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**News and Information for the Busy Farmer**

**SEED MARKET REPORT**  
Eastern, Northern and Central Ontario

Prices—Red clover 16 to 18c per pound for No. 1 grade; 10 to 17c for country run. Alfalfa 15 to 16c for No. 1 grade, 10 to 13c for country run. Alsike 13 to 14c for No. 1 grade; 10 to 13c for country run. Sweet clover 5c for country run. Timothy 6 to 7 1/2c for No. 1 grade; 4 to 6c for country run.

Supply—500,000 pounds of red clover mainly in the Ottawa Valley; 167,000 pounds of alfalfa mainly in the St. Lawrence counties and the Kingston-Oshawa district; 235,000 pounds of alsike mainly in the Kingston-Oshawa district and the St. Lawrence counties. Sweet clover, 300,000 pounds mainly in the Kingston-Oshawa district and the St. Lawrence counties. Timothy 2,360,000 pounds scattered in these parts of Ontario.

Demand—A fair demand continues. Most of the alsike has already been sold by growers, also a fair quantity of red clover. Very little of the alfalfa, timothy or sweet clover has yet moved to the trade.

**Western and Southern Ontario**

Prices—Red clover 19c per pound for No. 1 grade, 13 to 15c for country run. Alfalfa 18c for No. 1 grade; 14 1/2 to 15c for country run. Alsike 16c for No. 1 grade; 8 1/2 to 13 1/2c for country run. Sweet clover 7 1/2c for No. 1 grade; 4 to 6c for country run. Timothy 6c for No. 1 grade; 3 to 5c for country run. Canada blue grass 8c for No. 1 grade.

Supply—Red clover 450,000 lbs.; alsike 585,000 pounds; alfalfa 500,000 pounds; sweet clover 255,000 lbs.; timothy 1,150,000 pounds; Canada blue grass, nil.

Demand—The largest part of the 1936 production has already been bought by the trade and a good demand continues for most items. There has been a good export movement of alsike, alfalfa, red clover and sweet clover to the United States this year. Timothy is in slowest demand at present.

**Soya Beans and Corn for Silage**  
On "The Maples" farm, near Kemptville, Ont., owned and operated by Dr. Frank T. Shutt, C.B.E., and his nephew, A. A. Holmes, a small area of newly-broken land was sown with soya beans, in the spring of 1935. The stuff grew like Jack's bean-stalk and soon presented a problem as to what could be done with it. The stalks were heavily podded and might have yielded a crop of seed, but the crop kept on growing so long that maturing the seed was out of the question; and still it grew until the idea of making hay out of it was dismissed.

Dr. Shutt, having been Dominion chemist for 46 years, knew something of the chemical composition of soya beans and that they are high in protein and carbohydrates, considerably higher than corn in this respect. So why not put the growthy crop of soya beans in the silo with the corn? Thus was the problem solved, and the resultant silage proved most palatable and nutritious.

This year at "The Maples" another bumper crop of soya beans was grown on a larger acreage, an area fertilized last year for potatoes and mangels, and the soya bean crop responded to the residual fertility in the soil. Again the crop was ensiled with the corn, and the results obtained warrant the adoption of this method as standard practice.

**On Silage Production**  
An endorsement of this practice is to be found in a recent bulletin issued by Dr. E. S. Hopkins and P. O. Ripley of the Central Experimental Farm. In a section devoted to soya beans as a silage crop they impart the following information: "Soya beans for silage are planted with a grain drill in rows 30 inches apart, with the plants about three inches apart in the row. This requires about 30 pounds of seed per acre. Soya beans should be ensiled when the pods are well filled but before the leaves begin to turn yellow. They may be ensiled either alone or, as is more frequently the case, in a mixture with corn. They may be mixed in any proportion, but as corn is an almost ideal silage crop, it might be used in relatively larger amounts. A mixture of three parts of corn to one part soya beans produces an excellent quality of silage."

**Letters From The People**

**NEGLECTED GRAVES**

R.R. 1, Richmond Hill,  
16th December, 1936.

Editor, The Liberal,

Dear Sir:—  
Enclosed is a copy of inscriptions appearing on an ancient marble headstone, with its location described.

Perhaps some of your numerous readers are familiar with the history of these graves, or, at least, with traditions relating to them—and could enlighten me as to why they are not in one or another of the long established burial grounds in the vicinity.

The Township of Markham was appropriated by settlers—largely of German origin, coming as U. E. Loyalists from Pennsylvania and doubtless their burial grounds were inaugurated by the beginning of the last century, hence it is hard to understand why these interments were made in private ground as late as 1832.

Any light on the subject would be appreciated by me, and probably by many others of your readers.

Yours very truly,  
A United Empire Loyalist  
Descendant,

A. J. VanNostrand.

Copy of inscriptions on lonely grave-stone stand on the north side of the fence line between Lot 27 and 28, Con. 2, Markham, at a point about one quarter of the depth of Con. W. from the rear (or "Third Line"). "Sacred to the memory of John Atkinson who departed this life 21 October, 1833, aged 77 (possibly 71) years."

