

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

Fruit Crop Figures
 Reports of representatives from the fruit-growing districts show that production of all fruit crops was low last year. The show of blossom was excellent but the set of fruit was affected by early killing frosts and unfavourable weather during the setting period. The estimated production of fruit crops this season, expressed in percentage of last year is as follows: Peaches 67%; pears 72%; plums 65%; grapes 45% and apples 85%.

Wine grapes, including grapes for concentrates, brought \$40 per ton during the main part of the harvesting season, but with very keen demand for supplies toward the season's end, prices rose sharply and grapes were bringing as high as \$65 a ton. The basket price of grapes for the fresh fruit market was considerably higher than a year ago.

Feeding Brood Mares
 To properly care for brood mares during the winter months, it must be understood that they should be given mild exercise each day but deep snow and the hauling of heavy loads should be avoided. It is particularly important that mares in foal are not allowed to be idle during the winter months, as they usually produce weak foals—no matter how they may be fed.

A brood mare's ration may be made up of a variety of feeds, however, it is essential that it be nutritious and contain a generous supply of protein and minerals. A good grade of mixed hay, oats and bran will supply all the necessary requirements. A few roots fed daily will also prove beneficial. The amount of hay and grain to be fed daily will depend upon the size of the mare, her condition and the type of work she is doing. Naturally the more work she is required to do—the larger the daily grain ration. Young mares that have not completed their growth must be fed quite liberally.

After the foal is born, drinking water with the chill taken off is given to the mare. The mare's first feed after foaling is always a warm bran mash and the grain ration contains one-half bran for a week or more after the foal is dropped. By so doing, complications such as an oversupply of milk or indigestion are usually avoided. When mares are thin at foaling time, light feeding should only be continued for a few days. In such cases, the feed is usually increased gradually in order to insure a good supply of milk for the foal. Mares that are required to work while nursing their foals will require liberal feeding, if they are to be kept in good flesh and provide a generous supply of milk for the foals.

Rearing Winter Pigs
 The winter feeding of swine presents many problems that are not encountered in summer time, since pigs are forced to live under unnatural conditions in winter and without the variety of feeds available in the earlier part of the year. At the same time it has to be remembered that any attempt at forcing winter pigs when exercise is limited is courting disaster. Good feed should be fed at a rate that the pigs can overtake and the pigs kept in dry, comfortable quarters with room for exercise in the early stages of growth. By combining good feeding and management, many of the common ailments of swine will be avoided, and the result will be healthy and thrifty market pigs.

Successful winter pig production depends largely upon three factors. These factors are: warm, dry sleeping quarters, free from draughts; suitable feeds and care in feeding them, and exercise in the early stages of growth. Exercise for the growing animal is practically a necessity. This is particularly true of the pig in the early stages, and especially so if the pig is being forced by heavy feeding. Heavy feeding without exercise is conducive to crippling. It is wise, therefore, to allow the young pigs to run outdoors during the fine fall weather, and when they must be kept inside, due to bad weather, they should be allowed sufficient pen space to exercise freely.

With regard to providing warm and dry sleeping quarters, if there are buildings available it would be unwise and not economical to build new pig quarters. Even old buildings should be remodelled only sufficiently to ensure comfortable feeding and sleeping accommodation. Sufficient trough should be provided so that each pig will have an opportunity to secure a fair share of the feed. If the building is draughty or likely to be cold, the construction of a covered sleeping berth will be well worth consideration. It can be constructed of any available lumber in a dry corner of the feeding pen.

The sleeping berth should not be more than three feet high and covered with boards and straw, and just large enough in area to house the pigs comfortably in a bed of dry, clean straw.

Ontario Boys' and Girls' Teams Won In Ontario

In the National Contests for Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs, held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, on November 17, 1936, under the direction of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, Ontario teams carried off the major honours. Each of the four teams entered from the Province scored a first place, namely, in the dairy cattle, beef cattle, grain, and potato projects.

There were 31 teams entered in the six projects, four from each of the provinces except Alberta and Saskatchewan which entered three teams, and Prince Edward Island one. In the teams for the farm projects there were 56 boys and six girls. The teams were winners in the provincial contests, thus winning the prize of a free trip to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair with all expenses paid. An additional contest was held this year, public speaking, in which each province sent one boy. This was won by Roger Ellyson, St. Catharines, Que.

In the National contests, the club team obtaining the highest score in each of the six projects is awarded a challenge trophy indicative of the Dominion Championship, to be retained for one year, while at the same time each member of the various championship teams is awarded a miniature trophy which becomes his or her own property and each contestant in all the competitions also is awarded a suitably engraved medal.

The winning teams with the score of each in the six farm projects were as follows:

Dairy Cattle
 Ontario—South Durham Dairy Calf Club, Lloyd Metcalf, Bowmanville; Wesley Werry, Hampton. — Team Score 1024.

