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Farm Notes

The Ploughing of Clay Soils

Late summer or fall ploughing is the general practice that should be followed for clay soils. Where weeds are not troublesome clay soils ploughed late in the fall and kept in the rough ploughed form permit the frost and weather to break down the clods. Results of many experiments show that no profitable increase in yield will be secured from ploughing deeper than 5 or 6 inches. All these tillage operations for clay soils must be carried out only when the soils has its most desirable content of moisture according to a bulletin on Crop Rotations and Soil Management for Eastern Canada available at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. The bad effect of a single ploughing when the soil is too wet is believed to last for three or four years. Ploughing in the spring when too dry greatly increases the work and may result in a cloddy seed-bed.

Fattening Turkeys

The proper time to begin fattening turkeys is four weeks before they are wanted for table use. They need not be confined in pens, because, when properly fed they take no more exercise than is necessary. Turkeys raised in the open during the summer cannot stand close confinement during the fattening period. In a bulletin on turkeys, available at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, complete instructions for feeding the fattening birds are given. The young birds should be started feeding gradually. The feed should consist of mash and whole grain. The mash, which is fed for the morning and mid-day meals, is made up of equal parts of ground oats, barley meal, cornmeal and wheat bran. Ground buckwheat may be used instead of the ground barley. The ground grains should be mixed thoroughly before moistening with water or skim-milk, using only enough to make the meal stick together and not enough to make it sticky or sloppy. The moistening should be done about two hours before feeding. The mash is fed in a clean trough, giving only as much as the turkeys will eat readily. The evening meal should consist of whole grain, whole corn being about the best, and no more should be fed than the birds can clean up nicely. Fresh water and grit should be provided in abundance. The turkeys can be conditioned in this way in about three weeks, another week being used for killing, shipping and retailing.

BUTTONVILLE

Buttonville is mourning the loss of its community hall which was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday evening, October 19. The cause of the fire is still a mystery.

Another mysterious fire occurred on Friday evening on the farm of Mr. Tooley, which had been bought from Mr. Pearson. The house which contained Mr. Pearson's furniture was also totally destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Helmky, of Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Lunau of Unionville were visitors at Mr. H. Hooper's on Sunday.

Mr. Hooper reports a fine yield of alsike seed. He threshed 16½ bushels from 3 acres.

Some of the local sports are preparing to go deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Tennyson and Mr. Mrs. Alcholl and Miss Tennyson, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. F. Tennyson on Sunday.

Some of our Junior Farmers attended the Stock Judging Competition held at Baycroft Farm, Aurora on Wednesday.

Mr. R. Goode's sale has been postponed until Monday, October 31.

Mr. and Mrs. David Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. A. Meyer on Sunday, and Mrs. Meyer on Sunday.

The literary committee supplied the program at the Y.P.S. on Sunday evening. The topic was "Sir Wilfred Laurier." Papers were given by Mr. Charles Hooper and Miss Viola Walker. A lively discussion of Canada's problems followed the reading of the papers.

Lansing

Addington Ave. Bridge Officially Opened with Fitting Ceremony

The Addington Avenue bridge was officially opened for traffic on Saturday last by Hon. Geo. S. Henry and Mrs. W. W. Anderson wife of Reeve W. W. Anderson of North York.

In an interesting address Hon. Geo. S. Henry stated that people are coming in large numbers to reside in Toronto, and as the city is being crowded these newcomers will be forced to move into the suburbs. And because of this the suburbs must be equipped to handle the new residents. He paid high tribute to the work of the North York council in carrying out the good roads program. "Next week we are opening the new Leaside bridge and already plans are under way to build a bridge for the diversion of the Yonge street traffic," he said amid loud clapping. "The plans are almost completed and foundation work may start before winter sets in."

Referring to the roads built by the Romans, L. Macaulay, M.P.P. for South York, said: "In order to build up a community we must spend money and that money must be spent on roads and bridges and other necessary improvements."

As Mrs. Anderson stepped forward to join the Hon. Mr. Henry to open the bridge she was presented with a pair of gold-handled scissors by the ladies of the community with which to cut the ribbon which would throw the bridge open to the public. Reaching the northern end of the bridge, H. A. Bywater called a number of prominent men in the community who had backed the new project to the platform, where each recalled the task of getting plans through to build the much needed bridge, and expressed their joy and happiness to think that their dream of a few years ago had now been realized.

Following the few short addresses, those who officiated at the opening of the bridge were invited to the home of Mr. Bywater, the chairman of the bridge committee, where refreshments were served, while those who had gathered to witness the event enjoyed a few hours of community dancing. Among those present who spoke were: Councillor J. Bell, N. W. Burford, Robt. Bush, and Austin Thomas, the secretary of the bridge committee and also who superintended the construction.

Gormley

Many of the citizens spent Saturday afternoon at Mr. Scott's sale.

A few folk from outside districts attended Victoria Square church Sunday afternoon to hear the pilgrims speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scrivener, Marion and Bessie and Ruth Moynihan spent Sunday with the latter's parents.

Miss Moynihan expects starting on the telephone exchange Monday morning.

Miss Vera Jennings spent the week end with Miss Ethel Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and son spent Sunday afternoon with the former's sister at Oriole near Flintown.

The new inspector visited school No. 7 on Friday.

Miss Lena Moynihan spent the most of last week with her sister in the city.

Mr. Jack Boynton of King was renewing old acquaintances at the sale on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Winger spent the week-end with their daughter Mrs. Steckley in the city.

Mrs. Wm. Klees spent Tuesday with her parents in Gormley.

Mrs. Brillinger and Mrs. Winger visited with their sister-in-law, Mrs. C. Steckley on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster of Mount Albert spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. C. Steckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stoutenburg visited around the Square and Gormley on Saturday last.

Edgeley

Miss Ella V. Whitmore's annual concert and recital drew a large crowd to Edgeley United church, and the funds of the ladies' aid, of which Mrs. E. Stong is president, benefited considerably. Miss Whitmore's recitals, contraalto solos of Madame Ethel Grainger, tenor and bass solos of Clare Henley and Will MacDonald, with pianologs by Mr. Henley and duets and trios by all three soloists combined to form a most enjoyable program. Rev. A. S. Kerr was chairman.

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