



## FARM NEWS

**Last Blight Warning Service**  
It is again the time of year when we may anticipate outbreaks of late blight on potatoes and tomatoes. A year ago a late blight broke out about the middle of July. Weather conditions recently have also been conducive to outbreaks of this fungus disease. Announcement was made last week by Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, head of the Department of Botany, that the Late Blight Warning Service will be in operation again this year. It is planned to issue releases to both radio and press on Wednesday of each week during the late blight season. Andrew Fulton, Secretary of the Vegetable Growers' Marketing Board at Hamilton has accepted the responsibility of disseminating the releases to commercial tomato growers of Ontario.

Growers who have outbreaks of this disease should immediately report same to Wm. Fox, District Fruit and Vegetable Fieldman, Box 192 Oakville, or to the Agricultural Office in Milton.

**Forest Tree Applications**  
August 15 has been set as the deadline for the accepting of applications for trees for windbreaks, shelterbelts and wood-lot planting. The announcement was made some time ago by the Department of Lands and Forests. In other words, if any of our readers is interested in securing trees for next spring planting now is the time

to make your application. Application forms may be secured from the Agricultural Office, Milton.

**Hog Marketings are Low**  
Hog marketings in Canada for the first week in July were 51,600. This constitutes the lowest for that week in the past ten years. As usual hog prices are up when marketings are low. Some people may wonder why the price of hogs advances each year during the months of July, August and September. The answer according to W. E. Timmon, Secretary of the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Board is because less hogs are marketed during these three months than any other period of the year. When the weekly consumption of pork products exceeds the weekly marketings of hogs then of course, the supply is not equal to the demand and competition for the available hogs causes an advance in price. That appears to be the situation at the present time and it is quite possible that it will be the end of September before sufficient hogs will come to market to equal the demand for the domestic market alone. In the meantime, export is only a dribble. There is also the fact that usually during periods of light marketings the demand could be supplemented from storage stocks. This year, however, the amount of pork products in storage is reduced considerably.

## Grim Summer Harvest



Harry Hall in The Toronto Telegram

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## FARMERS' RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE

Preliminary figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in July, indicate that during the first three months of 1940, farmers' receipts from the sale of farm products amounted to \$406,386,000 as compared with \$380,006,000 in 1939 and \$333,779,000 in 1938, a gain of 6.9 per cent. and 21.7 per cent. respectively. Compared with a year ago, cash income from the sale of field crops at \$133,878,000 for the first quarter of 1940, was up more than 20 per cent. This increase can be largely attributed to the increases in the marketings of the five principal grains and a higher price for wheat. Income from the sale of livestock and livestock products at \$264,776,000 for January-March period of this year is relatively unchanged from that of the same period of 1939. With the exception of cattle and calves, the 1940 marketings of livestock were down this year as against last. Prices on the other hand were, without exception, higher than a year ago, with the index of livestock prices indicating an overall increase of more than 20 per cent.

## WEEDS ARE PROLIFIC

Weeds are one of the greatest problems in successful farming and particularly in producing a more abundant supply of clean forage, grain and other seed. To get the best returns from the land and to produce a high class of clean seed, farmers have to wage a ceaseless war keeping weeds in check and preventing the spread of new kinds. One of the principal reasons why weeds are not brought under better control is because such large numbers of weed seeds are put into the soil through lack of care in ordinary farm operations. Investigations have shown that while many farmers are extremely careful in the selection and cleaning of the seed they use, others do not give this important step in farming the attention it rightly deserves. Clean seed is of vital importance because weeds are so prolific in seed production that relatively clean fields may become badly contaminated in two or three years if the weeds are allowed to go to seed.

**GRADE BY PRICE**  
Customer: "It's tough to pay 90 cents a pound for meat."  
Butcher: "It's tougher when you pay 35 cents."

## START RIGHT NOW TO FIGHT FLIES

There is one war which should never cease—the war against flies. A pamphlet issued by the Edinburgh, Scotland Public Health Department states: "Flies are detestable insects because they have dirty habits, live on filth and soil the food we eat," the pamphlet states. "They carry disease germs from latrines and dung heaps and excrete or vomit them on to the food in your larder and on your table. In this way flies give people typhoid fever, dysentery and worms, to mention a few diseases only. They carry the germs of the 'summer diarrhoea' which is so highly fatal to infants and may play a part in the spread of polio-myelitis." The Scottish publication calls for a never-ending war on flies, as does Margaret E. Smith in an article, "The Fly, Enemy of Man" in the magazine Health, published by the Health League of Canada. Miss Smith who is director of the Nutrition Division of the Health League says that any liquid or solid food that a fly has been in contact with is unfit for human consumption. In regard to the possibility that flies have much to do with the spread of polio, Miss Smith quotes researchers who have found in the studied cases that milk contaminated by flies was either directly or indirectly the source of the polio virus; that the house fly and the blow fly carried the virus on both the outside and inside of their bodies more often than any other species of insects investigated. Flies breed at such a pace that it has been estimated that even if only a small proportion survive, the offspring of one female house fly will in seven weeks number 432,000. So what that fly got rid of him by any means but get rid of him and protect your food and keep your garbage covered. Flies are filthy insects with dirty habits. They spread disease, so banish the dirt and you will banish the dirt disease.

