

### NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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#### Agriculture Leads

According to an eminent authority the annual value of Canada's agricultural and live stock products on the average of the past two or three years is around the two billion dollar mark. The mineral production is given as being 280 millions for that period; the lumber and pulp production 450 millions and the fisheries 60 millions.

#### Controlling Black-Rot

Black-rot or black-root is a fairly common disease of strawberry plants. Apparently plants of any age may be attacked but they are most susceptible at two periods, shortly after being set out and at fruiting time. In some patches little or no evidence of the disease can be found, while in others 50 per cent or even 70 per cent of the plants are destroyed.

The principal control measures which have been found useful are:

1. Practice a fairly long crop rotation. Strawberries should not follow a similar crop in less than five years if possible.
2. Avoid introducing the disease. When setting out a patch secure plants from a field which was free from root-rot the previous year. Then discard from these any plants which have blackened roots.
3. Protect the plants during the winter by means of a suitable mulch. As soon as the ground becomes frozen hard, cover the rows with two or three inches of clean straw.

#### Corn Helps

Quality corn either for silage or for husking is the result of suitable seed and suitable preparation of the soil. Ontario growers of corn for husking purposes are warned that planting this crop later than the end of the first week in June may prevent its ripening. Tests have been conducted at the O. A. C. relative to different dates of planting coupled with fertilization with high phosphate fertilizers. Records obtained show that a week's delay in planting could be largely overcome by the use of suitable fertilizers. Fertilizers of an analysis of 2-12-6 or 3-10-5 used at the rate of 500 pounds per acre at the time of planting, have been found to hasten the ripening of the crop at least a week.

It is a well-known fact that corn well advanced toward ripening makes a richer quality of ensilage than does green corn with quite immature ears. Growers of this crop for silage purposes can increase the total weight per acre and also greatly improve the feeding quality of corn by proper regulation of manuring and fertilizing.

#### Weekly Crop Bulletin

Most of the counties in the province report a rapid recovery from the inroads of winter on the fall wheat and alfalfa crops. Bruce county is assured of a good crop of hay while in Dundas both the above crops are making fine growth. The same applies to Frontenac, but rains have delayed grain seeding. Grenville's report almost duplicates that of the latter. Potato planting is in full swing in Hastings while in Huron an increase in bean acreage is expected. Seeding is practically completed in Kenora while in Kent all crops are from a week to ten days earlier than in 1929. In Lambton, the report says, "Prospects for a bumper crop were never better." An exceptionally large crop is expected in Lanark while in Lincoln fruit prospects are excellent. A rapid growth of fall wheat has been noticed in both Middlesex and Norfolk while in Northumberland, orchards are ten days ahead of last week. Early barley is being sown in Perth in an attempt to kill sow thistle. The report, as a whole, is the most optimistic issued this year.

#### Farmers' Week at O. A. C.

Monday, June 16—Counties of Lambton, Wentworth, Norfolk, Kent, Essex, Elgin and Haldimand.  
Tuesday, June 17—Halton, Waterloo, Dufferin, Perth, Huron, Grey and Bruce.  
Wednesday, June 18—Peel, Simcoe, York, Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Hastings and Eastern Counties.

### Our Ottawa Letter

It was a labored conclusion which the Commons finally reached. There was no outstanding contention, but for a time it seemed as though the debate had become endowed with all the qualities of Tennyson's brook, and would go on forever. Only by negotiation amongst the three party leaders was pro-rogation in time for a July election finally achieved.

Outstanding amongst the developments during the last hours of parliament was the disclosure of the Government's uneasiness lest the forthcoming election should end in a stalemate. Premier King discussed the possibility with the members frankly, setting forth what the course of the government would be in such contingency. Considerable significance was attached to his pronouncement by political observers. It was interpreted as an indication that the Prime Minister viewed the outlook for his administration with so little optimism that the possibility of a draw, not the probability of a victory, was engaging his thoughts. In the course of his statement, Mr. King declared that the government, if faced by a stalemate, would not attempt to carry on this time, but would advise His Excellency to summon parliament immediately in order that the future course of events might be determined as speedily as possible. It would follow as a matter of course that the Government would not presume to represent Canada at the Imperial Conferences in London until the issue of confidence should be settled.

Apart from this statement the wind-up of Parliament was largely a matter of winding-up routine business. Anything of a contentious nature was jettisoned, with consequent loss to many interests. Christian Scientists lost the amendment to the criminal code relieving them of the obligation of summoning medical attention in cases of serious illness. Montreal lost Federal assistance to a bridge project at Caughnawaga. The Government however, was the principal sufferer. It failed to get through a bill to add a part of the district of Patricia to the riding of Kenora-Rainy River, for which the Minister of Labor sits. Hon. Lucien Cannon, Solicitor-General, claimed that the section in question had been left out of any riding in the 1924 redistribution. Hon. Mr. Bennett, however, denying this, charged the "most bare-faced bold and iniquitous attempt ever made in the dying hours of parliament to pass a piece of political legislation". The purpose of the bill, as the Opposition Leader saw it, was to make Hon. Peter Heenan's seat safe for the Liberal Party.

When the curtain rung down on the parliamentary stage it becomes possible for the first time to analyze the session and see the issue which it has left for the forthcoming general election to decide. From the Liberal standpoint the issue is the budget, per se. The government claims to be preferring to industry the assistance which it needs to enable it to meet the United States competition and it is asking the country to accept its proposals at their face value and approve them while at the same time assuring the west that tariffs are reduced.

From the Conservative standpoint the issue is somewhat deeper. Hon. R. B. Bennett sounded the key-note of the Opposition's campaign in his speech at Guelph recently when he asked if the government having been brought to the point where they realized the inadequacy of their policies of the past nine years to keep them in power, were to be allowed to turn around and embrace those policies which they had previously so bitterly opposed. Was public life in Canada to become so unprincipled, the Conservative Leader asked, that the mere attainment of office was to justify any means which might have to be used?

The Conservatives declare that the budget itself is not an issue, so far as a choice between themselves and the government is concerned. All the protection that the Liberals are granting at last to Canadian labor after having withheld it for nine years will be granted by the Conservatives,—and more. The sole issue, so far as they are concerned, is whether or not a government is to be allowed to break faith with those who elected it, renounce the policies for which it has stood, and experiment with a system which it is not qualified by experience or conviction to enforce,—all in order that it may remain in the saddle and enjoy the emoluments of power.

There promises to be a subsidiary issue of importance in the campaign. It is over the Beauharnois power deal. The final days of parliament served to reveal the manner in which the big interests of the country had been able to exploit a natural resource which should have belonged to the people for their own benefit, to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars. Hon. Mr. Bennett has gone on record as favoring a judicial investigation into the whole deal. One of the questions for the voters promises to be a choice between a party which is opposed to all such exploitation and would examine all suspicious circumstances connected with past transaction, and a party which, while in the seat of government, sanctioned the exploitation, and when its questionable nature was made fully apparent, was content to abide by the deal.

The philanthropic lady was visiting a school. To test the brightness of a group of rather poor pupils she questioned: "Children, which is the greatest of all virtues?"

No one answered.  
"Think a little, what is it I am doing when I give up time and pleasure to come and talk with you for your own good?"

A grimy fist went up.  
"Well, what am I doing, boy?"  
"Please, ma'am, buttin' in!"

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