

**COUNTRY CONVERSATION**

Friendly conversation is an art which is rapidly disappearing. In the rush of modern city life, people seem to find little time for a pleasant chat with their neighbours. Indeed, the average city dweller of today scarcely knows the people who live next door. In rural districts the case is different. Country folk are generally more friendly, and find time to exchange more than a casual word of greeting. But, here too, the art is slowly losing ground. The automobile has speeded up the tempo of life. The telephone has reduced the personal element. It is no longer necessary to conduct business face to face. We find it much easier to reach for the telephone and deal with a somewhat tiny voice. Today we are seldom content to spend an evening just talking with friends. We cannot enjoy ourselves unless we are going to the movies, bridge, dances, or some other artificial entertainment.

We could regain our facility in conversation by a little practice. Unless we do, we will lose that common ground which leads to understanding and friendship. And we would be losing much. It would be a great insult to one civilization if people should cease altogether to be mutually interesting.

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**NEWS AND INFORMATION  
FOR THE BUSY FARMER**

**Principals of Grading**

The grading of farm products is based on the principle that it is sound business to classify live stock in such a way that the consumer will be able to recognize and purchase quality products, and that the price premium which the consumer will pay for the better grades should be returned to the producer of them. Practice has proven the value of the theory involved in the grading principle. Grading activities have been a tremendous incentive to quality production, with resultant price benefit to producers.

**Gather Eggs Often**

Eggs should be gathered at least twice a day, and three times daily is better during hot weather. The time of one gathering should be just before dark or as near to it as practicable. This last gathering may not produce a great number of eggs, but since broody hens will commonly search out the nest containing eggs after the day's laying has ceased, failure to gather late in the day is a common source of distinct deterioration.

Each gathering should be placed in the coolest part of the cellar if no other cool spot is available, as soon as gathered. Eggs should not be put into cartons or cases immediately if this can be avoided. The ideal container for cooling eggs is a wire tray. A wire basket is the next best, and perhaps the most practical. These baskets are waste paper containers.

**Feed a Balanced Ration**

If there is one thing more than any other the importance of which is stressed in hog feeding, it is that grains alone are not enough to make good hogs, and that for the production of the select bacon type hog it is important that a balanced ration be fed.

In many parts of Canada, particularly throughout the Prairie Provinces, there is an abundance of cheap grain feeds which as they stand are unmarketable, but when fed to live stock quite attractive prices can be realized. Where grains alone are fed the live stock product is seldom satisfactory and to get worthwhile results a protein supplement must be included to balance the ration.

Skim milk or buttermilk in some form is the ideal protein supplement in hog feeding. These, however, are not always available but because these are not available is no reason why other equally good forms of protein supplement should not be used. A very fine type of pork can be produced through feeding tankage, a by-product of the packing industry. This provides an animal protein supplement ideal for hog feeding, and at the present time this can be obtained essentially at cost.

**Breeding Troubles**

Following long winters with deep snow, as this winter promises to be, a great deal of trouble is usually experienced with hairlessness in young pigs, goitre in calves and lambs, and joint ill in foals. It is suggested that these troubles may be traced to a lack of iodine in the thyroid gland of the pregnant female, and lesions from this cause may be avoided by feeding iodine, in the form of potassium iodide.

Potassium iodide has a generally stimulating effect, toning up the whole system, and exerts a particularly strong influence on the generative organs. Females which are apparently non-breeders will often become pregnant after this drug has been administered for a few months.

For cows, dissolve two ounces of potassium iodide in a cup of warm water; sprinkle this solution over 100 pounds of salt spread evenly and in a thin layer on a clean floor, and mix well. When the salt is dry, place it in a box where the animals have free access to it. For ewes, follow the same method as for cows.

For sows, dissolve one ounce of potassium iodide crystals in one gal-

lon of water, and mix one tablespoon per sow daily in the feed or drinking water. For mares, give each mare a half a teaspoonful of potassium iodide in the feed grain or water on the first and fifteenth of each month.

**Eastern, Northern and Central Ontario**

**Demand:** The small crop of alsike and red clover is now mostly sold and most of the best qualities of alfalfa has been sold also by the growers. Some red clover has not yet been threshed but that remaining is not extensive. The demand is very good for red clover, good alfalfa and alsike, fair for sweet clover and generally poor for timothy although there is some movement of timothy in the Brockville and Belleville areas.

