

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

(Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture)

An Enormous Loss

A prominent authority has estimated that twenty-six million dollars is the price paid by farmers and poultry raisers for loss through diseases in poultry flocks in Canada in the past year.

Campaign Against Weeds

The provincial authorities are leaving no stone unturned in their campaign against weeds. Many of the highways have the usual prolific crops along the sides of the road.

Still Time to Plant

There is still plenty of time to get in corn or roots and both crops are essential for feeding all kinds of live stock, taking the place of green grass in the ration long after the season for grass is over.

Low Producer's Liability

The dairyman, and for that matter, the owner of any class of live stock, has enough to contend with without putting up with a bunch of low producers.

Buckwheat Very Useful

In speaking about weed control it is a good plan to put in rape or buckwheat two crops that can go in right up to the middle of July.

Warn Weather Helpful

Continued warm bright weather during the first two weeks of May did much to improve the appearance of alfalfa, clover and fall wheat.

Commercial Fertilizer

More and more fertilizer is being used in Ontario because our land has

been depleted of plant foods and also because farmers are gradually learning more about the use of fertilizers.

One Bushel Per Acre

Speaking in Saskatchewan recently, Hon. John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba, declared that an increase of one bushel per acre, which could be easily obtained if only the most casual attention were paid to the seed, would add to the value of Saskatchewan's grain crop, roughly speaking, about thirty million dollars.

Fruit Needs Moisture

An adequate supply of moisture in the orchard is of great importance in the growing of a good crop of fruit. If the soil is low in moisture in the early part of the season, the fruit is not likely to set well.

Help the Alfalfa

Ontario's alfalfa fields have experienced some hard knocks during the past twelve months. Last summer's drought permitted only sparse growth, and alternate freezing and thawing early this spring caused some serious heaving of the plants especially on the heavier soils.

Will Lay Cornerstone

The cornerstone for the new Administration Building and Students' Residence at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, will be laid on the afternoon of May 23rd by the Prime Minister of the province, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

The cornerstone exercises will follow the convocation for graduates in agriculture, which will be held in Memorial Hall and at which time degrees will be conferred by Sir William Mulock, Chancellor of University of Toronto.

Miss Macphail's Speech on the Budget

Miss AGNES MACPHAIL (Southeast Grey): Mr. Speaker, the few remarks that I intend to make should really not be dignified by the name of address or speech, but I felt that one could not vote for or against the budget without saying something about it.

The budget brought down by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dunning) on the first of May is quite clearly designed to catch votes; I would call it a vote-getting budget. If it does not get the votes, it will certainly disappoint its parents. It is a budget that can be easily picked to pieces.

Mr. CHAPLIN: "It will not get the Liberal party any votes. Miss MacPHAIL: I do not know about that. We shall learn that after the election. As regards the bean growers, someone who represents a bean-growing constituency and is a government supporter can make a splendid speech about what care the government is taking of that particular industry.

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Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh. Miss MACPHAIL: I am willing as a member of an economic group to change my position on the tariff at any ceremony.

May 23rd will be a red letter day in the history of the Ontario Agricultural College, and it is hoped that a large number of friends throughout the province will attend.

time if I believe that changing my position will make things better for the people whom I represent. I think that that is a sound position. It is the one that I have always taken; I have not changed. But I do not believe that protection will benefit agriculture, and I shall deal with that more fully in a moment.

Agriculture is in a bad way this year. It is in my county, and I suppose it is throughout Canada. If we could protect agriculture so that it would get back some of the money it has to pay out for the protection of other industries I would be ever so willing to do it, but I do not see how it is to be done. Take, for instance, the farmer in my riding in Southeast Grey. By the time he has paid for protection on iron and steel, on fruits and vegetables, beans, to speak only of the protection afforded by this budget, suppose he gets protection on his butter and eggs, and suppose that that protection works in the direction of raising the prices of his butter and eggs, how high would those prices have to be raised in order to reimburse him for the amount that he has to pay out for the protection of other people? The prices of butter and eggs would have to be raised very high indeed before the farmers in my constituency would be benefited by the budget of this year.