## RESTRICTIONS

The man had just bought a cigar in a department store and started to light it.  
"Didn't you notice the sign?" asked the salesgirl.  
"What exploded the customer, 'You sell cigars here but you prohibit smoking?'"  
"We also sell bath towels," the salesgirl replied.

**How Father May Get Into Kitchen**  
Something has to be done to make room for husbands in the kitchen if husbands are to be kept in the home. This business of making meals in a clothes cupboard that's called a kitchen merely because it has tiled walls and some cooking equipment, has about reached the limit. I've argued for big home kitchens all my life; but the more I advocate them the smaller they get," said Dolores McRabbit, our bare-brained contributor, as he warmed up to his favorite subject.  
"But I think I have got the answer. If the men cannot have a couch to lie on in the kitchen they can have a contraption to snooze in while mother's getting dinner ready. The modern ironing board which folds into a nook in the wall could be fixed with a big swivel so that it could be laid flat on its back on the floor and father strapped to it like a passenger. With the aid of a counter-weight mother could push him into his niche in the wall. In this outfit he could talk to her or go to sleep, but at least he'd be in the kitchen."  
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## BURLINGTON

The blast of a shrieking siren on Brant street about 6:20 on Monday evening announced the arrival of Burlington's new fire truck, which was purchased at a cost of around \$9,000 by last year's council. The chassis was equipped at the Bickle-Seagrave factory in Woodstock and on Monday morning, when it was completed, Fire Chief J. Waunsley Assistant Chief Jack Law and George Haswell, chairman of the fire and light committee, went to Woodstock to return with the truck. Miss Suzanne Blair has successfully passed her tests for the Canadian Figure Skating Association Bronze Medal at the summer skating school being held in Milton. Suzanne was tutored in her summer skating by M. Nikkanon, professional of the Granite Club, of Toronto.

Another Lions Carnival has passed into being and like the Carnivals that have gone before it has proved to be a most successful one, both financially and otherwise, and the gross proceeds will exceed the \$11,000 mark, which they just reached last year.

For the past five years, the members of Brant's teen town have dreamed of a diving tower and board down at the lakefront. Now, at long last, it looks as if that dream might come true. The teen-towners are building up pressure for a monstrous drive to raise the \$500 required to build the tower. Just to show the folks of Brant that they really want it and expect to get it, they have purchased the \$75 diving board out of their own pockets.—Gazette.

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## Lye Solution for Milking Machines

A weak lye solution (0.5 per cent) has proved to be most effective in maintaining milking machine rubber parts in good sanitary condition. Since its introduction in 1930, this method has spread widely and is probably the one most commonly used on this continent. However, one objection has been that the original directions required the preparation of a "stock solution" by dissolving the contents of three cans of flake lye in a gallon of water. This had to be done with care, for not infrequently the heat generated by the dissolving lye broke the glass jar. To avoid this, studies have been conducted by the Division of Bacteriology and Dairy Research, Science Service, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, to determine the feasibility of adding the required amount of lye directly to water to make the "soak solution". These studies have indicated the importance of thoroughly mixing such solutions before use. Unless this was done, different portions of the solution showed marked variations in strength. An exception was noted in the case of one make of solution rack which uses the chicken fountain principle here the air bubbling in to replace the solution withdrawn mixed the contents adequately. The method recommended to make the soak solution is to add two heaping teaspoonfuls of flake lye to a pint of cold water in the supply jar. This is rotated or stirred until dissolved, when it is diluted with cold water to make one gallon of solution. One pint of this is then drained from the supply jar and poured back in. With this method the solution is uniform in strength and gives excellent results. However, care must be taken to keep the can of lye tightly closed when not in use. Otherwise the lye will absorb moisture from the air and "cake".

## COMPULSORY

The club bore approached his recently deceased fellow member, Lord Chumley, as the latter sat quietly in his accustomed chair. "I hear you buried your wife last week," he blurted with ardent sympathy.  
"Had to," was the adequate reply. "Dead, you know."

## ERECTION OF ACTON INTO A TOWN

It is the intention of the Village of Acton to make application to the Ontario Municipal Board for the erection of the said Village into the status of a Town. Said erection to take effect on or about September 15th, 1940.  
J. McGeachie, Clerk.

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## FARM MACHINERY

Austria is producing two types of tractors, one suitable for horticultural gardening, the other an export machine suitable for operation in muddy rice fields. In Hungary production of the first modern type Diesel tractor was expected to be completed in June. This machine weighs over three tons and it is claimed that it can plough nearly an acre and a half to a depth of over eight inches in one hour. Spain is also constructing tractors, a 25 horse-power track-type and a six horse-power machine. Ancient Romans believed it to be unlucky to marry in May.

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