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**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE
 BUSY FARMER**

THE BUSY FARMER
 F. C. Paterson district agricultural
 representative at Simcoe, reports Nor-
 folk County's apple crop at two-thirds
 that of last year, with the quality ap-
 parently good. The new \$100,000 cold
 storage plant at Simcoe will be finish-
 ed shortly and in readiness to take
 care of the apple crop this fall.

Labor Cost Important
 It is said that the cost of feed is the
 most important item in the cost of
 producing milk. It will amount to
 about one-half of the total costs. La-
 bor, however, is a strong second. Ac-
 cording to numerous surveys on this
 continent, the average cost of labor
 involved in the production of 100
 pounds of milk will constitute about
 25 per cent. of the selling price. The
 same survey indicates that the labor
 per cow ranges from 150 to 170 hours.
 The larger the herd the less labor per
 cow is a very general rule.

The Dairy Herd in August
 Aug. is the hardest month of the year
 for the dairy herds. "If milk pro-
 duction can be maintained during the
 month little concern need be felt about
 maintenance of the milk flow during
 the balance of the season," declares
 one authority who has developed sev-
 eral high record cows. For meeting
 the difficulties of this trying month,
 he suggests: Control of flies, protec-
 tion from the hot sun, ample supply of
 cool water, and the use of a succulent
 feed to supplement dried-out pastur-
 age. The first of these three mea-
 sures can be best secured by the use
 of a suitable spray. The second may
 be provided by shade trees in the pas-
 ture under which the cows may feed
 and rest out of the sun. Another
 method is to stable the cows during
 the day and let them pasture at night.
 Shading and screening the windows
 provides added coolness in the barn
 and also helps to control the flies. For
 the third, a succulent roughage may
 be fed as a supplement to pasturage.
 Ensilage or corn give very good re-
 sults.

Weekly Crop Report
 Agricultural representatives of the
 province have reported during the past
 week that cutting of wheat is general
 throughout Ontario. In Algoma, pro-
 spects are for a heavy yield, while in
 Dufferin premature ripening indicates
 that the crop will be smaller than us-
 ual. All prospects are excellent for
 a fine yield of grain in Frontenac,
 while in Huron wheat is expected to
 average 35 to 40 bushels to the acre.
 Barley and oats and fall wheat have
 all been cut in Haldimand. Ideal
 weather prevailed for the hay harvest
 in Leeds and farmers there are obtain-
 ing \$22 per ton for milk. Heavy
 rains in Lennox and Addington result-
 ed in an abundance of pasture and live
 stock is doing exceptionally well. In

Lincoln about 25 bushels per acre is
 said to be the fall wheat yield. Ab-
 sence of rain has caused Middlesex
 pastures to dry up and farmers there
 may have to find some other source of
 food. Oats are not expected to live
 up to the early predictions in Oxford
 on account of too early maturity, while
 rain is hoped for in Perth. Bumper
 crops of grain are expected in Ren-
 frew, while in South Simcoe, potatoes
 are not as promising as hoped. Wel-
 land reports early purchases on the
 market and a possible heavy grape
 crop.

Decrease in Alsike
 In 1929 over 2,000,000 pounds of als-
 ike seed were sown in Haldimand
 County, but this year scarcely a field
 of alsike is to be seen. It was too
 dry to get a catch last year. Red
 clover has also suffered. The grow-
 ing of small seeds is important and
 there are no less than 11 seed cleaning
 plants within the county. Bluegrass,
 of which 1,000,000 pounds were pro-
 duced last year, is mostly exported.
 It comes with the alsike or the year
 following and may yield around 200
 lbs. to the acre.

Fertilizer Experiments
 Thirty-two field experiments of
 various kinds are being conducted in
 Wellington this summer under the Soil
 and Crop Improvement Association.
 Two fields of soy beans and a number
 of table turnip experiments are being
 carried out. The effects of fertilizer
 on spring grain are being studied un-
 der the supervision of Prof. H. G. Bell
 and Mr. J. Bryden of the O. A. C. On
 one farm a mixture of oats and barley
 was sown in two strips, one-half acre
 each. The first had been given an
 application of 0-14-6 fertilizer and
 the other 3-10-5, in both cases 250
 pounds to the acre. The fertilized
 oats and barley were decidedly strong-
 er in growth and taller than the un-
 fertilized portions of the fields. At
 harvest time equal representative ar-
 eas of these plots will be carefully
 harvested and yields compared. Whether
 or not it will pay to use nitrogen
 will be gathered from a comparison of
 the results of the two fertilizers.

Sow Thistle Spreading
 That the perennial sow thistle, rec-
 ognized as the world's worst weed, is
 spreading at an alarming rate in some
 parts of Ontario is the statement of
 R. G. Smith, of New Hamburg, who
 as district weed inspector for Western
 Ontario, advises farmers to be on their
 guard. Mr. Smith reports that many
 fields sown to spring grain in districts
 where the weed was hitherto compar-
 atively unknown, are at present a
 source of worry to farmers. He points
 out: "If a perennial sow thistle plant
 comes to bloom it will mature its seeds
 unless the plant is burned. Farmers
 should not thresh their grain outside
 because the blooms will spread over
 adjoining areas, each seed having a
 'parachute bloom' which will carry for
 miles and stay up in the air for many
 hours." He advises farmers to culti-
 vate gang plow or plow immediately
 after harvest on fields that are not
 seeded down. It is important to keep
 sow thistle from blooming or going to
 seed wherever possible. More than
 850 weed inspectors are now at work
 in Ontario and every farmer should
 make a point to report the presence
 of this weed to the nearest represen-
 tative.

Canada to The Fore
 The fourth World's Poultry Con-
 gress, which has been in session at the
 Crystal Palace, London, Eng., holds
 a special interest for Canadians, par-
 ticularly poultrymen. This country's
 participation takes the form of a na-
 tional exhibit, a live stock exhibit, a
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 tion art.

Better Bull Areas
 At the close of last year the follow-
 ing counties had, by bylaw of the
 county council, proclaimed themselves
 Better Bull Areas: Bruce, Perth, Ox-
 ford, Wellington and Peel. In order
 that this bylaw may be passed it is
 necessary that at least eighty per cent
 of the bulls maintained within the
 county are purebred. The work has
 been slow but the events accruing are
 such that public sentiment is behind
 the movement.

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