**Supply:** Red clover, Belleville, 70,000 pounds; Brockville, 9,000 pounds; Lower Ottawa Valley, 18,000 pounds; Upper Ottawa Valley, 5,000 pounds; Northern Ontario and Western Quebec, 6,500 pounds. Total 108,500 pounds.

Alfalfa: Belleville, 200,000 pound; Brockville, 43,000 pounds; Upper Canada Valley, 10,000 pounds. Total, 253,000 pounds.

Alsike: Belleville, 15,000 pounds; Northern Ontario and Western Quebec, 3,500 pounds. Total, 18,500 pounds.

Timothy: Belleville, 300,000 pounds; Brockville, 480,000 pounds; Lower Ottawa Valley, 640,000 pounds; Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec, 90,000 pounds. Total, 1,510,000 pounds.

Sweet clover: Belleville, 150,000 pounds; Brockville, 22,500 pounds. Total, 172,500.

Timothy and alsike mixtures: Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec, 50,000 pounds.

**Prices:** Red clover; basis No. 1 per pound, Brockville, 21 1/2 to 22 1/2c; Lower Ottawa Valley, 24 to 26c; Upper Ottawa Valley, 24 to 26c. Belleville country run seed, 15 to 18c; alfalfa, basis No. 1 per pound, Brockville, 26 to 28c. Upper Ottawa Valley, 20 to 22c; Belleville country run seed, 13 to 18c; alsike, Belleville, 20 to 25c; Northern Ontario and Western Quebec, 20c; timothy basis No. 1 per pound, Brockville 3 to 4 1/2c; lower Ottawa Valley, 4 to 5 1/2c; certified No. 1, 5 2/5c; Belleville country run seed, 3 to 4c; sweet clover, basis No. 1, per pound, Brockville, 10c; country run seed, 5 to 7c; Belleville country run seed, 7 to 8c; timothy and alsike mixture, basis No. 1, per pound, Lower Ottawa Valley, 8% alsike, 7c; Northern Ontario and Western Quebec, country run seed, 7 to 9c per pound; red clover mixture, Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec, country run seed, 18 to 20c per pound.

**Southwestern Ontario**

**Demand:** The situation has not changed much since last month; the demand for all items except timothy is good. Seed merchants are reported to be quite active in obtaining supply for the domestic trade and for export.

**Supply:** Red clover, 116,500; alfalfa, 385,000 pounds; alsike, 52,000 pounds; sweet clover, 335,000 pounds; timothy, 1,700,000 pounds.

**Prices:** Red clover, per pound, basis No. 1, 22c; country run, 16 to 20c; alfalfa, per pound, basis No. 1, 25c; country run, 17 1/2 to 22c; alsike, per pound, basis No. 1, 28c; country run, 17 1/2 to 22c; sweet clover, per pound, basis No. 1, 6 1/2c; country run 3 to 5c; timothy, per pound, basis No. 1, 9c; country run, 6 to 7c.

**ODE TO A PUP**

My dog is a nuisance, an absolute pest;  
With him in the house there is truly no rest.  
He leaves dirty tracks on the mirror-bright floor,  
And scratches the paint from the tidy front door.  
He slobbers his water and spills half his food;  
The rugs are all gnawed and slippers are chewed.  
He sheds tufts of hair and he scatters his fleas;  
He buries his bones under bushes and trees.  
He keeps us awake every night with his yaps;  
The neighbors all curse him for spoiling their naps.  
I'll stand it no longer; I'm getting fed up.  
I won't be a slave to that bothersome pup!

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**YORK MARKET**

Spring was in the air at North York Market on Saturday. There were pussy willows there, the first forget-me-nots, a pot of crocus or hyacinths, and nearby delicious-looking pink rhubarb, bunches of crisp, red radishes, and on many stands broiling chickens.

Meat prices were unchanged, lamb selling well and veal scarce, cutlet and loin offered at 30c lb., roast at 18c and 20c and liver, which was snapped up quickly, at 30c lb.; sausage was 2 lbs. for 25c, 18c and 25c lb.; lard, 2 lbs. 25c. Butter was 35c lb.; eggs 25c to 33c dozen; roasting chicken, 28c and 30c lb. Herring and whitefish sold well. Rabbits were 50c each.

Mushrooms were on several stands, prices varying from 29c to 33c lb. Spinach was 10c and 15c basket; celery 15c bunch, 2 for 25c; carrots; parsnips, beets and onions from 5c small box up; turnips 5c each; cabbage 5c, 8c and 10c each; cauliflower 10c to 30c each; leaf lettuce, green onions, watercress and pepper cress, 3 for 10c. Several stands carried home-made salad dressing at prices from 10c to 30c jar.

