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**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE
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Crop and Livestock Survey
In June of each year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, distributes cardboard schedules to farmers for the purpose of collecting statistics of acreages under crop and the numbers of livestock and poultry on farms. An innovation of 1931 extended this survey to cover the breeding and marketing intention with regard to live stock.

The acreages of field crops, in particular, are the real foundation of our scheme of agricultural production statistics. Only slightly less important in our national planning is the necessity of having correct knowledge of the numbers of live stock on farms. The accuracy of compilations in both these classes is largely dependent upon the obtaining of completed cards from a fair sample of the total number of Canadian farms.

Sugar Beet Crop

The 1936 acreage of sugar beets in South-Western Ontario is approximately the same as in 1935, when 36,000 acres were sown. There was less seeding done in April than in the average season owing to a relatively late spring, and the bulk of the crop was seeded during the first three weeks of May. It is estimated that 95 per cent. of the seeding was completed by the first of June. The soil was in good condition during the first half of May, but became quite dry towards the end of the month. In the sugar beet territory, the rainfall during May amounted to only one-fifth of the long-time average precipitation. Moisture is needed for germination of the late seeding.

The Potato Situation

The early crop in Southern Ontario was planted ten days later than usual and growing conditions during April were not favourable. In the first part of May, temperatures were higher than normal and development progressed rapidly. This period was followed by damaging frosts in some districts which froze the tops and delayed maturity of the crop by ten days or more. After this set-back the weather was cold and dry during the last two weeks of May, resulting in slow recovery. New potatoes will not move to market in any volume before July 15th.

The Southern part of the United States has experienced extremely unfavourable growing conditions for their early crop. Yields are very much reduced and supplies from that source are limited and available only at high prices. Stocks of old potatoes are practically depleted in Eastern Canada and in the United States. Prices of old potatoes in Ontario have risen from \$1.45 per bag to farmers on May 26th to \$2.50 on June 9th. Prices are expected to continue at a fairly high level until the new crop is on the market.

Value of Farm Manure

Farm manure naturally constitutes a very valuable by-product on the average farm. This, however, is not always evident, judging from the

lack of effort made by many farmers in getting it back to the land with the minimum of loss. Returning manure to the soil is one of the most efficient systems of maintaining soil fertility. If given proper care, it contains considerable quantities of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash in forms which readily become available for plant growth. In addition to the actual plant food contributed, manure also adds humus to the soil, improves its water holding capacity and increases very materially the bacterial life.

In order to determine the actual benefit derived from the application of manure in a regular four-year rotation, including oats, barley, clover hay and timothy hay, an experiment was started in 1925 at the Experimental Station, Kapuskasing, Ontario. One area was manured at the rate of sixteen tons, divided into two applications. One of 8 tons being disced in for the barley crop and a second of 8 tons given to the timothy meadow as a top dressing. The other area received no manure of any kind. Over a ten-year period the percentage increase for the different crops on the rotation receiving the manure was as follows: oats, 45.4; barley, 43.9; clover hay, 78.5; and timothy hay, 115.1. When the increase in yields of the various crops are valued at market prices, the cash return from the manure applied would be \$165 per ton.

Demonstration Woodlots

By I. C. Marritt

The Forests Branch have selected 170 farmers' woodlots in Ontario as demonstrations. Most of them are examples of woodlots that have been protected from stock, and have had careful and efficient management for years. Some are in such condition that thinnings and improvement cuttings will improve greatly growing conditions. Others have been pastured and they have been fenced from stock in order that they will restock naturally with small trees. Valuable species are being planted in others where natural restocking is delayed, as windbreaks and to increase the future value of the woodlot by introducing valuable species such as pine, spruce, ash and walnut.

The purpose of demonstration woodlots is to draw attention to efficiently managed woodlots. There is a great diversity of woodlot management. Many of the practices have been handed down from pioneer days. They were alright when the object was to clear the land for cropping and timber and fuelwood had very little value. Today the object, generally, is to leave the land in woodland, as most realize that a percentage of an agricultural area should be left in woods.

The woodlot has an important place in the economic set-up of the farm, as it supplies the farmhouse with fuel, lumber for building, maple syrup for the table, protects adjacent agricultural crops in winter and summer, helps to prevent floods and beautifies the countryside.

The woodlots are along or within 10-20 rods of a road and a demonstration woodlot sign has been placed where it may be seen.

It is a co-operative scheme between the owner and The Forests Branch. A forester goes over the woods with the owner and advises him on forestry principles that may be applied advantageously to his woodlot. The owner does the work at his convenience. The scheme may be terminated at any time by the owner or The Forests Branch as no papers are signed.

The Forests Branch wishes to contact owners of woodland adjacent to a road, who are willing to have it designated a demonstration. Write The Forests Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto or the local county agricultural representative.

Cabbage Maggot Control

For the control of maggots on Cabbage and Cauliflower, the following treatment is recommended.

