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**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE
BUSY FARMER**

Value of Poultry

Poultry and eggs brought considerably over fifty million dollars to the farmers of Canada last year. That is a very large sum and surprising to the uninitiated who think in terms of the old-fashioned barnyard with a few hens busily scraping for living. Poultry and eggs are big business, as the figures show. The revenue of 1935 was within measurable distance of yielding half as much to the farm family exchequer as the \$120,000,000 of farm animals.

Novel Flower Show

The Exeter Horticultural Society has developed an interesting plan for displaying flowers. Instead of holding numerous flower shows in buildings or other secluded places, window displays are arranged in the leading stores and shops of the village.

The plan is to arrange for a display of each leading flower in season. A committee is appointed for each display and members are encouraged to enter their best blooms. No prizes are offered, but nevertheless competition is keen in such leading kinds as Roses and Gladioli.

Current Crop Report

An average yield of Fall wheat is indicated, although the straw is short. Spring grains are now heading and growth is satisfactory. Roots and canning crops are in healthy condition. Corn was planted under favourable conditions and is a good stand. Cutting of alfalfa is general throughout the Province; while of good quality the yield is expected to be below average. Pasture continues excellent. Damage from wind and drought necessitated considerable replanting of tobacco but a good stand has developed.

Professor Knox Promoted

Announcement is made by Hon. Duncan Marshall that Prof. R. G. Knox, who has been connected with Ontario Agricultural College since his graduation in 1920, is to be head of the Department of Animal Husbandry. The position has been vacant since Prof. J. C. Steekley, former head of the department, was named agricultural representative for Brant county.

Prof. Knox has had a wide experience, and is known throughout the entire province as one of the leading judges of hogs. This summer, Mr. Marshall announced, Prof. Knox will go to England to select a number of Yorkshire swine which the province plans to purchase in order to improve the breed in this country.

Hugh McFadzean, a young Scot and a graduate of the West of Scotland Agricultural School, has been appointed to a junior position in the department, all the other members of which receive advancement, it was stated by Mr. Marshall. Mr. McFadzean has been brought from Scotland because of his special knowledge of livestock.

Combating Garden Insects

Garden plants are liable to attack by many kinds of destructive insects. Some of these destroy the foliage, others the flowers, while others bore into the stems and even into the

roots. Injurious insects may be divided roughly into two classes by the nature of their mouthpieces, namely (1) biting insects which bite and chew their food, such as cut-worms and other caterpillars, and leaf-eating beetles, and (2) sucking insects which suck up their food by means of their beaks, such as aphids, the rue bugs, and the scale insects.

If the insect is one with biting mouthparts, a stomach poison such as paris green, or arsenate of lead, is usually applicable, but if the insect has sucking mouthparts, such poison would be useless because the insect would insert its beak through the poison and reach a safe feeding place beneath. For sucking insects, therefore, contact insecticides are usually recommended, those commonly used being kerosene emulsion, whale oil soap, and preparations containing tobacco.

Fertilization of Pastures

Good pasturage has long been recognized as a real factor in successful farming. Particularly so, where live stock and live stock products form the major source of the income. Experience has shown that there is no other period of the year when the unit cost of production can be maintained at as low an average as when live stock are out on pasture, and that when it is a good pasture the net returns are still greater.

Fertilization of pastures has been practised at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Nappan, N.S., for the past fourteen years. Since 1929 definite experiments have been under way to permit a more thorough study of the value of fertilization of pastures, as well as rotating versus continuous pasturing.

The results to date, from the use of complete fertilizer, have shown a very definite increase in the carrying capacity; furthermore, that this increase is profitably obtained from the use of fertilizer. The results also show that a slightly greater carrying capacity can be secured from rotating the fields, but in some cases this increase may be offset by the increased cost of fencing.

In brief, the carrying capacity, during the past five years, has been as follows:—

Fertilized rotated pasture	1.79 cows per day per acre
Fertilized continuously pastured	1.74 cows per day per acre
Unfertilized continuously pastured	1.29 cows per day per acre.

Cut Hay Early and Save Feed Bills
By Dr. O. McConkey, O.A.C.

Hay is Ontario's most valuable crop, producing 37% of the total value of all field crops, or over \$47,000,000. It covers 39% or 3,500,000 acres of the farm land of the province.

Value of Hay Exceeds Gold
For the ten-year period, 1925-1934, the value of Ontario's hay crop was approximately double the value of the gold production in the province, e.g. \$701,402,000 as compared with \$356,906,000.

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Pasture	\$3.34
Alfalfa hay	\$8.49
Timothy hay	\$10.33
Oats	\$16.12

Increase the Feeding Value of the Hay Crop

The hay crop will be harvested in the next few weeks and its feeding value can be increased several million dollars by (1) earlier cutting, (2) careful curing to preserve leaves.

