

NEWS & VIEW OF T.H. & V.S.

(by Nore Flynn)

Well, we tried to give you a huge stomach of news last week and now we would like to give a few views if possible. The news is still dispatching there, with an occasional As you all know, we are starting around about the middle of the week.

Consequently, there are only two types of women for me — those who like me and those who don't. Those who like me, fascinate me. At this point a non-too-polite voice asked, "Women who don't like me, but the voice replied, "Are commonplace, but there is something mysterious about any girl who'd like me. Thus — the fascination." This bizarre theory drew a laugh and in the ensuing lull another voice spoke up.

"I like girls who have similar interests to mine and who can speak intelligently on subjects that interest me." There was a round of sympathetic sighs for this chap and one loud belief that everyone blamed on the dog. "Then some one pointed out that the speaker must be a very lonely fellow as he had never found any girl interested in billiards or the "Ruhaiyat of Omar Khayyam" for that matter. "Yes," the voice acquiesced, "I'm a very lonely fellow."

"What you need, is a girl like my Patsy," opined a third voice. "She's got everything — including me. Never a quarrel — aww, what a sweet kid, understanding when you're broke, easy to talk to, intelligent —

"Now, now, now," chided some one, "Never a quarrel?" "Well . . . she has her wild little fling now and then . . ."

"Are you," continued the chiding voice, "Perchance, speaking of the time she threw the knife at you?" "We had no more revelations of the angelic Patsy during the evening but there were other eager opinions.

"I have no use for girls." In the horrified silence every one craned his neck to see who had made this statement. He was located in an easy chair placed within the French Doors. "To me, association with girls is a rank waste of time. Oh, for a dance, a party — yes. But a steady relationship — No. They bore me stiff — their conversation is either absent, too naive or too filled with feminine dogmas of the most utter balderdash, if they are beautiful, they haven't an iota of intelligence, if they aren't they don't interest me. If they are one or two who combine intelligence and attractiveness — these are unobtainably conceited. No sir — the only place you can find loyalty is in a pet shop. Of course, I'm speaking of young girls — not women."

Some one was recommending a seminar to the woman-hater when an irate voice asked if the above-quoted misogynist had ever "gone steady". "Yes."

"Till when?" shot the shadowy questioner. "Tonight, till nine o'clock." Our "misogynist's" form slumped further down in the chair. He was a disconsolate heap. "God, how I hate them," came his voice. "Rotten fight — all my fault." There was a round of callous laughter that smoothed the ruffled feathers of those among us who chose the double-rutted road and we began to look at the topic in its better facets.

"I dimno," came a querulous opinion. "But I think the girls nowadays are below par — from a man's standpoint, that is." Angry snorts accompanied this. There was even an innocent query as to what grounds the speaker to use "from a man's standpoint".

"That's poppycock. At least around T.H. & V.S. they're not under par. Of course we might be in worse institutions."

"Devil's Island?" suggested some pensive wag from the depths of the chesterfield whereup we all pounced on him, pummelling with pillows.

We all agreed, that however good, bad, or indifferent girls may be in general, Timmins High and Vocational School is as good a place to search in, or to ignore in as any school we have seen.

And there was an older chap there too, older and better-informed than the rest of us who told us not to take girls too seriously when we are so young. I don't think there is much danger.

The foregoing line sure not necessarily my sentiments. If, however, you have enjoyed reading these opinions, let me know. Perhaps we can eavesdrop on other bull-sessions some time. Till next Thursday, so long.

L.H. Hanlan Reviews Forage Seed Production

At the recent meeting of the Ontario Improvement Association at Toronto, L. H. Hanlan, of Matheson, Agricultural Representative for this district, presented a paper entitled "Possibilities For Forage Crop Seed Production In Northern Ontario."

Following is the portion of Mr. Hanlan's paper which dealt with conditions in the districts of Cochrane and Temiskaming:

Cochrane is the most recent district to be developed agriculturally. There has always been a good demand and usually a high price for any surplus hay that has been produced. There is also a need for quite a lot of fluid milk in the mining and pulp mill centres. Because of these, and perhaps for other reasons, the production of forage crop seeds has never been undertaken in anything like a large scale. In fact this branch of crop production has never been even viewed seriously in this district.

