

Mr. Alex. D. Bruce of Gornley had an open letter to Hon N. W. Rowell in Monday's Daily Star in which he charges the Union Government with breaking faith with the farmers on the question of conscription. It cannot be denied that before the last Dominion elections the Government gave a pledge that on the ground of much needed production the farmers were needed would be exempted from military service. Of course the Government now claims that altered conditions make it necessary to withdraw the pledge. This, Mr. Bruce says, is treated by the Government as a "scrap of paper".

Inspector Jordan in addressing the Board of Education a few evenings ago recommended that the Principals of High and Public schools attend meetings of the Board so that trustees and teachers keep in touch with each other, learn of each other, and become better acquainted. The suggestion is certainly a good one. Complaints are sometimes circulated, and if teachers are present at Board meetings they may be able to give an explanation that will be entirely satisfactory to the trustees, and put an end to street gossip.

Every lover of fair play was pleased to learn that Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, gained a triumph over his enemies in Parliament and General Maurice who made charges casting reflections on the veracity of the Prime Minister, in connection with war information. The Prime Minister and the Government of Britain, like the Prime Minister and Government of Canada, are living in troublous times, and while just criticism of their acts is always in order, the men who have been entrusted with the reins of Government should not be treated with unfairness, as their task is a severe one.

Get a Soldier's Overseas Packet and send to your soldier relative or friend. The packet contains 24 envelopes and 24 sheets of paper neatly boxed ready for mailing.

Home Made Candy Prohibited

It is now illegal to make home made candy from cane sugar for private consumption. People may not have more than 15 days' supply of sugar in their homes, if they live within two miles of a licensed dealer. If living more than two miles but less than five miles away, they may have 60 days' supply. Farmers and all others living at a distance of ten miles or more from a licensed dealer may store sugar for 120 days' supply only. Wholesale and retail dealers and licensed manufacturers, using sugar to their products, may not have more than sufficient sugar for the trade of 45 days. Excess sugar must be returned at once to the dealer from whom it was purchased, who will pay for it, if in good condition, at the market price or the price at which it was sold, whichever be the lower.

U. S. To Send Wheat to Belgians

Food shipments to the civilian populations of the allied countries will be suspended for ten days to move three million bushels of grain to the Belgians, who are declared to be in desperate straits. A part of the wheat will go to the populations in the German occupied territory of Northern France. The decision to concentrate on the shipment of this grain was made following the receipt of urgent cablegrams from the Belgian Relief Commission's representative in Brussels. One of the cables said: "Provided all shipments now en route arrive and provided an equal distribution between all parts of the country Belgium and Northern France will be without bread from exotic grains grains for 20 days."

New Lodge Formed

A new Masonic lodge has been organized in North Toronto to be known as the Metropolitan Lodge. They will meet in York Masonic Hall, near Eglinton ave. The new lodge will be instituted on Wednesday, May 22, by V. W. Bro. Charles Murphy, D. D. G. M. The following are the first appointed officers of the Metropolitan Lodge: I. P. M. W. Bro. H. Legge; W. M. John A. Rowland; S. W. C. L. Wilson; J. W. F. Livingstone; treasurer, C. W. Mott; D. of C. W. E. Orr; S. D. H. Coon; J. D. Dr., T. L. Butler; and I. G. L. O. Clarke.

Eat More Fish

Efforts have been made throughout Canada to produce and market more fish. This Country has fish resources, which have been exploited commercially for the export trade but only in the big cities have fresh fish been available regularly to private consumers. On the Pacific Coast and the Atlantic Coast, on the lakes of the West, on the lakes of Northern Ontario and the

Great Lakes, fishermen will procure fish if the demand for it becomes regular and constant. Eat more fish and save meat for the men at the front.

Spring Term

from April 2nd merges into the Summer Term on July 2nd in Shaw's Business Schools, Toronto. No vacations. Enter any day. Free catalogue. W. H. Shaw, Pres

CROPS ARE INCREASED

Quicklime for Heavy Soils, Ground Limestone for Light Soils.

