop was estimated at 7,795,000 bushels.

### Overhaul the Farm Plant

Now is the time for farmers to pay attention to their buildings. Slacken all bands on stave silos; repair any leaks in the roofs, check up on storm sashes; fit them, and repair broken glass; clean out all trap gullies; thoroughly flush the drains, clean out root cellar ventilators, fresh air intakes and foul air outlets in barns, stables, piggeries and poultry houses; thoroughly inspect and overhaul the water supply, if a pump service check up on the valves, if a pressure supply see that all pipes and tanks are protected from frost.

### Tobacco Exports

Exports of Canadian tobacco to Great Britain during the first nine months of 1936 totalled 8,143,633 pounds, as compared with 6,194,196 pounds for the corresponding period of 1935. The excellent and large crop of due-cured tobacco in Canada in 1935 was well regarded by British manufacturers and heavier purchases resulted. This tobacco is now reaching Great Britain. It is anticipated, states the Canadian Trade Commissioner in London, England, that by the end of 1936, the total quantity imported from the Dominion will be greater than for a number of years.

### Seed Crop Report

The total yield of alsike in Ontario this year approximated 5,250,000 pounds as compared with 950,000 pounds in 1935 and 425,000 pounds in 1934. Ontario was the largest producer of sweet clover seed this year, with Manitoba ranking second. The production of this seed for the Dominion is estimated at 3,100,000 pounds as against 3,700,000 pounds in 1935. Ontario also stood first in the production of timothy seed. Total for the Dominion was 6,150,000 pounds as compared with about 12,000,000 pounds in 1935 and 5,000,000 pounds in 1934. Canada Blue Grass, largely produced in southwestern Ontario, was a small crop this year, the yield being esti-

mated at 90,000 pounds as compared with 150,000 pounds last year. The red clover seed production for Canada this year is estimated at 1,910,000 pounds, as against 4,500,000 pounds in 1935 and 1,900,000 pounds in 1934. The decreased production this year was due to excessive humidity at the time of harvesting in eastern Ontario and Quebec, where prospects had been good. The Western Ontario yield was reduced by severe drought.

### Current Crop Reports

Reports from most counties state that livestock went into winter quarters in fairly good condition. The shortage of water in Halton is regarded as a serious problem, as in many other rural districts. There is little moisture in the ground and many wells are dry, with many farmers finding it necessary to either haul water or drive their livestock to neighbouring creeks. The situation appears increasingly serious this year and a major plan of reforestation is regarded as necessary to protect the sources of water. Haldimand reports a large quantity of hay being shipped to the United States, with the price remaining the same, around \$8 per ton for alfalfa in the barn. Victoria County reports that fall wheat has had a good growth and is now well-covered with snow. Many farmers there are short of feed, but this shortage has been lessened greatly by a good supply of fall grass. In Frontenac the shipment of brood sows has been quite heavy this fall. New milk cows are in good demand, but few are being sold.

### Ontario's Apple Crop

The apple crop has turned out much better than originally anticipated, and the present estimate of 684,200 barrels is only about six per cent below last year's crop. In Western Ontario, while the drought retarded growth in the early part of the season and early varieties were somewhat undersized and lacking in colour, there was sufficient moisture in the latter part of the season for the development of late varieties which attained normal size and colour, except in some sections on heavy soils. Scab infestation was very light in well sprayed orchards, but codling moth injury was quite prevalent in practically all areas. The latter resulted in considerable drop, and a fair proportion of low-grade fruit. Practically no hail damage was reported. Loss by frost was comparatively light. Peelers and cull apples were in strong demand by processors this year at very satisfactory prices. In the Central and Eastern parts, drought conditions prevailed from June 1st to September 1st, but from then on rains were quite adequate, and apples, with the exception of Spy, attained fair size, and coloured remarkably well. McIntosh and Snow were affected by drought-spot, and corky core condition in sod orchards and where not properly cultivated. Gales in mid-October blew a considerable quantity of apples off the trees. These were sold in local markets and to processors so that little actual loss was sustained. Prices to the grower have been very satisfactory this year.