It takes protein to produce milk, and protein is usually the high priced part of the ration, so if you can get more protein in your hay by cutting early, you can lower the cost of feeding. A high quality early cut hay is not only high in protein, but it is also high in green leaves. This is important because early cut, green leafy hay contains more protein, more vitamins, more minerals, more after-math pasture and less woody indigestible fibre than late cut stemmy hay.

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Ottawa Spotlight

Prime Minister Mackenzie King will himself head Canada's delegation to the League of Nations meeting at Geneva next September because of the critical situation in Europe and the expected revision of the league covenant. He plans also to attend His Majesty's coronation in London next May, so he will not attend the unveiling by King Edward VIII of Canada's war memorial at Vimy Ridge on July 26 next. At that ceremony, the official government representatives will be Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of Justice, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of national defence, and Hon. C. G. Power, minister of pensions and national health.

Sir Herbert Marler, Canadian minister at Tokio, for the past seven years, has been promoted and transferred to a similar post at Washington in place of Major W. D. Herdridge, brother-in-law of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who resigned shortly after the election. Hon. Randolph Bruce, former Lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, an unsuccessful candidate against Hon. H. H. Stevens, Reconstruction leader, in East Kootenay, B.C., in the federal election last October, is the new minister to Japan.

Already 8,689 single unemployed men formerly accommodated in the federal government camps are at work on the C.N.R. and C.P.R. on a special maintenance-of-way improvement program as subsidized by the Dominion government. From Ontario 2,938 men were taken on this work, 636 from Manitoba, 912 from Saskatchewan, 954 from Alberta and 676 from British Columbia. The camps will all be closed this week.

In May Canadian tourists brought \$100,172 of goods under the \$100 duty free exemption close, mostly automobile accessories, boots and shoes and clothing.

Justice W. F. A. Turgeon of Saskatchewan, now completing his work as a one-man royal commission into the textile industry, is to undertake a similar task into all phases of Canada's wheat marketing problems. On a previous occasion Justice Turgeon made an excellent report on that phase of the problem having to do with the physical handling of wheat. He will visit the United Kingdom and several European countries, and possibly also the Argentine and Australia as the Dominion's chief wheat competitors in the British market.

Even a more definite fight than has occurred this session between the Senate and the Commons—the Conservatives having a record majority in the Senate and the Liberals a record majority in the Commons—may be expected next year. Mr. King said he would not go "on his hands and knees" to the Senate. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader in the upper house, said apparently the government thought the Senate's only functions are "to simply strike out unnecessary commas and correct spelling and diction in the bills sent to them for approval." J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. leader, said he felt the Canadian people would support action by the government to curb the power of the Senate. "We have the most antiquated form of control by a second chamber to be found in any democracy," Mr. Woodsworth declared, "and it is high time steps were taken to reform the Senate, if necessary by changes in the constitution."

With important government legislation having been approved this session on several counts, in connection with re-organization of the C.N.R. board, the radio commission, the Bank of Canada and a new National Harbor Board, the government will have to make a number of important appointments within the next few weeks.

Mr. King indicated the government intends to recast the Combines Investigation Act next session, and meanwhile any investigations required will be by royal commission. The Senate and the Commons deadlocked on an amendment to put "teeth" in the act as it stands, the Senate rejecting the government's proposal in that regard.

No decision has been reached as yet by the cabinet on appeals to the Privy Council at London on the decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada with regard to the "reform" legislation passed by the Bennett government.

Canada's delegates to the League of Nations at its meeting within a few days will stand for lifting of the sanctions against Italy. The Dominion's chief delegates will be Hon. Philippe Roy, Canadian minister at Paris, and Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian high commissioner at London.

The man best liked by the ladies is the one who treats them as though they were not females.



**FAST DRIVERS
and
SLOW DRIVERS..**

This message is addressed
to **BOTH** of YOU

ALL OF US who drive motor cars have our individual preferences as to the speed at which we travel. Some of us like to drive slowly; others like to travel faster. (I am not referring to the "speed fiends" who drive recklessly and dangerously, but to the rank and file of sane, sensible drivers.) There is a wide variation in our preferred speeds.

When the road is clear and open, we have every reasonable right to give these preferences free rein, and travel at any speed which suits us—up to the legal limit. But I believe you will agree that when traffic is heavy, it is neither courteous nor fair to travel faster or slower than the general speed at which the traffic is moving.

At such times, the deliberately slow driver blocks the road for all who are behind him. It becomes irksome and wearying to those who have long trips still ahead of them—and finally induces them to "cut in" or take chances which they would never take under other circumstances.

On the other hand, it is equally discourteous for fast drivers to cut in and out of the traffic lane when traffic is moving at a reasonable speed. It upsets and unnerves the more cautious drivers; increases the accident hazard tremendously; and invariably saves only a very FEW minutes of time in the end.

I appeal to BOTH kinds of drivers to let themselves be governed by the true SPIRIT of Courtesy—to consider the convenience and the safety of fellow-motorists, as well as their rights. Let us show the same courtesy to others on the highway, that we show to visitors in our homes. It will go a long way toward making our highways SAFER, and in making motoring still more pleasant.

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