SEPTIC TANK FOR THE FARM

Potatoes Should Be Treated This Year to Control Scab, as the Success of This Crop is of the Utmost Importance in the Greater Production Campaign.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

THE soils in many parts of the province are so depleted of their lime that they are becoming sour or acid. This is an important fact as few, if any, of our farm crops can make their best growth on a soil carrying an insufficient supply of lime. This is especially true of leguminous plants and it is probable that the frequent "killing out" of clover during the first winter is due to lack of sufficient lime.

Lime acts in several ways. It neutralizes the acids formed in the soil through the decay of organic matter; it overcomes the tenacity of clay soils, binds sands together and thus improves the physical condition of both types of soil. Lime is not only an essential constituent of the food of plants, but it also tends to liberate plant food, especially potash, from the insoluble forms in the soil, bringing them into an available state. The micro-organisms that live on the roots of the nitrogen-gathering plants cannot work in an acid soil, nor can some other forms of organisms whose function it is to gather nitrogen.

It requires about two tons of ground limestone rock to be equal to one ton of quick lime, and the prices charged for them are in about the same proportion. Furthermore two tons of the former to one ton of the latter are about the right quantities to apply.

The ground limestone rock is safe on any land in almost any quantity, and may be applied at any time of the year. On heavy clay soils quick lime, slaked before applying, may give quicker results; but it should not be applied to light sandy soils. Few materials or fertilizers can have so many good things said about them as lime and none of them cost so little money. Try out a little yourself this year.—Prof. R. Harcourt, Ontario Agricultural College.

To Prevent Potato Scab.

For seed select smooth, sound potatoes, as free as possible from scab, and disinfect by soaking them before they are cut for two hours in a solution made by adding half a pint of commercial formalin to 15 gallons of water. A couple of barrels with plugs in the sides near the bottom can be used to advantage in treating the seed. The potatoes can be placed directly in the solution or first put in crates or coarse sacks and then immersed.

After treatment spread the potatoes out on a clean floor or on the grass to dry. Wash all crates, bags, etc., which are used in handling the potatoes with the formalin solution. The same formalin solution can be used to treat successive lots of potatoes. Fifteen gallons is sufficient to treat from 20 to 25 bushels if ordinary precautions are taken not to waste too much of the fluid as each lot of tubers is dipped. If the potatoes are not all treated the same day it is advisable to make up fresh formalin for each day's work.

Corrosive sublimate (mercuric chloride) can also be used to treat potatoes to prevent scab. Soak the uncut tubers for three hours in a solution of 2 ounces of corrosive sublimate to 25 gallons of water. Corrosive sublimate is a deadly poison, and potatoes treated with it are rendered unfit for food for man or beast.

Formalin is a clear liquid disinfectant. It is a 40 p.c. solution of formaldehyde gas and water. It can be purchased from almost any druggist. It is sold under the names of formalin and formaldehyde. It is important that the purchaser, whatever name he buys it under, secured a guaranteed solution of 40 p.c. formaldehyde.

If possible plant the treated seed potatoes on clean soil, that is soil that has not produced a crop of scabby potatoes. Practice a rotation of crops. If scab is very bad it is not advisable to plant potatoes on the same land oftener than once in five years. Heavy applications of barnyard manure should not be made to the potato crop, but if necessary given at some other point in the rotation. Plant potatoes after clover sod if possible. Avoid alkali fertilizers such as lime and wood ashes.—Prof. J. E. Howitt, Ontario Agricultural College.

Septic Tank for Sewage Disposal.

This system consists ordinarily of a two-chamber concrete, water-proof tank equipped with an inlet, overflow and vent pipe, and an automatic siphon for emptying the tank of the liquid sewage from time to time, and a system of tile, called the "absorption bed," consisting of several parallel rows of 3 or 4 in. land tile laid with open joints, almost level, and shallow, and branching off from a main line of sewer pipe which connects it to the tank. For the ordinary-sized home each tank should be about 3 ft. square and 3 ft. deep, and 150 to 200 feet of land tile would be required for the absorption bed. The vitrified sewer tile is best for the main and the number of them will depend upon the distance of the absorption bed from the tank.

