

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Current Crop Report

The weather during September and October was favourable for the development of late field crops and the yield of root crops and fodder corn is well up to average. Present estimates place the yield of grain crops in Ontario at 13% above last year, hay and fodder crops also 13% above and root crops 10% higher. In Northern Ontario, however, the hay crop was decidedly light and considerable quantities will have to be purchased, while in Eastern Ontario, as well as in Manitoulin and Thunder Bay, grain yields were disappointing, and insufficient for winter feeding purposes. Farmers in Western and Central Ontario have purchased the largest number of Western feeder cattle on record in order to make use of plentiful supplies of grain, fodder and roots, a considerable portion of which is of inferior quality, and only suitable for feeding. In the three months, July, August and September, shipments of feeder cattle from Western Canada to Ontario totalled 120,143 head as compared with 42,128 in the same months of 1936.

Due to an increase in both acreage and yield per acre the production of potatoes in Ontario shows a gain of approximately 12%, with production estimated at 9,789,000 cwt. this season as compared with 8,700,000 cwt. in 1936. The total Canadian crop will amount to 41,799,000 cwt. as against 39,034,000 cwt. last year. Recent prices have been quite low, but a firmer tendency is developing as it is realized that the supply situation in relation to demand is almost as favourable as last year, due to the fact that production in the Maritimes shows a decrease of 665,000 cwt. from last year.

Laying Contest Leaders

To Mr. W. S. Hall of Oakville belongs the most creditable record ever made in the Ontario Western egg-laying contest at Harrow, Ontario. His pen of S. C. White Leghorns, No. 13, took the lead in the first week and maintained it throughout the entire 51 weeks of the contest, finishing with next to the highest record ever made in this contest, namely, 2323 eggs and 2643.4 points.

Mr. Hall also had in this contest a pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks, which was the most important runner-up. It never fell below third place during the year and finished second with 2240 eggs and 2469.1 points. Two S. C. White Leghorns of Mr. Hall's held the high records for individual performance, the leading bird No. 9 (Pen 13) having scored 389 eggs and 317.3 points for the year.

Another outstanding record was made in the contest this year by Mr. W. S. McCall's (Simcoe) pen of White Plymouth Rocks, which laid 2151 eggs with a score of 2392 points. This is the first pen of White Plymouth Rocks to gain this high rank in the Ontario Western contest during its seven years operation. Birds numbering 106, or 48.6 per cent. of those completing the contest, were registered in the Canadian National Live Stock Records Association by meeting all the rigid qualifications.

This contest begins and terminates one month in advance of the other contests. Mr. H. F. Murwin is the superintendent and Mr. W. T. Scott is head poultryman at this centre. There were twelve Barred Rock pens, eight S. C. White Leghorns and three White Rocks in the contest.

New Minister and Deputy

Ontario's new Minister of Agriculture, Hon. P. W. Dewan, was born on a farm in Carleton County near Ottawa and spent his boyhood there. His college training began at Ottawa University, continued at St. Francis Xavier University at Antigonish, N. S., and was completed at the Ontario Agricultural College. In 1922 he joined the staff of Kemptville Agricultural School, specializing in poultry, animal husbandry and economics. Three years later he accepted a position as manager of the Oxford Farmers' Cooperative Produce Company at Woodstock. This is a

county-wide organization which has grown to large proportions under his able direction. With a first-hand knowledge of marketing problems Hon. Mr. Dewan is well-fitted to deal with the many problems of cooperative selling which confront the provincial government.

Mr. W. R. Reek, the new Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is already well-known throughout Western Ontario as Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Ridgeway. Kent County claims the honour of his birthplace and has been the centre of his activities for the past 15 years. After graduation from O.A.C., Mr. Reek was engaged as drainage surveyor for the Department of Agriculture, being one of the pioneers in this work in Ontario. He became secretary to the late Dr. C. C. James, who was then deputy minister of agriculture. Afterwards Mr. Reek was sent to England by the Ontario Government, where he became assistant to the Agent-General for Ontario in London. In 1914 he was back at the Ontario Agricultural College as associate professor of animal husbandry. In 1916 he was found in the employ of the P. E. I. Government as director of agricultural education. During the last

fifteen years he has served as head of the Ridgeway Experimental Station, where he has made a notable contribution to the agricultural development of Western Ontario.