This has not been because timothy, red and alsike clover do not grow satisfactorily. In fact they all grow remarkably well. Neither alfalfa or sweet clover have been grown to any extent. Perhaps the weather in this district is not as favourable for the harvesting, curing and threshing of these seeds as it is in some of the other districts.

For example in experiments conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Kapuskasing, Ontario, it was found that the second cut of red clover matured so late that in three out of five years, the weather was unsuitable for the curing of the crop for seed. It would, therefore, be largely the first cut of red clover that would be saved for seed.

This increases the risk in seed production, in that if a two-ton per acre first cut crop of red clover is left for seed, and the set of seed happens to be poor, the loss is quite considerable, and a few experiences like this, discourage further trials. The forage crop seed production in this district is therefore limited each year to a few tons of timothy seed, a few thousand pounds of red clover, even less alsike, about 1,000 pounds each of sweet clover and alfalfa, and from 5,000 to 10,000 pounds of mixed seed.

The ordinary threshing machines, some of which have clover huller attachments are used for threshing, and are also four power seed cleaning equipment that there is one combine. These plants.

The district of Temiskaming is in direct contact to Cochrane, in so far as the production of small seeds is concerned, in that as nearly as we can learn this district, during the last third of a century, has produced about five and one-quarter million pounds each of timothy, and alsike seed; over one and one-quarter million pounds of red, but only about 10,000 pounds of alfalfa.

This is more timothy and red clover seed than has been produced by any other district in the North, and it is more alsike than has been produced by the other ten districts put together. For some reason the annual production of alsike in particular, has been more uniform and consistent than in the other districts.

For many years, over 75% of the red clover seed produced in this district was obtained from the first crop, but in more recent years this condition has gradually become reversed until at the present time over 75% is being secured from the second crop. Perhaps most of this change has been brought about by the greater use of combines in harvesting, and threshing the second crop for seed.

There has never been any serious difficulty experienced in getting a market for all of the various small seeds produced in Temiskaming District, although during certain years the price got down so low that the producers had little or nothing left after deducting the unavoidable expenses connected with the harvesting, curing and threshing of the seed.

In 1935, a start was made in organizing co-operative marketing enterprise which later became known as the Temiskaming Producers Co-operative Company, Limited. In this plant was set up power seed cleaning machinery which assisted materially in cleaning a large quantity of the local seed, and bringing it up to grade ready for marketing.

There is also located in New Liskeard, one of the most efficient power seed cleaning plants in all of Canada. This plant is operated by Mr. R. Labonte, and is capable of removing such a large percentage of Ox-eye Daisy from timothy seed that it is often possible to get a No. 1 grade on a lot that previous cleaning was rejected on account of this one impurity.

At the present time, the growers of small seeds in Temiskaming District have three good outlets for their product, namely The Temiskaming Producers Co-operative Company, Limited; Labonte's Seed Cleaning Plant, and outside seed houses.

In the way of machinery and equipment for the handling of small seeds, the District of Temiskaming is in a better and happier position than any other district in Northern Ontario, in that there are over 100 ordinary threshing machines, many of which have clover huller attachments,

twenty combines, and four power seed cleaning plants, and as mentioned before one of these is superior to any other machine in the North, in so far as cleaning timothy seed is concerned.

Summary of Mr. Hanlan's Report

Some of the more salient features learned in the preparation of this talk may be summarized as follows:

1. Timothy has the widest adaptation of any forage crop seed producing plant in Northern Ontario. This fact plus the ease with which it can be cut, cured and threshed have made it possible to produce more timothy seed than that of any other forage plant.

2. In view of the relative low price of this seed over a long period of years compared with the price of other forage crop seeds, it is very doubtful if any immediate material expansion or increase in the total quantity of seed produced would be in the best interest of Northern Ontario agriculture.

3. About 65% of the total red clover seed in the North has been produced by the three districts of Temiskaming, Rainy River and Kenora.

4. The greater use of combines in harvesting this crop has been responsible for a material increase in the quantity of seed produced from the second crop in Temiskaming District.

5. Considering the scarcity of and the high price being paid for red clover seed, it would appear that the farmers in each and every district in the North should strive to become more nearly self sustained in their seed requirements for this seed.

6. If and when a material surplus does exist in one or more districts, there is every indication that this could be disposed of to advantage, and at a fair price.