The flower stands were well stocked and sales were good. Tulips were 75c and \$1 bunch, red roses 2 for 25c, Talisman 3 for 50c, carnations \$1 to \$1.50 dozen, daffodils 50c and 60c dozen, Iris \$1.60, snapdragons and stocks \$1.75, lily-of-the-valley \$1.25, ferns 50c up, potted spring flowers from 15c to 50c. Pretty novelty Sweetheart bouquets at \$1.25 each consisted of pink and white tulips, forget-me-nots and stevia. Pussy willows were 15c bunch.

Nell—"I hear that you and Elmer are engaged. I don't suppose he told you that he was engaged to me last year?"

Bell—"Well, dear, he did say something about there being things in his past he was ashamed of, but he didn't go into details."

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At Lot 16, Con. 9, Township of Vaughan  
At **ELDER**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1938**

**Farm Property**

97 acres more or less farm property; lots of water, good fences, large bank barn, 2 houses—both in good condition, 7 acres seeded to wheat, about 55 acres seeded to alfalfa and sweet clover.

**TERMS:—\$3,000 cash. Balance, mortgage at 6% per annum. This property will be sold subject to a reserve bid.**

**HORSES**

Clydesdale Gelding, five years  
Percheron Gelding, nine years  
Clydesdale Mare, aged  
Black Percheron Mare, aged  
Clydesdale Gelding, ten years  
Clydesdale Gelding, nine years  
Clydesdale Gelding, eight years  
Clydesdale Mare, rising three, partly broke  
Clydesdale Mare, rising three, partly broke  
Belgian Gelding, rising two  
Black Percheron Mare, rising three  
Clydesdale Gelding, three years  
Matched team of Black Percheron Geldings, two years  
Clydesdale Gelding, rising two  
Black Percheron Gelding, rising 3  
Percheron Mare, rising two years  
Saddle Pony  
3 Spring Colts

**CATTLE**

Hereford Cow, bred  
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Shorthorn Cow, bred  
Holstein Cow, due about April 1st  
Holstein Cow, in full flow  
Ayrshire Heifer, due time of sale  
Four 2-year-old Heifers  
Three Calves, 4 months old  
Two Fat Cattle

**PIGS**

Yorkshire Sow, bred  
Yorkshire Sow, due time of sale

**SHEEP**

103 Ewes in lamb  
2 Registered Oxford Down Ram  
Lamb  
1 Purebred Hampshire Ram  
1 Goat, female

**POULTRY**

About 40 Hens 2 Roosters  
2 Ducks and a Drake  
1 Gander and 2 Geese

**HAY, GRAIN, ROOTS, SEEDS**  
Quantity of Baled Hay  
Quantity of Oats 15 Ton Turnips  
Small Quantity of Clover Seeds

**IMPLEMENTS**

Massey-Harris Binder, 7 ft., nearly new  
Cockshutt Manure Spreader, nearly new  
Massey-Harris 13 Hoe Drill, nearly new  
McCormick-Deering Horse Rake, new  
Massey-Harris 16 Plate Disc, new  
Frost & Wood Mower-Cultivator  
2 Sets Harrows  
1 Wagon and Box  
1 Hay Rack  
1 Set Iron Trucks with Gravel Box  
1 Turnip Drill, nearly new  
1 Massey-Harris Root Pulper, new  
1 Scuffler, new  
1 Walking Plows  
1 Wheelbarrow  
1 Bag Truck  
1 Bag Holder  
1 Set Short Slings  
1 New Loudon Big Lift Hay Car with 210 foot new inch rope  
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Number of Grain Bags  
1 Set Scales  
6 Movable Sheep Racks  
1 Massey-Harris Cream Separator  
1 Oak Barrel  
1 Crosscut Saw  
1 Roll Barbed Wire  
1 Pig Crate  
Number of Neekyokes and Whiffletrees  
Number of Logs for Lumber  
1 Water Trough  
Number of Steel Hog Troughs, new  
1 Set Plow Harness  
1 Horse Clipper  
Number of Horse Collars  
1 Set Breaching Harness, nearly new  
4 New Horse Blankets  
One Enterprise Heater  
Number of Forks, Shovels, Pails and other articles too numerous to mention, all new or nearly new

**TERMS : CASH**

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