

**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER**

**Gardeners' Insect Friends**  
All garden insects are not injurious. In fact many of them are beneficial, continually doing good by destroying those species which are harmful. Foremost among the insects that help the gardener are the different kinds of ladybird beetles. Both in their larval and adult stages, they feed almost exclusively upon plant lice and scale insects. Another kind of beetle, the fiery ground beetle is a particularly useful insect. This beetle and its voracious grub, which is called the cut worm lion, destroy enormous numbers of cutworms. The beetle is brownish-black, with the wing-cases spotted with coppery red—hence its name. The large harpalus beetle, which is very common, destroys cutworms. The different kinds of lacewing, and other two and four winged parasitic flies are also friends of the gardener.

**Draft of Ploughs**  
Farmers often wonder whether more power is required to pull a plough with four 14-inch bottoms or one with three 16-inch bottoms. This question has been studied by engineers who have given out the following statement:  
"It will take a greater force to pull a four-bottom plough having 14-inch bottoms, than a three-bottom 16-inch plough. The force will be almost directly in proportion to the total width of ploughing, assuming that the depth and other conditions are the same."

"In tests, practically no difference in the draft per unit width of furrow has been found, regardless of the width of the plough bottoms. Inasmuch as the four-bottom 14-inch plough takes a total width of 56 inches, and a plough of three 16-inch bottoms takes a total width of only 48 inches, it is reasonable to expect that the four-bottom will pull heavier."

**Well Survey in Ontario**  
Complaints that wells in Western Ontario have been lower than usual have prompted a survey by Col. R. B. Harkness, provincial natural gas commissioner. Farmers have reported a steady receding of waters in Ontario. Many farmers have had to deepen their wells or drill in new locations and a new source of water supply is sought.  
Ontario Agricultural College officials commenting on the water shortage in Western Ontario said assistance had been given to many farmers in the way of information on most suitable locations to bore wells. It was pointed out that new regulations, requiring all well-drillers to make a log of soil through which they were passing and at what levels they were striking water, had proved of great assistance in this connection.  
Data obtained along this line makes it appear that the static level has been dropping in the last few years, attributed to lack of rainfall. In the last three years it is estimated the level is 13 inches below normal of the level of the past 20 years.

**Crops For Rolling Lands**  
Permanent pastures are extensively grown on rolling lands. Canada blue grass, red top, Kentucky blue grass and white clover are useful for this purpose. The first mentioned grass is of particular value where the soil tends to dry out in summer. The common mixture of red clover, alsike and timothy may be sown for hay and the timothy left down for a number of years. Alfalfa is an excellent crop for hill-sides and is to be desired over other crops where it will grow successfully. In order to receive a good stand of this permanent hay crop, liming may be necessary on some soils.  
Oats, rye, wheat and corn are crops frequently grown with success on rolling lands, but these crops are not as effective in controlling erosion as hay and pasture crops. If satisfactory crop yields are to be secured, farm manure must be applied at seasons when it can be ploughed under before any loss of fertility takes place. Fall and winter applications of manure (farm or commercial fertilizer) are not desirable except on level land because of the great loss of fertility which is liable to occur from spring run-off.

**Current Crop Report**  
Some excerpts from most recent crop reports by agricultural representatives follow:  
BRUCE: Spring grains have improved since the rain and prospects are for a fair yield. Fall wheat is yielding 30 to 35 bushels in some cases. Roots and corn have responded wonderfully to the rainfall, but more moisture is needed.  
HURON: Farmers are busy with

wheat threshing and the average yield in this district will run close to 30 bus. Dealers are paying 90 cents per bushel, but the majority of farmers are holding in expectation of higher prices.

**NORTH SIMCOE:** This district can still be reported as in a condition of drought. All late crops need rain badly. Wheat and barley threshing is general and early oats are being cut.

**WELLINGTON:** The harvest is in full swing in the south end of the county. The oat crop is not a good one and in many cases the crop is a near failure. In the north section fair crops of oats and barley will be harvested. Yields of wheat are running 30 to 35 bushels per acre, with a reasonably good sample.

**HALDIMAND:** Fall wheat yields of as high as 35 bushels per acre have been reported, but the oat and barley yield will be materially reduced. Pastures and all crops are still in need of moisture.

**LAMBERTON:** Pastures are burned brown and dried out. Many farmers are supplementing pastures by grain-feeding their cattle, others are feeding hay. Many others have turned their cows on second crop alfalfa fields.

**LINCOLN:** In spite of dry pastures most of the livestock is in fairly good condition. Dairy cattle are being fed grain and hay in the stable to keep up the supply of milk. Wheat yields vary from 10 to 40 bushels per acre, the quality very good. The oat crop will be short.

**MIDDLESEX:** Some sections still have had no rain for several weeks. Spring grains will be extremely variable in yield with some fields on light poor land almost a total failure, but with early sown crops on rich, well-prepared land giving high yields.

**OXFORD:** The extreme heat reduced the milk yield by approximately 30% and lowered the milk test as well. However recent reports indicate both production and test have returned to normal. The corn crop has been hard hit by dry weather and unless rain comes soon, a good deal of the crop will be very short.

**WELLAND:** Harvesting of wheat is finished. Average will be possibly 15 to 20 bushels per acre.

**HASTINGS:** Grain harvesting is in full swing, but the yield is light due to heat and dry weather.

**NORTHUMBERLAND:** Farmers are cutting oats, which in the main are quite green but due to lack of rain will not fill any more. A lot of oats will be fed in the sheaf this year. New seeding is now just about completely ruined.