Beef Cattle
 Ontario—Ilderton Beef Calf Club, Duncan Fletcher, Ilderton; George F. Robson, Denfield.—Team Score 1046.

Grain
 Ontario—Durham County Grain Club, Carroll Nichols, Port Hope; Moe Walker, Campbellcroft. — Team Score 1072.

Potatoes
 Ontario—Alliston Potato Club, Arthur Banting, Alliston; Frank Giffen, Creemore. — Team Score 1102.

Swine
 Alberta—Liberty Swine Club, Ethel Ferguson, Conjuring Creek; Lillias Ferguson, Conjuring Creek.—Team Score 1006.

Poultry
 Manitoba—Teulon Poultry Club, Alice Johnson, Winnipeg Beach, Marguerite Smith, Arborg. — Team Score 1028.

MRS. JAMES MORRISON
 One of the oldest persons in the Bolton district, Mrs. James Morrison died on Friday, November 20th in her 97th year. Deceased was born at Hogg's Hollow in 1840. In 1860 she was married to John Sheardown who died in 1911. In 1914 she was married to James Morrison who died seven years ago. She had been living with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Burrell for quite a long time. Surviving are Mrs. Burrell and Mrs. Robert Norris of Albion, daughters, also 24 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon.

More than 125 veterans attended the Annual Dinner of the Brampton Unit of the Canadian Legion held in Byng Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 13th. The guest speaker for the occasion was Col. Fraser Hunter, D. S.O., member of the Ontario Legislature for St. Patrick's division, Toronto.

VERSE FOR THE KIDDIES
 "The little snow people are hurrying down,
 From their home in the clouds overhead.
 They are working as hard as ever they can,
 Putting the world to bed.
 Every tree in a soft fleecy night-gown they clothe;
 Each part has its nightcap of white,
 And over the cold ground a thick cover they spread,
 Before they say Goodnight.
 And so they come eagerly sliding down,
 With a swift and silent tread,
 Always as busy as busy can be,
 Putting the world to bed.
 If you love a bad man he will soon hate some of his badness.

Thousands of City Families Establish New Farm Homes

More than 2,000 Canadian families, or approximately 10,000 people, have been established in farm homes so far this year through the efforts of the Colonization Department of the Canadian National Railways in co-operation with the Federal and Provincial governments. The great majority of these people were city dwellers—many of them on relief—who obtained a new start in life by taking up farming in the various land settlement districts of the country.

Figures issued by Dr. W. J. Black, Director of the Railway's Colonization Department, show that some 1,500 families were settled adjacent to the lines of the National System without government assistance, while over 500 families were placed on the land in co-operation with the Federal and provincial governments, under the various relief settlement plans of the provinces. In addition, nearly 700 heads of families were assisted in selecting farms, and were moved to various settlement districts to prepare new homes for their families; while 1,700 single men were directed to points along the railway where settlement opportunities were available.

While the chief movement has been in the province of Quebec, settlement work has been carried on by the Railway's Colonization Department in practically all of the provinces in the Dominion. This work has been going on for four years, and during that time a very large number of Canadian families have been settled on farms of their own without government assistance, and many others have been placed on the land through the co-operation of the Canadian National and the Federal and provincial governments.

Detailed figures for the first nine months of 1936 follow:

Direct Settlement:
 Families settled adjacent to Canadian National lines, without Government assistance, 1,514 families.

Relief Settlement:
 Families settled under the Relief Settlement Agreements between the Federal and Provincial governments; with the assistance of the C. N. R. Complete families, 342 families.

Dependent families—(moving to join husbands previously settled), 174 families.
 Heads of families proceeding in advance of their wives and children, 691.
 Single men, 447.

These men have been directed to points on C.N.R. lines where settlement opportunities are available. Proceeded without Government assistance, 1,729.

Many of the lines of the Canadian National System were constructed originally as colonization lines, and were intended to provide a means of developing Canada's vast natural resources. A number of these lines were constructed in advance of the development, and it is with a view to carrying out this development work that the Colonization Department of the Railway directs its efforts. There are today very extensive areas of desirable farming land in territory served by the lines of the National System available for settlement. The settlement and development of these lands is, of course, of prime importance to the railway in the production of new traffic.

The work of the Colonization Department covers a very wide field of activities. In an interview recently, Dr. Black summarized it as follows:

"The examination or survey of vacant lands adjacent to the Company's lines. A record is kept of lands available for settlement, whether Crown lands or privately owned.

"Giving information and advice to all enquiries addressed to us dealing with land settlement in territory served by the Railway. For example, during the nine months ending September 30th, 1936, 6,479 individuals, as prospective landseekers or farm workers, applied to our offices seeking information on lands for settlement, and employment on land on our lines.

