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### NEW AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

**Argentina Buys Canadian Poultry**  
One of the most important shipments of high quality poultry which has yet been made from Canada was forwarded by express the other day from the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa. Included in the shipment were 26 birds, all but one of which was either pedigree registered, or certified under Record of Performance. It included 24 males and 4 females, and the breeds represented were Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorn, and Rhode Island Red. The birds will be three weeks in transit before arriving at Buenos Aires where they will be used for breeding purposes. The order for the birds was placed by the Commercial Intelligence Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce with the Secretary of the Canadian National Poultry Record Association from whose membership throughout Canada the shipment was collected.

#### Roadside Markets

With the advent of the tourist season the roadside market provides a special opportunity for the enterprising farmer. The Dominion Livestock Branch finds that this method of selling is rapidly growing in importance. Visiting tourists require to be fed, and they, with people driving out from cities and towns, appreciate opportunities to buy farm products fresh from orchard, field, pen, or dairy. "Quality" should be the keynote of this new and important market, and it will be found to be the most effective medium for the development of sales.

#### Poison Ivy

Cultivation is the most effective means for the eradication of poison ivy, observes H. T. Gussow, Dominion Botanist. Poison ivy grows generally throughout Canada, and it causes considerable annoyance and inconvenience to people who are susceptible to the poison oil which comes from its leaves and berry when injured by contact. It can be readily identified by its leaves which occur in threes after the manner of those of the strawberry, but unlike them poison ivy leaves are quite smooth and firm, with the edges sparingly coarse-toothed. The use of salt kerosene and cheap fuel oils are helpful in killing the vine about camp sites, or its roots may be dug or pulled up. Many people are immune from the effects of the poison of ivy, but with all it is a plant which it is well to avoid.

#### Keeping Eggs Fresh

Considerable interest attaches to experimental tests now being made by the Poultry Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in the possibilities of keeping eggs fresh through the use of Carbon-dioxide. The theory of the experiment is that as eggs from the moment they are laid give off carbon-dioxide with resultant deterioration of albumen and yolk, that if this loss can be counteracted eggs can be transported without any essential loss of quality. Some success has already attached to the shipment of eggs in containers holding carbon-dioxide, and the range of shipment may be materially extended if the use of dry ice, now being experimented with, proves all that is claimed for it. Dry-ice instead of melting evaporates, and in evaporating gives off carbon-dioxide; this, theoretically provides a supply of carbon-dioxide to counteract egg loss in this element.

#### The Farmer's Problems

"We are as yet in the schoolboy stage in regard to intensive agriculture in Ontario", was a remark recently heard. Nature richly endowed the soil of Ontario but there are parts where the response is not quite so brisk as formerly. There must be as much returned to the soil as is removed in crops if continued bumper yields are to be harvested. The question to decide on each farm is, what is required and how may it most advantageously be applied. The farms carrying a heavy stock are in the best heart but here the question of how to make the best use of the feed grown comes up for consideration.

#### Current Crop Report

Reports of an optimistic nature have been received during the past few days from no less than 32 agricultural representatives in various districts throughout the province. Despite the fact that some injury was caused by cold weather in the latter part of May and growth was retarded in some sections because of lack of moisture, the general theme of these reports reflects the promise of abundant crops in a general way over the province. Recent rains have brought the meadows and pastures on rapidly. Alfalfa, clover and hay promise splendid crops in the majority of instances. Fall wheat is showing excellent growth in most localities. Livestock is showing rapid improvement since going on

the grass. Early strawberries suffered by reason of the early frost, but other fruits in most counties are in a satisfactory condition. Considering the vagaries of the weather during the past 2 months, the situation throughout Ontario is very encouraging.

#### Time to Repair Barn

The best time to do any of the needed repair work on the barn or buildings is in the late spring or early summer. The hay mows are then empty so that silks can be renewed, posts moved if desired, changes made in windows and doors, ventilating flues installed, and other needed equipment put in. Having things handy around the barn is a great advantage in lessening labor as well as in saving time.

#### Dangers in Fenced Fields

One of the greatest dangers on farms with many fenced fields is of piling up too many furrows against the fences. On some farms this has been practised for so long that embankments half as high as the fence are around some fields. Persistent back-furrowing here and there will bring such land into shape after a time. One rule should be never to plow a field the same way twice in succession. With the proper laying out and handling of "lands" it is possible to keep fields free from objectionable "dead furrows" and ridges. It is the matter of having the shape of the land in mind all the time.

#### Veteran Hen Dies

The "oldest hen resident" of Bertie Township, Welland County, died last month after a career extending over twenty years. She was "Granny," a Plymouth Rock owned by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lawson, of Ridgeway. Born in 1910, the Methuselah of Welland henneries had spent her entire 20 years and one month on the same farm. In her younger years she regularly hatched two broods of chicks per year, and in 1920, her last working year, "Granny" was set on pheasant's eggs to hatch. When the pheasants were not discernible after 21 days she walked away from the nest and failed to return. Pheasant's eggs take 25 days. The venerable deceased sported spurs which measured 1 3/4 inches. She now rests under the old snow apple tree.