The New Zealand trade agreement is to be abrogated in October of this year. Some years ago when the Australian treaty was before the house I voted against it. The provisions of that treaty were extended by order in council to New Zealand. I voted against the Australian treaty because I felt that the effect of the treaty on agriculture was not really considered.

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Possibly the best proof that protection does not make the farmer prosperous is the condition of the American farmer. The proof that the tariff is not the fundamental thing in that economics of agriculture that we once thought it was found in the fact that the farmers of the United States, where they have very high protection, the farmer in Great Britain, where they have free trade, and the farmer of Canada where we have high protection, low tariff and free trade all in the one budget, are all in a very bad way.

I do think Canada has very much to gain by the extension of the British preference. And may I pause here to say that I have been exceedingly amused and almost edified by the change of the respective flags that each party waves. It used to be that the Liberals—well, we may start with the Conservatives, since they had more of the flag than their traditional opponents—the Conservatives waved the Union Jack, and sometimes you could not tell whether there was a Conservative in its fold or not, but usually there was. The Union Jack was certainly their flag. As to the Liberals, if they had a distinctive party flag it might be said to be the Canadian ensign. But if I am to believe what I have heard,

in the days since the first of May the two parties have swapped flags, and now the Conservatives have appropriated the Canadian ensign, while the Liberals have taken over the Union Jack. I do think, however, that it is clear to all of us that Great Britain buys from us very much more than we buy from her, and that we buy from the United States very much more than they buy from us. For instance, in 1927 our exports to Great Britain of agricultural and vegetable products amounted in value to \$330,000,000; during the same year we exported these products to the United States to the value of only \$60,000,000. In the same year we exported to Great Britain animal and animal products to the value of \$68,000,000, and to the United States \$75,000,000 worth. In 1928 we exported to Great Britain agricultural and vegetable products to the value of \$310,000,000, and to the United States \$56,000,000 worth. In the same year we exported to Great Britain animal and animal products to the value of \$49,000,000, and to the United States to the value of \$92,000,000. Therefore so far as agricultural and vegetable products are concerned—made up, I dare say, largely of wheat, but still Canadian farm products—we exported to Great Britain a great deal more than we exported to the United States—not only a great deal more, but many times as much; and we can scarcely expect Great Britain to want to continue to absorb our products unless we are willing to take the goods she has to sell. The Western Producer in its editorial of May 8 in dealing with this point said: The prolonged crisis in the grain market has forced the western wheat

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ON A GRAIN OF RICE

F. O. Roberts, the British Minister of Pensions has received an inscribed grain of rice in a glass tube, accompanied by a magnifying glass, from a museum at Delhi. The inscription on the gift reads: "May God bless a long, happy, and prosperous life."

