

# News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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### Good Hopper Accommodation

Provide enough hoppers to the pen so that there will be at least 1 foot of hopper space to every 4 hens as well as placing them at right angles to the windows so that the birds will not stand in their own light when feeding. Where there is considerable bossing going on in the flock, the returns will be worthwhile if a hopper and water container are placed on the roosts during the day so that the bossed hens will have a chance to eat and drink without interference.

### Boots for Sheep with Foot Rot

To enable dressings to be retained on the feet of sheep suffering from foot-rot, a rubber boot has been designed which closely fits a sheep's foot. At present sheep affected by foot-rot may have their feet dressed with ointment or other remedies and then be turned out without any covering on the wound. The result is that the ointment is soon rubbed off, and the treatment has to be renewed again and again.

The boot now introduced which can be obtained in sizes keeps the dressing in place and experiments have shown that normal cases of foot-rot can be cured in a week with one or two dressings through the use of the boot. The boot is proof against acid as well as water and is made in five sizes. It is shaped in a fashion to avoid chafing.

### Ready-Mixed Feeds

There is no lack of choice in ready-mixed feeds from which Canadian poultry raisers may select their requirements. In 1936 no less than 1,003 brands of feeds, the product of 276 manufacturers, were registered under the Feeding Stuffs Act. This is an increase of ten per cent. over the previous year and does not include upwards of 100 brands of mixed supplementary feeds designed to supply proteins, minerals and vitamins to balance home-grown grains.

The majority of feeds registered were mashies, as whole scratch grain mixtures made by blending the common grains are not subject to registration. Laying mashies as usual were most numerous, accounting for 384 brands. Chick starters followed with 232 brands and growing or developing mashies with 201. The remainder included fattening, breeding, pullet, cockerel, broiler, moulting and battery mashies, hen, chick and developing scratchies and turkey, duck and pigeon feeds.

### SEASONAL HINTS (From the O. A. C.)

Spring Is at Hand—Are You Ready? Are field implements ready? Is good seed all ready? Are fertilizers all ready? Every farmer in Ontario should be able to answer "Yes" to these three questions by the end of March. An

old adage says that "A job well begun is half done." Nowhere is this more vitally true than in the growing of crops on the farm, and any Ontario farmer who can answer "Yes" to the above questions on April 1st has his season's job well begun.

### Make Best Use of the Old Equipment

Until the expected increase in the farmer's income has become a reality much old machinery will have to be used. It will be well to remember that in order to take advantage of any possible improvement that may come in farm business the best possible use should be made of the equipment we have.

Steps taken at once to see that machines are "all set and ready to go" will likely be more profitable than has been the case of late years. Field breakdowns and delays while waiting for replacement parts will be even more expensive than usual as they may subject increasingly valuable crops to weather hazards. Also, more direct savings from early overhauls are probable as there are not the extra charges for telegrams and express for early repair orders that may be required with rush shipments. Where overhauling by hired mechanics is needed, more time and attention may be expected now than later on when emergency calls for service are frequent.

### Selecting New Farm Machines

A new machine should be purchased only after due consideration of its usefulness to the purchaser. A little thinking before buying will save time, worry and expense later. The size and capacity of new machines should be considered in the light of future as well as present needs, since the machine will likely be used for many years. Price is important too, and it is well to view it from the standpoint of extra value, reputation of the manufacturer, availability of repair service, and suitability to one's particular needs. Since modern methods require speed and durability, a comparison of today's models with earlier models should show many improvements. This is particularly true with respect to bearings, lubrication methods and design for strength and mobility.

The greatly increased capacity of most modern farm machines has made it wise to consider their co-operative use by several farmers. So far the most satisfactory method of doing this has been through hiring or custom work. Unfortunately in many cases operators have failed to put custom work on a business-like basis. There is still great room for the development of more efficient and more satisfactory methods of co-operation as between neighbouring farmers, in the use of farm equipment.

### Check Your Fertilizer Needs for 1937

What fields were manured last fall and winter? Did they get a heavy or light covering?

If yields were light last year, and if the plan is to sow oats, barley, mixed grain or corn where the manure was applied, it will most likely pay to add 200 to 250 lbs. per acre of 0-12-6 or 0-12-10 or 20% Superphosphate.

More bushels of better filled grain have resulted where the plant food was well balanced. Rate tests on several farms gave an average increase in yield of oats of 23.5 bushels per acre where 2-12-6 was sown at 250 lbs. per acre.

For oats, barley and mixed grain on soils of low fertility where cereals follow crops which have not been fertilized, apply 250 pounds per acre of 2-12-6 or 2-12-10, the latter on lighter soils.

Where spring grains follow hoed crops which were manured or fertilized heavily, apply 0-12-6, or 0-12-10 at 250 pounds per acre.

For barley grown for malting apply 250 pounds per acre of 2-12-10.

### Advertise in The Standard.



Saugeen Lodge No. 327  
Markdale, Ont.

MONDAY, APRIL 19—Regular Meeting for General Business.

ROY FREEMAN, Noble Grand  
HERB. WALKER, Financial Sec.  
W. J. COLGAN, Recording Sec.

## Farmers' Telephones Now Cost Less!

On April 1st, rural telephone rates were reduced by 25 cents per month — \$3.00 per year.

This will mean a saving to the farmers of Ontario and Quebec of over \$100,000 a year.

### Other reductions are—

#### Hand (cradle) telephones —

reduced from 30 cents to 15 cents per month over Desk type (effective with May bills).

#### Installation charge —

Business telephones reduced from \$2.25 to \$2.00.

#### Service connection —

(where instrument is in place) on Business telephones, reduced from \$1.15 to \$1.00; inside move charges reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.00 (effective April 1st).

#### Short haul Long Distance Calls —

20-cent person-to-person calls reduced to 15 cents. The extra cost for reversing charges on calls to nearby places is cancelled (effective April 1st).

#### Deaf Sets —

The special type of equipment available for the hard-of-hearing is reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per month.

Now is the time to order your telephone. Our local representative will be glad to explain the benefits of a telephone on the farm. It will save you far more than its cost, especially at the reduced rate.



# Can You Name the Two Best Known Men throughout the County of Grey and Living in the following Municipalities: Artemesia, Chatsworth, Euphrasia, Flesherton, Glennelg, Holland, Markdale

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### BALLOT

Name two men from each municipality whom  
you consider the best known

- No. 1, Artemesia .....
- No. 2, Artemesia .....
- No. 1, Chatsworth .....
- No. 2, Chatsworth .....
- No. 1, Euphrasia .....
- No. 2, Euphrasia .....
- No. 1, Flesherton .....
- No. 2, Flesherton .....
- No. 1, Glennelg .....
- No. 2, Glennelg .....
- No. 1, Holland .....
- No. 2, Holland .....
- No. 1, Markdale .....
- No. 2, Markdale .....

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