"Also George Atkinson, son of the above, who departed this life 15 May, 1832, aged 30 years."

**COUNCILLOR JAMES McLEAN DISCUSSES PLOWING AND PLOWING MATCHES**

The Editor, The Liberal

Sir:—

Another season has rolled by as far as plowing matches and competitions are concerned and in summing up what I have seen and heard I think everyone will agree that it has been a very successful year. More plowing matches were organized, entries at most matches exceeded former years, both of which are very healthy signs.

High cut plowing had practically disappeared and jointer work has gone to the fore even in the eastern sections where narrow bottom usually prevailed. Manufacturers have been experimenting on jointer plows trying to have them as near perfection as possible which, of course, is in the first interests of good plowing. They also have been pushing the sales of Disc Plows in recent years which no doubt have a place on the farm. In talking to one first class farmer who had a Disc plow for three years he stated that he had used it for three seasons to do all the plowing but this year had bought a tractor mouldboard plow for fall plowing. He said "I used the disc after harvest, then cultivated and harrowed and will finish up with the mouldboard plow which looks to me the sensible way as next spring the seed bed will be more even and better."

I was much impressed this fall in going around the country with the better work being done on the average farm. Lower crowns, straighter plowing, better finishes. So much for the holding of Plowing Matches. The attendance at the Matches this fall was splendid and in going across the headlands many comments were heard. So I suggest to the readers of your valuable paper to answer this question: Would it not be more practical to have a time limit on the first and heavy rounds in order to eliminate such excessive handling of furrows? I am in favor of a certain amount of handling to straighten out some of the kinks on the crown but to get down on your hands and knees and pat every particle of the furrow is not practical or profitable. Some suggest no handling

at all which I think is wrong as, if the spectators in viewing the work, saw nothing better at a match than they could see at home, our interest and attendance would diminish. I think a good discussion would be in order.

James McLean.

**EDWARD WILL LOSE WOMAN HE LOVES, PREDICTED SEERESS**

Within two years a very sad Prince Edward will wander about the world from country to country, trying desperately to forget his sorrows. He will have lost the woman for whom he gave up his Throne, and he will spend his final days in Hungary and England...alone.

This is the prediction of Madame Feffren Laila, "professor of occult science," who visited Toronto recently. Although her home is in Paris, she has spent most of her life in various places from New York City to Hong Kong.

The reign of George VI, says Madame Laila, will be a prosperous one for the Empire, because, during that period it will enlarge, partly from the "annexation of certain islands," following a great war.

The war, she says, will take place in 1937...but the Empire will not become involved in it. As a matter of fact, the Empire will benefit, because it will sell vast quantities of munitions and other material to the various nations.

Just about the time this war gets well under way, prosperity will return to Canada in such measures that the former boom times will look like lean years in comparison. Furthermore, it won't be a fleeting prosperity, it will be here to stay.

In the early part of next year, a great oil field will be discovered within eight miles of Toronto, Madame Laila predicts. In February a Toronto man will perfect a certain type of plant—Madam is not certain whether it will be vegetable or fruit—which will possess amazing properties.

First of all, the fruit or vegetable which it will produce will be sold both dried and fresh. Secondly, the leaves will make a fabric which will be not only waterproof, but fireproof. This material will also be much in demand by warring nations.

In March, this Toronto scientist will commence to build his factories, and by the middle of the summer the first crop will be ready for the mill.

Madam Laila claims she has predicted many world events, and just in case you are skeptical, she produces a huge scrap book containing newspaper clippings in a score of languages. The clippings carry a regular newspaper dateline and credit Madam with the following prophecies, among others:

1928—That Acoste, French flier, would hop the Atlantic—which he did two years later; the Sino-Japanese war; that Carol would return to Roumania's throne.

1929—That beer would again flow in the United States; that the market crash was on its way; that Jimmy Walker would be re-elected mayor of New York and that LaGuardia would follow; that the next President would be a Democrat.

1931—The dictatorship of Dolfuss in Austria.

1934—The re-election of Roosevelt. Mussolini, by the way, will never be assassinated; he will die only when old age finally catches up with him.

**ORANGE LODGES POULTRY EUCHRE AND DRAW**

The local Orange Lodges held a successful Poultry Euchre on Wednesday, December 23rd, when a good crowd attended, seventeen tables being in play. Prizes for the evening were won by, ladies, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. W. Jennings; gents, W. Robinson, W. Baker Jr. In the draw for poultry the following were holders of lucky number tickets: Donald Tenynson and Mrs. Ted Annette (Winnie Stong), turkeys; Messrs. Everett Brown and Aubrey Nichols, geese; John Stong, Helen Ransom, John Batt and James Butler, chickens. In the special draw for a chicken Mr. W. Wilson was the winner.



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