

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Poultry Prices Down

Anyone marketing live fowl, especially chickens, will find the price down around four cents per pound from last year. The fact that feed is considerably higher has nothing to do with setting the price of fowl. The law of supply and demand is supposed to be the ruling factor. It was pretty well broadcast early in the fall that the supply of fowl was above average. Unfortunately too many of the birds being marketed are not in as prime flesh as they should be. One produce dealer who pays a higher price proportionately for diseased birds, if they are good, than he does for live birds, claims he much prefers buying dressed birds, as he can see what he is getting. At ten or eleven cents a pound for five to six-pound birds, there should be increased consumption of fowl on the farm and a considerable quantity canned for spring use. If birds are crate or stall fed, it will pay to dress them rather than sell alive.

Seedmen Annual

Fifteen thousand bushels of Ontario variegated alfalfa seed, valued at more than \$250,000, was purchased by the Soviet Government last year for use in Russia, according to an announcement made during the annual meeting of the Ontario Field Crop and Seed Association in Toronto.

Ten years ago two bushels of the Ontario variegated seed was sent to Russia, which also secured United States Grimm and Western Canada Grimm for experimental purposes, a delegate announced.

"And", he added, "the Russian Government last year purchased 15,000 bushels of Ontario variegated alfalfa. The purchase was of considerable importance to our business."

Speaking during the annual meeting were: Dr. Gordon McRostle of the Ontario Agricultural College; W. E. Nixon, M.L.A., of New Liskeard; W. R. Reek of Ridgetown Experimental Farm; Prof. G. W. Ruhnke and James Loughland of the Ontario Agricultural College, and Elliot Moses of Ohsweken.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President, J. Lockie Wilson; President, Alex. M. Stewart of Ailsa Craig; Vice-President, B. L. Scott, City View; Secretary, W. J. Stephens; Treasurer, D. H. Andrews; Executive: W. C. Barrie, Galt; H. A. Dolson, Georgetown; Elliot Moses, Ohsweken; R. J. McCormick, Paris, and L. H. Hanlan, Kapuskasing.

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Current Farm Reports

Durham County reports that the majority of farmers have enough roughage to carry their stock until spring, but the supply will be pretty well exhausted by the time the pastures are ready. The initial T.B. test of cattle there will be completed in mid-March. Livestock are on the thin side in Northumberland due to shortage of feed. Large quantities of seed grain are required there. Prince Edward reports that due to lack of snow and lower temperatures, fall wheat is looking brown and farmers in some districts report clover to be heaving. The market for horses there remains keen at satisfactory prices. Livestock are in good condition in Frontenac. Hay prices there have advanced with good quality timothy at \$9.00 per ton, baled and mixed hay, including red clover and alfalfa, selling at \$10.00 per ton baled. Glengarry reports a considerable movement of Ayrshire and Holstein cattle, with American buyers paying \$45 to \$70 for grades and \$90 and up for purebreds. Milk production in Grenville is a little above average for this time of year, with several factories making cheese throughout the winter months. Con-

tinued lack of sleighing in Leeds has slowed up farm work, with hauling of wood, logs and ice almost at a standstill. Movement of hay has been light and prices low in Renfrew. An increased demand for seed grain is noted there and seed dealers seem assured that all available supplies of seed grain will be cleaned up at an early date. Wonderful winter weather is reported from Manitoulin Island, with working conditions in the woods excellent.

Potatoes For Seed

All growers of seed, whether it be seed grain, vegetable seed, or any other kind of seed, should endeavor to produce seed of superior quality by starting with the most suitable varieties and strain, and selecting the very best seed for their own plantings. In the production of seed potatoes, there is much room for improvement, and all too frequently bruised, damaged, small off-type potatoes are planted, particularly if prices have been alluring. Actual selection of superior strains of potatoes is apparently not receiving the attention that is so fundamental to success and yet the seed potato growers may be producers of really high quality cattle and other live stock, and would not for a moment think of using the same tactics in their breeding program. Why then, not apply similar care and principles to the production of high quality seed potatoes.

