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FARM NOTES

PLANT DISEASES AND THE FARMER.

The farmer is engaged in the fundamental business of feeding the world. Success in his chosen vocation depends upon many factors, important among which is the extent to which crops suffer from disease. Serious losses are experienced in Canada annually from the ravages of Plant diseases; a condition which may be appreciably remedied by an application of control measures, as recommended by Plant Pathologists of the Experimental Farms Branch.

Until recent years the farmer, in ignorance of the nature of plant diseases, suffered very heavy losses from them, quite unconscious of the fact that his crops were affected. Or, if the presence of the disease was known, the extent of damage was underestimated. In this way a loss of forty or even one hundred bushels of potatoes to the acre was often overlooked. Today it is different. With the aid of easily accessible literature the farmer may acquaint himself with the symptoms and control of the more serious diseases. In other words the farmer's power over organisms which injure cultivated plants was never as great as it is at the present stage of agricultural development. One by one the life histories and habits of such parasitic organisms are being studied, and armed with this knowledge the investigator is devising means to prevent their destructiveness. It only remains, therefore, for the farmer to acquaint himself with the reliable sources of information and put into practice the recommendations which are based upon thorough investigations of the plant diseases peculiar to his particular locality. This information is available at the nearest branch plant pathological laboratory.

In appreciating the importance of plant diseases the farmer must know that his responsibility does not end until his crop is marketed in a sound, disease-free condition. In these days of keen competition and diligent efforts to secure markets the secret to success is the manner in which we conserve the crops. This necessitates serious efforts on the part of every farmer to control plant diseases.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY FALL PLOUGHING

In a new country such as northern Ontario, it is imperative that seeding be done early in the spring to ensure good maturity, and unless a part of the necessary work in the preparation of a good seed-bed is started early in the fall, there is always danger of some of the work being left for the next spring.

The first step necessary is, naturally, that of ploughing and this operation should, whenever possible, be done in late summer as soon as possible after the hay is cut.

At the Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing, it has been found that land which has been ploughed early in the fall and given one or two diskings works much better in the spring, with a finer and more friable seed-bed, and gives better yields than land ploughed late in the fall or in the spring, particularly the latter. Weather conditions, such as wetting and drying, freezing and thawing, etc., appear to have a very beneficial effect on the physical condition of heavy clay-soil. It was found that land ploughed early and receiving one or two diskings in the fall gives 15 per cent more yield.

Considering the advantages of fall ploughing, it is imperative that the farmers take advantage of every opportunity during the late summer and autumn in order to complete this important feature of the work before the ground freezes and winter sets in.

SOWING RED CLOVER FOR SEED

During the last few years an experiment has been conducted at the Cap Rouge, Quebec, Experimental Station, to compare the seeding of red clover by broadcasting with seeding it in rows. The soil on which the experiment was made is a sandy loam of rather poor quality but in good till, and it is representative of a large proportion of the territory covered by the Cap Rouge Station.

The average results of five years show that for every 100 pounds of seed produced when sown broadcast and the first crop was cut for hay, there were 102 when sown in drills twenty-four inches apart, 123 when sown in drills twelve inches apart, and 127 when sown broadcast and the first crop cut for seed.

As the main point, however, is the greatest profit, it is interesting to note that the acre value of the products were respectively \$62.86 when sown broadcast and the first crop was cut for hay, \$55.00 when sown broadcast and the first crop was cut for seed, \$51.18 when sown in drills twelve inches apart, and \$43.60 when sown in drills twenty-four inches apart. The rather high value of the first crop of hay, \$21.13, even after costs of

making it are deducted, gives the advantages to the first method.

According to this experiment, the most profitable way would be to sow broadcast and cut the first crop for hay. However, for a district like that around Cap Rouge, where the season is short, it should be remembered that the first cutting should be made around the middle of June, for if it is delayed until the clover reaches full bloom, it will generally not allow time for a seed crop to afterwards properly mature.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Before school actually begins is the time to look over the school wardrobe and remodel and replenish when necessary. Probably the best way to do this is to start first with the under clothing. The lightweight things will be worn for the first month or so anyway. The various pieces will surely need new buttons, ribbons or snaps, and a few stitches here and there, for it seems that vacation time is unusually hard on the most carefully tended clothes.