If this system be properly installed it will dispose of sewage in a very satisfactory manner and without endangering the water supply. Complete plans in blue-print form for installing it may be secured for the writing from the Department of Physics, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.—R. R. Graham, B.S.A., Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario.

FURNITURE

The following articles of furniture are for private sale:

- 1 Kitchen Side-board
- 5 Upholstered chairs
- 1 Sofa
- Kitchen chairs
- 1 Hall rack
- 3 Bedroom suites
- 2 Pair tapestry curtains
- Pictures
- 1 Book shelf
- 2 Pianos
- 4 Rugs
- 1 Small table
- 1 Heater, McClary's Famous, base burner
- 1 Range
- 1 Baby carriage

MRS. G. A. McDONALD
Richmond Hill

News Notes

On and after the first day of June, 1918, no person shall manufacture in Canada for sale, ice cream, candy, cake, crackers, biscuits, pastry, confectionery, ice cream cones or chewing gum without first having obtained from the Canada Food Board a license, to be called "Confectioners' License;" provided, however, that persons holding a Bakers' license under Order No. 16 of this Board, or a Public Eating House License under Order No. 25 of this Board, shall not require a Confectioners' License under this Order.

Louis M. Maynard, former manager of a branch of the Dominion Bank, was sentenced to five years in the Kingston Penitentiary Saturday for theft from the bank after pleading guilty.

PROPERTIES For Sale

New six roomed brick house, newly decorated, hardwood floors and trim, hot and cold water, three-piece bath, septic tank, laundry tubs in cellar, furnace, electric light, verandah, lot 66x165 This is an ideal home for a small family.

New solid brick, eight large rooms, oak trimmed, three-piece bath, hot water boiler, septic tank, kitchen cabinet, two fire places, full size cellar, furnace, electric light, lot 50 x 196. Special price for a quick sale.

Two acres and a six roomed brick house on the 2nd concession of Vaughan, near Richmond Hill, will be sold at a bargain.

BUILDING LOTS

Get my list of building lots in Richmond Hill, the prices are attractive.

MONEY TO LOAN

\$4,500.00 in principals of \$500.00 and upwards, on improved town or farm property, low rate of interest.

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What Tourist Sleeping Cars mean in Comfort to the Traveller

The interior is somewhat more modest in appointment than the standard or first-class sleeping car. Of solid steel underframe and with highly polished dark green finish, the Canadian Northern's tourist cars present a very pleasing appearance. The interior is finished in mahogany, with aisle carpet to match and cork composition flooring to deaden sound and lessen vibration. Commodious smoking room and toilets; kitchenette with appliances for light cooking, running water, etc., are greatly appreciated. Roomy berths, accommodating two persons if desired, are just one-half the first class rate. Second-class ticket holders may also occupy these cars, and the Dining Car is always available at meal time. Trains leave Toronto Union Station 10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Winnipeg and points west. For information, literature, tickets and reservations, apply to nearest C.N.R. Ticket Agent, or write General Passenger Department, 68 King Street East, Toronto.

CANADIAN NORTHERN

Richmond Hill Annex

For Sale on Easy Terms

Building Lots on Yonge St., Belmont and Clarence Avenues.

Acre Garden Lands.

Trackage Lots on Canadian Northern Ry., and Metropolitan Ry.

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10 Adelaide St. E, Toronto

EGGS For Hatching

W. J. BILLING,
Poultry Yard, AURORA

Imperial Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rock from E. B. Thompson Strains, New York, if you wish to start in the Poultry Business start right by buying bred-to-lay strains, hens that lay 242 to 256 a year. Our stock has stood the test and is still in the lead.

I have one special pen of White Orpingtons imported from Aldrich Poultry Farm, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.

Also two special pens of Partridge Wyandottes bred by H. R. Morgan, Aledo, Illinois, U. S.

Eggs For Hatching

- White Orpingtons per setting of 15.....\$5
- Partridge Wyandottes per setting of 15 \$3
- Rock Imperial Ringlet per setting of 15 \$2
- R. C. Red per setting of 15.....\$2
- S. C. Black Minorca per setting of 15\$2

W. J. BILLING,
Poultry Yard, Tyler St. west of Yonge Street, P. O. Box 18
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