The Seed Potato Certification Service has been advocating such a system for many years with varying success. It is true, that diseases have been controlled, or methods for their control practised, but that is not the whole story. An effort should be made by every seed potato grower, through selection to produce stock, which in addition to being more or less free from serious diseases, is also apparently disease resistant. Good seed should be true to type, high yielding, and of good appearance. That is to say, tuber shape, colour of skin and eye characters should all be considered and an effort made to cull any not conforming to a certain set standard of excellence. In other words, seed selection.

The tuber unit method of planting, of which much has been written, is one big step leading toward such an end and growers would be well advised to practise every means by which the quality of seed may be improved.

CEYLON

Mrs. Geo. Evans of Toronto visited at the home of her brother, Mr. A. S. Muir.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hunt returned from the Owen Sound hospital on Friday. Mr. Hunt is doing as well as can be expected after his distressing accident.

Almost every home in the community has a sick list.

Mr. Farquhar Oliver, M.P.P., was home from Toronto for the weekend.

Mr. Bert Middaugh of Dundalk shipped three horses that he bought in this community to Toronto on Monday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Staines (Allie Parslow) of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the gift of a daughter (Helen Minerva).

Mrs. J. F. Collinson spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Coleman, in Owen Sound.

Mr. Donald McLeod and Mr. Gordon Jackson had run off half a barrel of maple sap last Friday. This is the first tapping that we know of in this locality.

Miss Dorothy Snell has returned home after spending the past week in Owen Sound.

Mrs. Henderson of Mount Forest, Mr. and Mrs. M. Reany and Jean of Southampton and Mrs. Hugh Bailey of Shrigley were visitors with Mrs. D. Macphail the first of the week.

Mr. Gordon Jackson was a visitor in Toronto last week.

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Live Stock Market Report

BY DUNN & LEVACK, TORONTO

About 3000 cattle arrived for Monday's market and while prices held steady on most classes, trading was somewhat slow. Only a few lots of choice heavy steers arrived, which sold at from 7.00 to 7.50; good to choice from 6.50 to 7.00; fair to good from 5.75 to 6.40. In the butcher section, choice steers and heifers made from 5.50 to 5.75; fair to good from 4.75 to 5.40; common and medium 4.00 to 4.60. The choice baby calves sold at from 7.00 to 8.00, others at lower prices according to quality. Only a few stockers and feeders were on offer and these sold at steady prices. The cow market held active and strong, choice fat cows selling from 3.75 to 4.25, with a few tops at 4.50; fair to good from 3.00 to 3.60; common and medium 2.50 to 2.90; canners and cutters 1.75 to 2.40. The bull trade held steady, choice from 3.75 to 4.60; bolognas 3.50 to 3.75.

In the small meats, choice lambs sold at 9.75, with others at slightly lower prices according to quality. All classes of sheep held steady with choice light kind from 5.00 to 5.50.

Calf prices, which have featured the market during the past three months, suffered a severe decline, choice calves bringing 9.00, which is over \$1.00 per cwt. lower than two weeks ago; fair to good calves brought from 7.50 to 8.50; common and medium 5.50 to 7.00.

The hog market held active and firm on Monday, truck deliveries selling on the basis of from \$3.35 to \$3.50 and the prospects for the balance of the week looks favorable.

Collection Results

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SAUGEEN JUNCTION

Mrs. Wm. Halliday has returned home from a two weeks' visit with her mother at Corbetton.

The community is saddened by the death of Mrs. Robert Vause. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Vause and daughters.

Mrs. Murray Farnel is in Markdale hospital following a serious operation in her leg. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Emmet Jackson is busy buzzsawing wood in this burg these days.

Mrs. Ha Cooper and children visited a few days this week with her brother, Jack, at Bethel.

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