

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

More Good Lamb Required on Market

Farmers are cautioned to exercise greater care in the marketing of lambs at this season of the year. Prices for good early lambs have been very satisfactory until about August 1st when many farmers, no doubt tempted by prevailing prices during the last week in July, began to market lambs that should have been held on pastures for at least a month, and in many cases two months. An oversupply of poor lambs resulted in a serious drop on all lamb markets, and while the situation has partly corrected itself, the market is still sensitive to weakness if producers continue to market undesirable lambs.

As a rule lambs from the more common domestic breeds of sheep do not finish for market at farm weights under 90 pounds to 100 pounds (80 to 90 lb. at the market). Before selling lambs it is always wise to use the scales. This is particularly important at the present time so that the sale of underweight lambs may be avoided.

Good early lambs are in demand at all stockyard centres, packing plants and city markets. Lamb meat is an especial favourite in the home, at tourist centres, and in hotels and restaurants. When it is said that lamb is a popular meat, this means good to choice lamb from well finished carcasses. Light, unfinished lambs do not produce the kind of meat that is relished by tourists or by the Canadian people. Poor lambs are not good sellers and are unsatisfactory to all sections of the trade, including the consumer. This year pastures are excellent all over Canada and there is no farm animal that puts on cheaper gains than the growing lamb on good grass. All farmers can increase the value of their lambs by a closer check-up in weights and marketing at the right time.

Roguing Potato Fields

Roguing is a valuable method for the control of certain degeneration or "running out" diseases of potatoes of virus origin. Roguing implies the detection, lifting, removal and destruction of virus infected plants. As a control measure the practice is particularly valuable against the three common potato diseases, mosaic, leafroll and spindle tuber. These three diseases produce characteristic symptoms on the potato plant. Mosaic diseases produce a mottling effect in the foliage. Leafroll causes a slight, general yellowing of the foliage, and an upward rolling of the leaves. Spindle tuber intensifies the green colour of the leaves, imparts an upright, staring appearance to the plant, and causes the production of spindly or misshapen tubers with bulging eyes.

It has been shown that roguing should be timely and systematic. Usually, mosaic and leafroll can be detected in the field when the plants are about four inches high. At this stage of development the field should be systematically examined row by row for the presence of virus infested plants. Roguing should be done preferably on dark or dull days as the light conditions are then best for the detection of mosaic. On bright days the operator should carry an umbrella or traverse the potato rows in such a manner that his shadow is cast over the plants immediately before him. The operator should carry some type of closed container, and when a diseased plant is detected, it should be lifted in its entirety with as little disturbance as possible and deposited in the container. Under no circumstances should diseased plants be pulled and left in the rows, nor should they be carried out and deposited on the headland. Diseased plants should al-

ways be carried from the field and then immediately destroyed by burning. Roguing should be systematically practised at weekly intervals until the potato vines begin to mature. For further information write to the nearest Plant Pathological Laboratory.

Current Crop Report

Farmers are well along with the harvesting of splendid graincrops. In Western Ontario practically all grains are now harvested except late oats, while in Central Ontario about 75% of the grain is cut and in Eastern Ontario about 50%. In Northern Ontario the harvest is well under way. Stock threshing proceeded rapidly up to August 1st, but was interrupted by frequent and heavy rains during the first two weeks of August.

The average yield of fall wheat for the entire province is now estimated at 27 bushels per acre, as compared with 26 bushels in 1937, and a preceding 15-year average of 25.1 bushels. The harvested acreage of 742,062 acres is the highest since 1927, and compares with 718,813, acres last year. Total production will amount to approximately 20,036,000 bushels, which is the largest crop since 1926. In Eastern, Western and Central Ontario, the yield per acre was reduced and the quality considerably lowered by leaf and stem rust. In each of these three sections, the yield was about three bushels per acre less than in 1937, but in Southern Ontario, which comprises the two rows of counties bordering Lake Erie and where half the acreage is located, the yield was almost five bushels higher than a year ago and this more than offset the decline in other sections. Heat and rust reduced the crop most severely in the counties of Grey, Bruce, Huron, Wellington and Perth.

Spring grains have matured early this season and reports indicate that the yield per acre will generally range from average to slightly above average in practically all counties. Harvesting is about a week earlier than usual. Damage was caused by the most severe outbreak of army worm in the last fifty years, but for the province as a whole the loss would probably not exceed 2%. Individual fields, however suffered 10% to 15% injury, and in a few cases much greater. Severe rainstorms resulted in considerable lodging in some parts, making cutting difficult, but the loss is not serious, while in Eastern Ontario, grasshoppers caused rather severe damage in several localized areas. Rust is affecting the grain crop in Eastern Ontario, but the yield is expected to be a good average and considerably above the poor yields of 1937.

Precipitation was sufficient for developing crops during July throughout most of the province. Heavy rains fell in early August, lodging standing crops over large areas. The rainfall has been beneficial for the growth of late crops and prospects for these crops, which includes corn, late potatoes, buckwheat, sugar beets and turnips, are considered quite favourable. Pastures are also showing improvement in all sections, and as a result livestock are in good condition and milk flow is being well maintained.

Prices of farm products have declined recently and are now generally below the level of a year ago. In the case of grain crops the decrease from last August is very considerable and is due to larger world crops. In Ontario farm income is largely determined by the prices of secondary commodities such as cattle, hogs, butter, eggs etc. all of which are down in price.

William Kerr of King Township celebrated his 85th birthday on Wednesday of last week.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND HILL TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a Warrant issued by the Reeve of Richmond Hill dated the 6th day of July 1938, and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of Taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold for taxes has been prepared, and is being published in the "Ontario Gazette" under the dates of August 6th, September 3rd and October 1st, 1938, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 5th day of December, 1938 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of Taxes and the charges thereon. The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Municipal Hall in the Village of Richmond Hill. Copies of the said List may be had at my office. Dated at Richmond Hill, July 28th, 1938. A. J. HUME, Village Treasurer.

Province May Help Reforest King Twp.

Morgan Baker Says That He Will Seek Enabling Legislation

Government assistance for the plan launched by Aubrey Davis of Newmarket to restore forests, streams and wild life in King township may be provided next year. Morgan Baker, M.P.P. announced at the York county forestry field day his intention of seeking legislation permitting such aid.

"Mr. Davis had surveys made at his own expense and a map has been prepared showing the council as it was 40 years ago and as it is today," said Mr. Baker. "The contrast is startling, with forests depleted, wells and streams dried up and wild life gone. Continuance of the program to restore these things depends on government contributions to supplement the voluntary efforts of Mr. Davis."

"Premier Reburn and the federal government are sympathetic, and the only thing that is holding it up is the fact there is no statute permitting the government to spend money on private property. I hope at the next session to seek legislation permitting reforestation on this land."

Moved by memories of the forests and streams of his boyhood, Mr. Davis, a native of the township, launched the scheme two years ago with the hope that governments would "take a hand".

AN OBSERVANT LAD

"Mother," said little John, bursting into the house, "there's going to be trouble at the chemist's. His wife has got a baby girl and he's had a 'Boy Wanted' sign in his window for a week."

PROBABLY TRUE

Teacher (severely)—Do you know what becomes of boys who run away from school every afternoon to play ball?

Small Truant—Some of 'em gets into the big leagues.

SUCH DECEPTION

First Gossip—She got cruelly deceived when she married that old man.

Second Gossip—Why, didn't he have any money?

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