It is a good plan to sort the things and arrange them in piles according to the type of mending needed. If any new things are to be purchased start a list to which you can add as necessary. Stockings, dresses and suits can be handled in the same way as the undergarments. The shoes, too, ought to be examined and repaired and a hat or two provided for cool days to come.

By thus systematizing this task it is surprising how simple the work becomes.

RECIPES

Beet and Cucumber Salad

Dice cold cooked beets and cucumber and marinate in French dressing until ready to serve. Drain and serve on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves topped with a spoonful of mayonnaise.

Chicken Creole

Half fill a buttered baking dish with diced chicken in a highly seasoned cream sauce. Spread an inch thick layer of cooked hominy over this and arrange tiny cooked pork sausages on top. Set in a hot oven for a few minutes. Garnish with sliced stuffed olives and serve.

Chicken Hyeres

Place two thin slices of bacon crosswise on rounds of hot buttered toast. Arrange on each a serving of fried chicken and top with thin slices of tomato dipped in French dressing. Garnish with rounds of fried hominy and little piles of asparagus. Pour melted butter around.

BREAD TO BE WRAPPED

The wrapping of all bread sold in Ontario will be compelled by the Department of Health, under Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, just as soon as a suitable paper for such purpose can be devised by the department.

That time, it is understood, is not far distant. Officials of the Trent Institute of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph have been experimenting for some time on this matter and have just about produced a wrapping that will meet all sanitary requirements, and at the same time effect no change in the taste of the bread, mildew it, or render it less nutritious.

Dr. Godfrey believes that in the interests of public health "wrapped bread" must come. Others will have to fall in line, he says. Dirty hands, he states emphatically have no business in contact with the table loaf. Proper wrapping is the only means of preventing contamination.

The general feeling among health officials is that the bakers' present margin of profit on bread is sufficient to take care of any increased cost of wrapping without boosting prices to the consumer.

FRIENDSHIPS

There have been wonderful friendships Which lasted for years, And then had a parting Which caused bitter tears.

There are friends who've been tested, Thru sorrow and strife— Sweet friendships from childhood Which lasted thru life.

There are friendships as lovely As a new budding rose, Which blooms all the fairer As the sweet summer goes.

And so with your friendship, May it never depart— But bloom thru life's summer Like the rose—in my heart. M. Josephine Turner.

Summer Term

In each of Shaw's Twelve Schools follows the present Session in regular order from July 3rd with no forced vacations. Enter any day. Booklet free. Write 1130 Bay St., Toronto, W. R. Shaw, Secretary.

KING CITY

On Saturday afternoon, August 4th, a very pleasing event took place at the home of Mr. J.H. Leece, when Mrs. F.A. Egan, and Mrs. Leece, entertained their visiting brothers and sisters, in the form of a family reunion held on the lawn. The afternoon was spent in games of various kinds, the gentlemen of the party staying with the popular game of horseshoes. Mr. Jim Wells and Mr. Geo. Holden (the oldest guests present) were pronounced by the ladies, champions of the game.

Although the weather was threatening all day, no rain came to mar the programme of the afternoon, some fifty guests sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided by the friends.

Letters of regret were received from Salt Coats, Sask, Newmarket, Sarrisa, Harriston, Weston and Kettleby.

In the evening the guests gathered on the verandahs to talk over reminiscient days. Some recalling times of over 60 years ago, while the younger generation talked of plans for the future.

Some of the guests present were: Mr. D.O. Crossley, Vancouver, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Crossley, Toronto; Mrs. Jas. Lamb, Newdale, Man.; Mrs. J. W. Barnes, Yorkton, Sask.; Mrs. W. Allan, Mr. C. Allen, Woodbridge; Miss M. Fido, Weston; Mr. & Mrs. J. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. H. White, Miss Madeline Wells, Toronto; Mr. Geo. Holden, Mr. H. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Egan, Nobleton; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Egan, Howard Egan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross, Mrs. W. J. Crossley, Mrs. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. Farren, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Archibald, Mrs. M. Hoover, King City; Mr. and Mrs. A. Morning, Miss Jean Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. W. Farren, Bill Farren, Dorothy, Farren, Snowball.

Miss Lillian Leece is leaving for a short holiday with friends near Beamsville.

The W. M. S. of the United Church will hold their August meeting at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Kerswell.

The ladies of the United Church are holding a Bazaar early in November.

Remember the King Township Horticultural flower show, held in the Masonic Hall on August 25th. Come and help make the show a success.

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