### STRATHAVON

(Held over from last week.)

The melancholy days have come. The saddest of the year.

Those from here who attended the Royal Winter Fair were: Mr. and Mrs. Ian Torrie; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mustard; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mustard and Jimmy.

Mrs. Elmer Brown of Hoath Head spent a day with her mother, Mrs. I. Nigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson McKessock and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan on Sunday.

Mr. Harold Black and pupils are busy practising for their Christmas concert.

Mrs. John Anderson was a delegate to the Institute Convention held in the Royal York, Toronto.

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### EAST BERKELEY

(Held over from last week.)

Mrs. Matthew Patton and family of Harkaway have our sympathy in the passing of a husband and father.

Mr. Melvin Steer and son, Fred., have been visiting with friends at Markdale, Desboro and Meaford.

Mr. Iverson Murray of Blantyre spent a day with relatives here.

Mr. Sam. Madill has taken a life partner in the person of Miss Morrow of Dundalk. We extend our congratulations to them and wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. Gordon Steer spent a day recently with friends in Toronto.

Miss Verna Ward of Port Hope is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. John Steer.

### CEYLON

(Held over from last week.)

Miss Macil Snell and Messrs. Isaac and George James spent a few days the first of the week in Toronto.

Messrs. Percy Hunt and Bert Irwin are attending the Winter Fair.

Mr. Alex. Marshall returned last week after spending the summer in Toronto.

Mrs. Snowden McLeod and son, Donald, accompanied Mr. Snowden McLeod to Toronto for the weekend.

Mr. Peter Muir is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harry Huston, at Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nichol attended the McIntyre - Nichol wedding on Saturday at Priceville.

Miss Margaret Collinson spent the week-end in Owen Sound with Mrs. H. M. Coleman.

Mrs. A. S. Muir returned after a two weeks' visit in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sinclair and family spent Thursday in Harriston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jackson of Dundas visited the latter's father, Mr. Donald McLeod, the last of the week.

Sorry to report Mrs. Harry Piper ill, but showing considerable improvement at the home of her son, Mr. Roy Piper.

Miss Jean Copeland spent a couple of days last week at her home in Dundalk.

Mr. Ed. Bradey, Markdale, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Thos. Irwin.

Mrs. Isabel Wright, Feversham, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. Hemphill.

Mr. Ross Cavers, Poultry Dept., O.A.C., Guelph, spent Monday at J. F. Collinson's.



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The weather is very cold and stormy at time of writing.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Bradey were Messrs. Wallace Bradey of Meaford and Manley Richardson and Bill Merriam of Markdale.

Mr. Harold Ritchie, teacher at Moorsburg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ritchie.

Mr. Gordon Barfoot has a gang of men engaged cutting wood in Mr. W. Coffey's bush.

Mr. James Moran is engaged with

Mrs. Mike Kenny, Edge Hill, at present.

Mrs. Wm. Priel, Wilfred and Mae, spent a day recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moran.

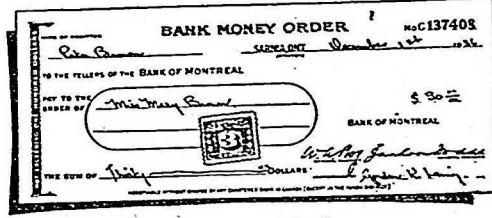
Master Jackie Baines has returned from visiting in Sarnia.

Messrs. Charles and Alonzo Morgan are engaged cutting wood and logs for Mr. Willie Ritchie.

Miss Reta Livingstone is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Emerson Craven, at Holland Centre.

Misses Margaret and Marie Moran attended the fowl supper in Chelley and called to see a former teacher, Miss Molly Kyle, who lives there.

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