GUELPH WINTER FAIR

The 55th Ontario Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph, otherwise known as the Guelph Winter Fair, promises to be the best in the history of this oldest of all winter shows. Guelph Winter Fair is known all over Ontario as "The Farmers' Show" where neighbor meets neighbor and friend meets friend. In other words, it is a friendly show. The dates for 1937 are from November 30th to December 2nd inclusive.

Entries positively close November 10th. President George E. Teller and the Secretary, L. E. O'Neill, are most enthusiastic over this year's fair. Entries from a number of prominent live stock, swine and sheep breeders have already been received, while poultry entries promise to be larger than ever. The entire prize list totals \$20,000 in cash.

The Light Horse Show held every night of the fair is a feature that has grown rapidly in the past few years. Here you will find the pick of Ontario horse-flesh in competition in the fair arena—hunters, jumpers, performance classes, inter-city hunt teams, high steppers, carriage and roadsters.

The seed show is another interesting feature of Guelph Winter Fair as is the Junior Agricultural Department open to Boys' Grain and Potato Clubs organized by the Ontario De-

partment of Agriculture. There will be competitions for boys in judging grain and potatoes.

All entries close November 10th and should be sent to L. E. O'Neill, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. Write Mr. O'Neill immediately for the official premium list for horses, beef cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and seeds.

GORING

The October meeting of Ebenezer Church (Goring) Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. A. Parker on October 28. The president, Mrs. Ross Breadner, had charge of the meeting. The Scripture reading by Miss Hazel Wood was from Hebrews 2:1-18. Twelve members answered the roll call and there were also two visitors present. "A New Church Faces a New World" was read by Miss Martha Wood; a good temperance reading by Mrs. Raymond Rennie, entitled "Temperance from the Christian Standpoint," was given; a reading by Mrs. G. King, "A Surgeon sure that man was created by God". Nineteen blocks were donated for the quilt for the Western bala. The meeting closed with hymn, "Take Time to be Holy". Mrs. Parker and Jean served lunch at the close.

The Ebenezer Church is having special Thanksgiving Services on November 7th. Rev. Warren of Markdale will be in charge in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and in the evening at 7.30.



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ized at the Presbyterian manse, by Rev. G. C. Little, the contracting parties being Mr. Bert Medaugh of Proton Station and Miss Ethel White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White, near Boyd's mill. The young couple were attended by Mr. Robert White and Miss Ethel Medaugh.

Mr. Milne, now occupying Mr. Sinclair's farm on the East Backline, we learn, has purchased Mr. Fred Boland's farm.

Mr. John Walker has moved his family from Portlaw to the Charles Irwin farm residence, near the village, now owned by Mr. Sam. Irwin.

Mrs. W. T. McKee is moving to the city this week to join her husband, who is employed there.

Miss Ruby Bowler of Markdale visited with Miss Frances Bellamy.

A death, sudden and extremely sad, was that of the beloved young wife of Mr. Harry Quigg, which occurred at her late home on the West Backline on Tuesday morning of last week.

SHOP IN MARKDALE

Popularity Contest

To stimulate interest in the trading area surrounding Markdale, The Standard will stage a Popularity Contest, in which the most popular lady, young or old, will be chosen in each of the following municipalities: Artemesia, Euphrasia, Glenelg, Holland and Markdale. A worthwhile prize will be awarded to the winner in each municipality, and a Grand Prize to the one having the highest standing in the contest.

Nominations may be made on the following blank and gives to the person so nominated 5000 votes to start.

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Date received Time

With every \$1.50 paid on a subscription to The Standard will go the right for the subscriber or any member of his family to cast a ballot giving his or her favorite 3000 votes.

For every \$1.00 certificate produced, showing that the holder has purchased and paid for goods to that value in any store or shop in Markdale which has advertised in the Standard's issue of the previous week, 1000 votes will be given.

In all cases voters must be subscribers to The Standard or a member of a subscriber's family. Votes will be given for purchases over \$1.00 in the same proportion, but only in \$1.00 denominations.

Get your entries in this week and watch your favorite climb to the top. Hand in or mail to The Standard, Markdale.

Prizes will be announced at a later date.

To the person making the nomination of the winner in each section will be given a prize of \$1.00. Get your entries in now. Don't wait until the other fellow has beaten you to the prize.