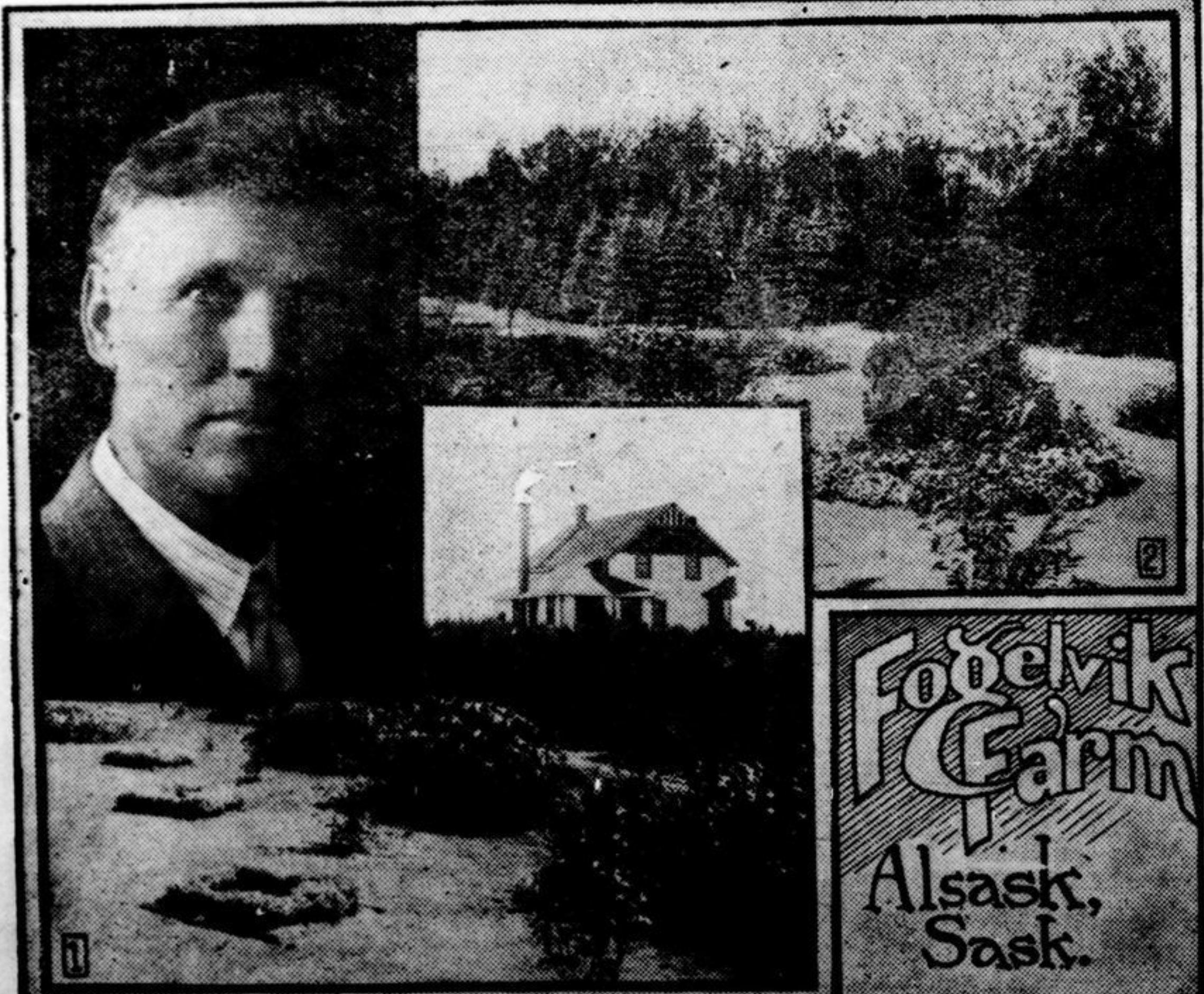
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Under the auspices of The United Farm Young People A Festival of Youth will be held in The Armouries, MARKDALE, Friday, May 30, '30 at 7 p.m. BANQUET TOASTS, MUSIC AND DANCING to the strains of The Owen Sound Orchestra TICKETS 75c. Only ticket holders will be admitted. Have you yours? Howard Graham.

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FIRST CANADIAN ENTRANT TO THE WORLD'S GRAIN EXHIBITION



Andred Andersa (inset) of Fogelvik Farm, Alsask, Sask., shares the honor with William Hudson of Kathryn, Alberta, for being the first entrant to the competitive classes of the World's Grain Exhibition and conference to be held at Regina in 1932. Both applications arrived in the same mail. Picture No. 1 shows the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, while No. 2 is a view of the grove and gardens surrounding the house. Mr. Anderson and his wife were born in Sweden and migrated to Canada in 1910. Mr. Anderson farms 4,940 acres.

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