

CRITICISM

Somehow I've always noticed and no doubt you've noticed, too, it's a funny world to live in and no matter what you do you're criticized by many and there's not a single chance of pleasing everybody under any circumstance. This pleasing game's a dandy, you may try your level best to satisfy and gratify and meet with every test; That ever yet has been designed and when at last you're through you'll find you're always criticized no matter what you do. For instance, you have seen the man who makes a great success— And yet he's always criticized and censured more or less; And then the failure, you've observed, he gets it just the same, he's criticized and ostracized because he lost the game. And so it kind o' seems to me the world is rather queer You get it if you do or don't the while you're living here; But at the journey's end there's hope if you can only wait, For on the day you're laid away they all will say you're GREAT.

The rich must be superior people. Few go to jail and none are hanged.

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**NEWS AND INFORMATION
FOR THE BUSY FARMER**

Principally through heavy exports of dressed poultry to the United Kingdom and large shipments of live poultry, chiefly from Ontario, to nearby United States markets, the poultry market in 1937 showed a distinct improvement over 1936.

Total milk production in Canada has shown a steady increase for the past nine years. During the five-year period 1932-36, milk production increased from approximately 15,900,000,000 lbs. in 1932 to 16,700,000,000 lbs. in 1936, and a further advance of approximately 200 million lbs. is indicated for 1937.

**PLANT-FOOD CONTENTS IN
FERTILIZERS**

The Fertilizers Act requires definite guarantees by vendors of the plant food content of their fertilizers, that is, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. In addition, these plant food substances must be in an available form for plant use. There are many kinds of fertilizers on the market today, all of which are dependable if used according to kind and plant food content on the one hand, and soil and crop requirements on the other. Every buyer of fertilizers should study these factors carefully because the proper application of them means so much in obtaining best results.

The recommendations of the Provincial Fertilizer Councils are a safe guide in this respect and may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture for the provinces.

CANADIAN EGGS TO BRITAIN

Fresh, Canadian, winter-produced eggs will soon be making their debut on the breakfast tables of the people in Great Britain. The first shipment of such eggs left Montreal on January 5, and totalled fifty corrugated paper boxes, each box containing 15 one-dozen individual cartons, the eggs being Grade A large. Never before have eggs been exported from Canada in one-dozen cartons. On January 11 a carload of fresh eggs packed in standard 30-dozen cases left Montreal and was loaded in the S.S. Beaverbrae at St. John, N.B., on January 12 for England. This shipment was collected from 15 farmers co-operative egg and poultry associations in Quebec and Eastern Ontario; also from some wholesalers. It is expected similar shipments will follow from other points in Ontario.

W. A. Brown, Chief, Poultry Services, Dominion Department of Agriculture, who was associated with the shipments states that the British market will not get any fresher eggs from any European country than those in the two recent shipments. There is, he says, an opportunity in the British market for Canadian winter produced eggs, and, if such shipments can be made profitably, the Canadian producer will benefit.

**York County Pays
\$119,010 For Justice**

York County's budget for the administration of justice during the current year has been estimated at \$119,010, in comparison with \$87,674 in 1936 and \$70,692 in 1935. The principal items include: Constables' salaries, \$24,000; constables' expenses, \$14,000; city courts, county's share, \$21,000; prisoners' maintenance in Toronto jails, \$21,000; magistrate's court salaries, \$8,000; crown witness fees, \$3,900; police expenses, \$2,000; maintenance of county inmates in Toronto industrial schools and mental hospital, \$4,600 and inquest costs, \$8,200.

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Testing of Soils

President of O.A.C. outlines valuable work being done in Ontario for benefit of farmers — Many soils mined of fertility — 3500 samples of soil tested at O.A.C. last year

Agricultural leaders of Canada have become increasingly worried in recent years over soil depletion and while conditions in Ontario are not nearly as grave as in some parts of the Canadian West, it is common knowledge that many Ontario farms have been mined and mined until there is but little fertility remaining. The Ontario Department of Agriculture is fully alive to the danger with the result that the Department, through the O.A.C. is undertaking an enlarged program of research and demonstration work for 1938 in soil fertility.

In discussing the situation, Dr. G. I. Christie, President of the O.A.C. Guelph, points out that many Ontario soils have been farmed more than 100 years. Some have been wisely handled and have become increasingly productive. But on the other hand, many have been thoroughly mined; soils have become poor, hard to work, and give low yielding crops.