Dissolve 1 oz. Corrosive Sublimate in 8 to 10 gallons of water, and pour solution over plants as soon as they are set out. Generally another application will be necessary in 10 days, but if the weather is warm, in 8 days. Wooden or earthenware containers should be used for this solution.

FAVORITE TESTED RECIPE

Strawberry Jumbles
4 cups of strawberries, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 cup hot water, 1 cup pastry flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons butter.

Cook strawberries in covered saucepan with sugar and water (first three ingredients). Cut shortening into sifted dry ingredients, add milk, combine well. Drop spoonfuls into the strawberry mixture, cover tightly. Cook slowly over low heat for 20 minutes without removing cover. Serve at once. Serves eight.

TEMPERANCEVILLE

The annual Strawberry Festival will be held on the United Church grounds on Friday, July 3rd. Tea served from 6 to 8 p.m. standard time. After supper the Maple Y. P. U. will present the play "We are Coming." There will also be a baseball game.

On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beynon and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thompson motored to Aurora, and heard a most delightful musical program given by Mr. Robert Harkness of Australia, who is one of the world's greatest pianists. Beautiful solos were also rendered by Mrs. Harkness and Mr. N. Barrington.

The regular meeting of the Mission Band will meet in the basement of the church on Saturday, June 27 at 2.30 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 17th a delightful afternoon tea was held at the home of Mrs. S. Snively, Glen Lonely Farm, Wilcox Lake. The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School.

Rev. W. A. Wescott of Hamilton has accepted a call to Temperanceville, Wesley and Mount Pisgah, the induction to take place during July. Mrs. Benjamin Beynon celebrated her 70th birthday on Friday, June 12th. Many of her family and friends from Toronto and Canfield, offered congratulations during the week-end, and we extend best wishes for the return of many more birthdays.

The 16th annual reunion and picnic of the Dobb Family was held on Saturday at the home of Mr. Geo. Dobb, Jefferson.

A special dedication service will be held in St. John's Church, Oak Ridges at 2.30 p.m., D.S.T. Rev. W. F. Wrixon and Rev. Skee of Toronto will be the speakers.

St. Stephen's Church, Maple, All Saints', King, and St. John's, Oak Ridges will hold their annual picnic at Eaton Hall Farm on July 3rd.

**NO MORE HARD TIMES AFTER
SEPTEMBER 16**

The great financial war which flung the world into depression will end on September 16th of this year. Within the next five years Great Britain will lose the Suez to Italy—and —

Italy will invade Palestine. Japan will cease to be an Empire. Col. W. G. Mackendrick, Canadian author and self-styled prophet, was speaking.

He chose the top deck of a luxurious liner, instead of Mount Sinai for his utterings, but the grave Colonel was none the less convinced in his astounding beliefs about the near future, which he voiced to International News Service as he rode into San Francisco aboard the liner Mariposa.

"How do you know these things?" the Colonel who is returning from Australia and New Zealand to his home in Toronto, was asked.

"I rely on Biblical statements, made 8,000 years ago," he replied without compunction. He explained he is a believer in the Bible and its prophecies, which he says has been "consistently proven by time."

He is the author of "The Doctrine of the British Empire and the United States," a book originally distributed to government officials throughout the world and today in its eleventh printing. It deals with the trend of major nations, based upon Biblical statements.

"Nations of the world are swiftly moving towards unity," he said. "I hope to live to see the time when there will be a single, universal control."

"I believe America, Britain and a few other nations will continue as units, but there will be one flag over all. There will be a basic money system, built upon dollar for dollar-in-the-treasury principle.

"When that time comes," he said, "we shall enter into the period of the greatest prosperity the world has ever known—an era without bank failures and market crashes."

Col. Mackendrick said his entire system of forecasts is based upon the Biblical promises to the kingdom of the Israelites. Inasmuch as "nine and one-half of the lost twelve tribes of Israel are found in America and England, the destinies of those two nations are directly traceable to the ancient teachings."

Japan, he said, is destined for the status of a republic.

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Canada's Railway Centenary



THIS year is Canada's railway Centenary. On July 21st, 1836, Canada's first steam train was operated between Laprairie and St. Johns, Quebec, over the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railway, the first link in the chain of railways which now constitute the Canadian National System. The opening was made the occasion for a gala celebration at which tribute was paid by the leading citizens of Lower Canada to the founders of the Company. These far-seeing men, whose immediate object was the creation of a transportation link between Montreal and New York, were pioneers of Canada's development.

But perhaps even they could not visualize the vast country that would be built up as a result of the introduction of the steam railway. The sixteen miles of line over which the "Dorchester", Canada's first locomotive, hauled the coaches carrying the distinguished guests of the Company, has developed into the great Canadian National System, with 24,000 miles of line serving Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The drawing, depicting the start of the first train, is from a painting by Adam Sheriff Scott, A.R.C.A., and is reproduced by courtesy of the Royal Bank of Canada.

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