Next to being your age in sport costume, the hardest thing is to make a white shoe look its size.

"A loss brings us closer together." Well, loss of teeth has that effect on the nose and chin.

#### MATURITY

"Little boy, don't you know what becomes of boys who use such bad language when they play marbles?"  
"Yes'm, they grow up and play golf." — Tenney Magazine.

### A BIG RETURN ON ALFALFA

York County farmers have experienced some difficulty in maintaining their stand of Alfalfa. Usually a good catch can be obtained and a good two year's stand will result but grass intrusion coupled with rigorous winters sometimes plays havoc with good alfalfa fields.

Alfalfa can be strengthened to meet these severe tests. Strong root development in well-drained sweet soil marks the alfalfa stand that survives the winter.

Alfalfa is usually looked upon as a "double-edged" benefactor, — it makes an abundance of high quality feed and at the same time, it improves the nitrogen supply in the soil. While all this is true, one must keep in mind that alfalfa draws heavily upon the potash, lime and phosphoric acid of the soil. A 5-ton crop of alfalfa will remove from one acre 223 lbs. potash, 465 lbs. lime and 55 lbs. phosphoric acid.

These facts led the Department of Chemistry and Mr. R. E. White, Agricultural Representative for York County to conduct a test with Mr. Earl Toole, of Newmarket.

Mr. Toole operates a mixed farm of 150 acres 2 1/2 miles east of Newmarket, with signal success. He has supplemented his studies at Ontario Agricultural College with wide observations and experience. Knowing the value of alfalfa, and the importance of the crop to York County Livestock producers, he readily co-operated in a test. Equal areas were measured off in early spring, and 400 lbs. of O-12-15 fertilizer (12% phosphoric acid and 15% potash) was applied to one plot. Finely ground raw rock phosphate was applied to a second area, while the third plot received no additional manure, and was operated as a check. The result in the first crop is worthy of close study. The plot receiving O-12-15 fertilizer is much thicker, darker and taller than either of its neighbours. Three independent estimates place it at least 40% better than the average of the field. Actual yield weights will be carefully taken in the near future. It was observed further, that the O-12-15 plot had much less grass and weeds in it than had the rest of field. Where strong vigorous alfalfa grows, there is no room for weeds.

### Here and There

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From obscurity to world power is the record of Japan within the past fifty years, says Dr. Nasawo Kamo, Tokio University professor and chairman of the Japanese National Committee on world power congress, here on a tour of Canada and the United States and a passenger aboard the Empress of Asia. He attributed the growth of his country to her progress in engineering.

The British Bowling team which has played 16 matches in Los Angeles in the last two months, losing five and winning eleven of the games, sailed for England aboard the Duchess of York recently. They came out to win the American Bowling Trophy, but the five games lost were in that event, and they must wait next year for another attempt.

Seventeen European races contributed songs, folklore and handicraft work while inhabitants of Labrador, the Arctic Circle, the Maritimes, Pacific Coast, and Indians furnished their quota towards the brilliant success of the Great West Folk Dance, Folk Song and Handicraft Festival, held at Calgary, March 19-22. The Premier of the province, the Lieutenant-Governor and D. C. Coleman, vice-president Western Lines, and J. M. Gibbon, General Publicity Agent, representing the Canadian Pacific Railway, gave inspirational addresses in this effort to "broaden, stabilize and elevate Canada's national consciousness."

Recuperation of Europe from economic ill effects of the war and the return of European nations to active and for-nidable competition in world's production is making it more and more essential for Canada and the United States to develop the vast potential markets of the Orient," said Louis Gunther, publisher of the New York Financial World, who sailed from Vancouver recently aboard S.S. Empress of Asia for a tour of China and Japan.

Widespread interest aroused in the United States as well as Canada by the musical programmes broadcast by the Canadian Pacific Railway on Friday evenings over its own transcontinental network have led to negotiations between the railway and the National Broadcasting Company of New York, under which Canadian Pacific will supply WJZ and associated stations with a series of Canadian programmes made in Canada by Canadian talent. Five million receiving sets owned in a population of sixty millions will be reached by this extension which commenced first week of April.

Dairying was a profitable industry in the three prairie provinces of Canada last year when its value totalled \$57,629,000. In eleven of the large exhibitions held throughout Canada during that year these three provinces were awarded eighty per cent. of all first prizes in butter and 86 per cent. of all prizes, over half of which went to Manitoba.

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- 2 GIVE YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TO YOUR DRIVING. In passing traffic, be sure there is a place for you in the traffic line ahead.
- 3 Never attempt to pass on curves or steep grades.
- 4 In entering main streets or highways, or in approaching a railway crossing where a full view of the track is obscured—STOP and LOOK.
- 5 When other vehicles try to pass you—LET THEM PASS.
- 6 When making a right turn, keep to the right of the highway; when making a left turn, keep to the centre.
- 7 Always SIGNAL before you slow down, stop, or change your course, and never BACK UP before ascertaining that the road behind is clear.

The Keystone of Safety on the King's Highway and all other roads and streets



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