"On other farms, while good practice has been followed, fertility has become unbalanced," says Dr. Christie. "One or more elements have been reduced in available quantities. It may be phosphate, potash or nitrogen. In many cases it has been found to be boron, manganese or magnesium. It is through recognition of these problems that the O.A.C. has undertaken an extensive research program".

Dr. Christie reviewed work done in Norfolk county by the Chemistry Dept. O.A.C. which located soils suitable for growing flue-cured tobacco. The crop this year sold for some \$15,000,000. Parts of Brant and Oxford counties are being surveyed for tobacco through the co-operation of Central Experimental Farms, Ottawa.

In Durham and Northumberland, Ottawa and O.A.C. were conducting soil surveys to determine if possible balance of fertility and absence of important elements, said Dr. Christie. The Horticultural Division, Ottawa, under M. B. Davis, was establishing an orchard where definite experiments could be carried out over a number of years and serve as a centre of information for apple growers, with special attention paid to orchard management, fertilizing, pruning and handling of fruit.

As part of the soil program, a soil testing laboratory was established at the O.A.C. Last year over 3500 samples of soil from all over the province were tested and recommendations made to the farmers. A serious situation in Waterloo county is being gradually corrected. Cereal crops were attacked by nematodes, small eel worms which form clusters on the roots and seriously interfere with growth and development of the plants. The county council leased a badly infested field for ten years where the O.A.C. is carrying out research work. Last year there were definite indications that balancing of fertility will correct the trouble and more work is planned for this year.

Pasture studies carried out by Ottawa and O.A.C. Chemistry Dept. have brought to light many new problems in Western and Eastern Ontario. Following up these surveys, the fields are fertilized and cattle and sheep are used to check the results. These animals are being fed balanced rations this winter with special attention to mineral needs. These experiments are under way at Ailsa Craig, Holyrood and other points.

As part of this work in the field, a special experiment is being carried out in Oxford County with a group of 35 farmers. The Agricultural Representative, Reg. Green, in co-operation with the Ont. Live Stock Branch and O.A.C. has supplied minerals for the cattle and has made an accurate test of all milk produced and supplied to cheese factories. Results indicate larger returns of milk, and the condition of the animals has been improved generally.

Large areas of Ontario soils sometimes described as "fresh water" areas, are deficient in iodine. Horse breeders are finding that mares in foal must receive small quantities of iodine if joint ill and other diseases are to be avoided.

The younger generation's idea of celebrating is well expressed in the couplet:
"The best of all ways to lengthen our days
Is to steal a few hours from the night."

SLATS' DIARY
(By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Went to church and S. S. this a. m. It were agensnt my will, but I lernt one thing. In his serment the preacher ast Is they sucha thing as a perfeck man. Do any boddie no of 1 of same. A small man rised up & sed he did & when the preacher said who the small man sed his wives 1st husband. No bodie laft out loud but they was a lotta smiling & etc.



Monday: I ast Pa what are a arwimint & he replide & sed it are what he fricktly has with Ma but dont never win 1 of. So I xpect it are sum thing about words or langwidge or sum thing of the kind.

Tuesday: The govt. & releefers has bilted are citty sum ponds & lakes and etc. and are editur says we otto all so get us sum Mountens. That wood be grate says I & Jake & Blisters. We faver the movemint.

Wednesday: At the partie at Jakes house last nite I was ast to sing a song & rissponded to the invitashen & when I ast Jane later if it were a poppler song I sung she up & sed it were. Before I xecuted same. That dame is all ways making dirty cracks toards me.

Thursday: On the way from school I & Jane got to talking about getting married & she sed did she marrie me wood I never drink in her presents. I sed I dont no but I agree not to never drink no ice cream sodys. The anser diddent seem to go over so hot, but it played her up for what she sed about the poppler song I rendered at Jakes partie. & she ast for it all so.

Friday: Blisters took Elsy to the pitcher show last evning & they talked to mutch I supose. Enney how the lady on the seet in front of them turned & sed she cudent hear no thing & Elsy snapped back at her & sed she were glad as what they was talking about diddent consern her no-how.

Saturday: Jake dossett believe in waste & such like. His music teacher was coming & Jakes Ma ast him did he warsh his hands & face. He replied and sed he did. What about your ears ast his Ma & he sed well he warshed the 1 that will be next to the music teacher. If that issent ekonomey what do you call it.

War won't seem so romantic next time. With everything mechanized, there won't be any excuse to wear spurs.

How to be a dictator: First find a minority group that everybody envies and then start kicking it around.

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