7. When the price of red clover seed becomes unusually high there appears to be a great tendency on the part of farmers to reduce, both the number of acres seeded and the average amount of seed sown per acre. This is having, and will continue to have, a very inimical effect on the yield and quality of the resultant crop for live stock, especially for dairy

cattle.

8. Over 50% of the total alsike seed is produced in Temiskaming Districts and over 95% in the three districts of Temiskaming, Kenora and Rainy River.

9. There is less alsike seed than red sown by the average farmer, and thus neither the supply of this seed nor the price affects the hay crop so seriously.

10. In view of the fact that alsike seed is produced only on the first crop, it is possible that the production of this seed in commercial quantities should be largely limited to those districts, as well as to the particular areas within those districts, where it has been found in the past to do best, and give the largest yields.

11. Over 95% of all the alfalfa seed in Northern Ontario has been produced in Rainy River District, and Manitoulin Island has produced more than the remaining nine districts. There is, however, some seed of this very insignificant, and will probably in each and every district, and it is felt that every effort should be made to encourage, and if possible, increase the amount produced.

12. The total amount of sweet clover seed ever produced, has been very insignificant, and will probably remain so.

13. It would appear that more de-

finite experimental work should be undertaken in an effort to determine the exact cause of such tremendous variation in the amount of seed being obtained year to year, and thus if possible suggest a remedy for same.

14. The general programme of seed production in the North should be more definitely planned ahead in order that seed producing fields could be sown with pure seed of the desired sort and the weed content kept to a minimum, previous to harvesting.

15. There is still room for more power seed cleaning machinery in order to clean and bring up to grade a greater percentage of the various seeds, previous to marketing.

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MISS LINDSTROM, HAVE YOU HEARD WHO ARRIVED IN...?

YES, SURE, CHOE PALOOKA. AYE WOULD LIKE TO MEED HIM.

REALLY... OHHH HOW WONDERFUL, I'M SO GLAD YOU'LL SEE SOMEONE... I'LL SEND FOR HIM.

MR. PALOOKA... A MESSAGE FROM HERSELF... MISS LINDSTROM.

WHO'S SHE? MAYBE A RELATIVE OF OLE LINDSTROM, THE TRAINER.

PER TH' LUVVA PETE, ARE YA KIDDIN' IT'S LIKE, HOKY SMOKE, OPEN IT.

"MISS LINDSTROM WILL RECEIVE MR. JOE PALOOKA AT HER HOME TODAY AT 2 O'CLOCK..."

WHATTA YA KNOW... BOYOHBOY... SHE WANTS T'SEE YA... SHE NEVER SEES NO BUDDY... THEY BREAK THEIR NECKS T'SEE HER! ARE YOU LUCKY... BOY!

SHE'S GORGEOUS... BREATH-TAKIN'... YA LUCKY DOG!

TELL MISS LINDSTROM I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE WANTS... BUT IF IT'S IMPORTANT SHE CAN CALL ME... ???

YESSIR.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL HER... HOW... I MEAN

I WAS FLABBERGASTED... THE GUY READS THE NOTE AND SAYS... "WHO IS SHE?"

MISS LINDSTROM... HOBSON DELIVERED THE MESSAGE... HE... UH... SAW MR. PALOOKA PERSONALLY... UH... HE... AHEM...

"YES, SURE, YEN ISS HE COMIN'... RIGHO AWAY... MAYBE... YES, SURE."

OH, MISS LINDSTROM... HE... HE ISN'T COMING.

VAT... HE DARES TO STAY AWAY!

AND WE FEEL THAT IF YOU PLAY YOUR OWN SELF... MY GOSH... LOCK IT'S LINDSTROM... SHE'S APPEARING IN PUBLIC... WITHOUT A DISGUISE... FIRST TIME... MY GOSH!

OH YES... SHE-UH SENT ME A NOTE.

GORGEOUS!

MEESDER, PALOOKA... I WILL HAFF LINDSTROM, TELL DEES ODDERS TO GO VAY!

OF COURSE, DEAR LADY, COME, MR. WALSH.

PSST, SEE, IF SHE'S GOT A FRIEND.

I JUST GOT A FLASH FROM THE BROWN DERBY... HOLD YOUR HATS... THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENED... LINDSTROM APPEARED IN PUBLIC... NO DISGUISE... AND WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE DID... OH, I CAN'T GET MY BREATH... IT'S TOO TOO TOO...