"The settlement of families on farms and advising them where necessary regarding the purchase of stock and equipment. Every effort is made to locate settlers on properties suitable to their financial requirements and the type of farming they desire to follow.

"Representatives of societies or groups of families are accompanied on inspection trips to locate tracts of land suitable for their requirements.

"Co-operation with the Dominion and Provincial Governments in the resettlement of unemployed families under the Relief Settlement schemes.

Our Department is represented on each Provincial Committee, assists in the selection of the settlers and their location on the land.

"Representatives of our department accompany all organized parties of settlers and their families to the new colonization areas on our lines.

"The care and success of settlers after they have been established. The basis of our work must be successful settlement, otherwise our work is wasted.

"In carrying out our development programme, we believe that the pursuit of a progressive policy of land settlement reflects itself in rural stability and provides a direct and natural stimulant to our industrial life, as well as providing new and additional freight and passenger traffic for the Railway."

In addition to the land settlement of Canadians there has been a substantial movement of experienced farming families from the Mid-Western States, Dr. Black added, and also a repatriation movement of French-Canadian families from across the line.

He who takes good care of the days need give himself no worry over the year.

The activity of some people in devoted exclusively to stirring up trouble.

Correct this sentence: "Let us close this meeting of the jobless," said the chairman, "by singing 'Happy Days Are Here Again!'"

REACHING THE GOAL

Consumption, as tuberculosis of the lungs is commonly called, is a wasting ailment; stubborn to master, requiring treatment and care over a long period of time. It can seldom be cured at home. Then, too, it is a communicable disease, especially dangerous to young children.

This was fully realized by the founders of the National Sanitarium Association, when forty years ago they erected the first hospital in Canada for the treatment of this disease.

This venture met with much opposition and even ridicule, for at that time it was firmly believed that tuberculosis was incurable. It was just one of those things which had to be, so why bother about it.

However, it was not long before the regimen of this small hospital began to show results—people were actually being cured—going home and talking about it.

Such was the small beginning of the Muskoka, the Toronto and the Queen Mary Hospitals for Consumptives, which now provide for more than one thousand patients.

The progress made and the change in outlook is reflected by these and the many other sanatoria throughout the Dominion, and by the large number of public and private organizations which to-day are sparing no effort to overcome tuberculosis.

The results have been that thousands upon thousands have been given a chance to get well, who but for hospital treatment, would have been left without hope, and the mortality from this disease has been reduced by 75%.

With tuberculosis ousted from the premier position to seventh place as the cause of death, there is cause for congratulation, but there is also the danger of the feeling of self-complacency and the slackening of effort. With the goal in sight, this would indeed be a calamity, for tuberculosis will not halt its advance unless it is forced to do so. This can only be accomplished with the continued co-operation of the public at large.

The Trustees of the Muskoka, the Toronto and the Queen Mary Hospitals for Consumptives are determined that, so far as lies within their power, no one who suffers from tuberculosis shall be denied a chance to get well. If you would help in this great life saving work, please send a gift to National Sanitarium Association, 233 College Street, Toronto.

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 Pine Glen Tiny, heifer, not bred, No. 193407
 Genholm Birdine, heifer, not bred, No. 192799
 Pine Glen Knight, 1 year old, No. 193408
 Highview Flashlight, 2 year old, No. 182929

GRADE CATTLE
 1 Roan Cow fresh, calf by side
 1 Jersey Cow fresh, calf by side
 1 Ayrshire Cow, bred Sept. 10, milking full flow
 1 Ayrshire Cow, bred May 28, milking
 1 Ayrshire Cow, bred Oct. 31, milking
 1 Holstein Heifer, bred June 22nd, milking
 1 Roan Cow, bred Sept. 5, milking
 1 Blue and White Cow, bred May 28, milking
 1 Ayrshire Cow, bred May 14, milking
 1 Durham Heifer, bred April 21st
 1 Jersey Cow, bred July 18th
 1 Heifer, calf by side
 1 Heifer, 1 year old
 3 Ayrshire Heifers, 1 year old

HORSES
 1 Black Horse, H.D., 8 yrs. old
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 1 Bay Mare, bred, H.D., 8 yrs.
 1 Bay Driving Mare, 8 yrs.
FOWL 75 Rock Hens
PIGS
 1 Sow, bred Oct. 14th
 2 Sows, bred Sept. 23rd
 24 Shoats
HARNESS, GRAIN, ETC.
 2 Sets Team Harness, long tug
 About 800 bus. Mixed Grain
 About 12 Bags Potatoes
IMPLEMENTS
 1 M.-H. Binder, 7 ft. truck and car
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 Kitchen Linoleum, 12'x12'
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