**PRINCE EDWARD:** Corn and tomatoes have hung on well, but rain must come soon to make them good crops.

**York Market**

North York market presented plenty of variety on Saturday. Vegetables included squash and marrow, 10c and 15c each; celery, 10c and 15c head; tomatoes, 8c and 10c lb.; corn, 30c and 35c doz.; carrots, three and four bunches for 10c; beets, 4 for 10c; cauliflower, 5c to 20c; cabbage, 5c each up; Silverskin onions, 20c and 25c quart; gherkins, 25c quart; peppers, 3 for 10c; peas and beans, 10c quart; white turnips, 5c bunch; potatoes, 30c and 35c 6-qt. basket.

On the fruit stands were the last raspberries, 10c pt., 2 for 25c; blueberries and thimbleberries, 25c qt.; plums, 10c qt., 45c and 50c a basket; apples, transparent, 30c; Duchess, 30c and 40c; astrakan, 40c and 50c; Peaches 65c, semi freestone yellow fleshed June Alberta variety; chokecherries, 25c 6 quarts.

Butter was 28c and 30c lb.; roasting chickens, 25c lb.; broilers, 25c; boiling, 18c and 20c. Pigeons, 20c each; ducks, 30c; eggs, 30c to 40c dozen; honey, 20c and 25c jar.

Meat prices were as follows: Beef—round steak, 19c; sirloin, 22c; porterhouse, 25c; rump roast, 17c; rolled ribs, 22c; blade, 12c and 14c; rolled brisket, 12c. Veal: cutlets, 25c; chops 22c; rolled shoulder, 15c. Lamb: leg, 27c; loin, 25c; front, 14c. Cottage rolls, 19c lb.; pickled pork shoulder, 15c; corned beef, 12c; pickled tongues, 15c; sausage, 15c.  
Gladioli were 50c and 75c bunch; asters, 15c; zinnias, 10c and 15c bunch; orange cosmos, 10c.

On the 30th of June there were 1700 persons receiving the old age pension in Simcoe county, a decrease of three from the same time last year.

The cost of staging the Canadian National Exhibition is one million dollars each year. The exhibitors expend huge sums which, together with the amount disbursed by the Exhibition, make a staggering total.

**"Crown Strollers" Absent From Provincial Highways**

British Motor Cavalcade Praises Courtesy of Ontario Drivers

**TAKING POINTERS 'BACK HOME'**

Toronto, Aug. 10.—There are no crown strollers on Ontario's highways.

This remarkable discovery was made last week by Graham Lyon, enthusiastic English motorist who organized the cavalcade of 33 British automobiles which toured Ontario under the auspices of the Junior Car Club of Great Britain.

Absence of "crown strollers" was the feature that pleased the British drivers most about Ontario, and they heartily commended the courtesy of the motorists they encountered along the province's roads.

Mr. Lyon has observed the "Try Courtesy" campaign being conducted in Ontario's newspapers and on billboards by Hon. T. B. McQuesten, minister of highways.

"Ontario's drivers certainly seem to be taking courtesy to heart," Mr. Lyon commented. "In fact, during our brief trip through Ontario we have picked up several pointers about courteous driving which we intend to take back to England with us. Absence of crown strollers was only one splendid feature we noticed."

"Crown strollers," Mr. Lyon continued, grinning at the puzzlement of his Canadian listeners, "are a great nuisance on the roads in Britain. No, they are neither bands of wandering royal minstrels nor crop-destroyers like grasshoppers, though they might well be called a 'rural plague'."

"In Britain," he explained, "we call any motor driver a crown stroller who ambles slowly through the country on the middle of the pavement, making it difficult for anyone to pass him. He accepts a toot of the horn as a challenge to maintain his obstructive position. I believe you have another name for him here, but for the moment it has slipped my mind."

When told that such drivers were invariably tagged "road hogs," Mr. Lyon exclaimed: "Yes, that's the name, but so far on our trip we haven't encountered a single one."

"What surprised and pleased us most was the alacrity with which motorists in front responded to a signal by pulling over to the right immediately to let us pass. Often they would pull over without even being signalled. This puzzled us for some time until we realized they were on the lookout for approaching cars in the rear-view mirror, and when they could see we were going faster than they were, would courteously move to the side of the road to let us go by."

"Your police officers were the model of helpfulness and courtesy and your considerate truck drivers were a revelation to us from England, where we still are burdened on the roads with the 'old-fashioned' type of truck driver."

"During the small amount of night driving some of our cars did, we were amazed at the large percentage of motorists who dimmed their lights to avoid glare and mishaps."

Mr. Lyon also had words of praise for the thoroughness with which all road conditions on the highways here were marked by signs "which even a child could understand and follow."

"We had no difficulty," he concluded, "in gauging curves in the road, following the 'King's Highway' through towns, and the black-and-white checkerboards and the red prism-reflectors guided us safely through the tricky spots along the way."

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**TEMPERANCEVILLE**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John's W. A. met at the home of Mrs. George Thompson on Thursday afternoon. In the absence of the president the vice-president Mrs. Fred Legge was in the chair. The ladies pieces a top for a quilt.

As the Rector is on his holidays, Mr. D. Pinkerton of King will supply at St. John's Oak Ridges for the next two Sundays.

Mrs. Howard Clarke and Mrs. Leader left for Muskoka on Saturday, where they will visit relatives of Mrs. Leader's.

Miss Violet McColeman of Stayner has returned home after spending a week renewing old acquaintances in Temperanceville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Henshaw and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thompson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford at Ballycroy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beynon and family visited relatives in Stouffville on Sunday.

The palace gates were thrown open and the place was theirs. Of all receptions tendered them on their trip to Vimy the Canadian Veterans will probably remember longest their entertainment at Buckingham palace. The reception was given by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and was attended by the King.

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Draw to take place at 12.30 p.m. sharp. Tournaments must be finished. Prizes will not be split.

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