

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

(Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture)

Too Many Accidents

With the advent of haying time farmers should pay particular attention to the avoidance of accidents which have occurred all too frequently in past seasons. The life of more than one child has been taken by the sickle-bar because the driver of the team was not watching the field ahead of him. Workmen by the score have been injured by not taking the proper care when working around the machinery, and the accidents caused by carelessness with pitchforks must reach an appalling total. Every farmer should be first impressed with dangers himself and then warn his men to exercise the utmost care.

Specialize in Turnips

Wellington farmers have just completed the sowing of 9,000 acres of turnips which is about one-eighth of the total acreage for the province. Two-thirds of these turnips will be sold for table purposes in United States cities. Many turnip fields received very special cultivation this year. Some of the fields were summer fallowed last July and August and ridged up in September, manured this spring, thoroughly worked down, and then plowed again, harrowed, rolled, fertilized and ridged and rolled again until many of the fields look like market gardens. Some start to scuffle their turnips before the seed is up in order to encourage rapid growth of the plants and easier hoeing. Constant cultivation produces a crisp, sweet product of high quality, free of woodiness and very tasty.

Culture of Roses

In the 1930 edition, "American Rose Annual" 160 distinct varieties of roses were reported, among these being the report of testing at the Ontario Agricultural College of seventy-one of these varieties. The college this year intends to double, or perhaps triple the number of varieties under test in the College gardens during the next three or four years. The important new introductions will be tested by the Horticultural Department there and reported on before they are offered for sale to the public. Of the 1800 rose bushes growing in the college gardens not one was winter killed during the past winter.

Ontario Gardeners Competitions

The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association holds two competitions yearly, one for field crops and the other for a Garden Competition to encourage well-kept premises. In the field crop competition various classes of vegetables are to be grown such as cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, etc. For both competitions to be held there must not be less than ten entries from each district. These competitions are open only to members of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association.

Full Weeds Now

Much value can be added to all field crops and particularly those crops grown for seed purposes by the pulling of weeds when the ground is soft just now after the recent rains. Many farmers and especially those living in the well-known seed clover districts in Central, Eastern and Western Ontario, are finding that this rouging of the fields is not as difficult as supposed. The weeds stand up very prominently and one slight pull will easily remove them.

"The fields seem to have more weeds than they really have," states a York County observer, "as many of them usually have three or four branches, but all come together with a single pull. Owners of fields intended for seed should bear in mind that it is almost impossible to separate many of our worst weeds such as sweet clover, curd dock and catch fly from the commercial seed crops, and on this account they are strongly advised to go over their fields now." It is pointed out that the widespread reputation of Peel County as an alfalfa producer is largely due to the fact that for years they have made a regular practice of rouging their fields of weeds.

Cleanliness Needed

If Ontario livestock breeders are to maintain the lucrative market which

obtains today it is not sufficient that they have plenty of good animals to sell. In order to keep outside buyers interested, the surroundings in which the cattle are kept should be attractive. One breeder who has had remarkable success in selling livestock, recently observed that next to the condition and quality of the animals for sale, the neatness and cleanliness around the barns were the most important factors in predisposing a man to buy. They indicate the farmer's pride in his business and give the impression of prosperity. When a buyer finds a breeder enthusiastic over his breed and proud of the success which his herd is bringing him, it is not difficult to sell the cattle which are before him.

Sweet Clover As Manure

During recent years many farmers have been growing sweet clover in rotation with potatoes. A full crop of sweet clover ploughed under may be considered worth as much as 25 to 30 tons of barnyard manure. Where farmers have plenty of manure available it may not be desirable to grow sweet clover for the purpose of plowing it down but where the manure supply is limited it has been profitable to follow the above plan of action. The most essential precautions to be observed in growing sweet clover are to make sure that the soil is not acid, that it is well enough drained to prevent heaving and that the seed is inoculated.

Current Crop Report

According to reports received from practically every county, crops in Ontario are looking exceptionally well and promise to give heavier yields than have been enjoyed for some time. Over most of the province hay will give a larger yield than last year. Fall wheat is headed out and barley and oats are heading out in the southern part of the province. Cutting of alfalfa and sweet clover has been fairly general during the past ten days and haying is now in full swing throughout the province. Dairy production is at its peak but farmers are dissatisfied with the prices being paid for milk products for the manufacture of butter cheese and condensed milk. An abundance of rain has brought along the pastures which are in fine condition in most sections. Picking of strawberries and cherries is now general in the fruit-growing districts.

PAPER MULCH PAYS

Considerable benefit was secured from paper mulch, observes W. R. Leslie, Superintendent of the Morden, Manitoba, Experimental Station of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. He adds "the work is still in a preliminary stage and no definite conclusions can be drawn as yet but it would appear that mulch paper may stimulate growth to a very considerable degree during dry seasons. In its use much work is entailed and it will probably give chief favor among market gardeners specializing in hot weather crops and among home gardeners who take prolonged vacations during the growing season. Mulch paper simplifies the weed problem."

STRAWBERRY GRADE

The Fruit Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has recommended a grade for strawberries for 1930 as follows:

No. 1 shall consist of strawberries with the cap (calyx) and a short stem attached, which are well formed, of good colour, firm but not over-ripe, free from surface moisture, bruises, bird pecks, mould and from damage caused by sand, disease or other means. The minimum diameter shall be five-eighths inch, measured from side to side.

In order to allow for variations incident to careful commercial grading and handling, five per cent by volume of the berries in any lot may be under the prescribed size, and, in addition, five per cent by volume of the berries in such lots may be below the remaining requirements of this grade.

Teacher: "When water becomes ice, what is the great change that takes place?"
Bright Pupil: "The change in price."



PRINCE OF WALES.



KING GEORGE VI LADY MAY CAMBRIDGE.

OUR NEIGHBORS WOULD LIKE TO GET PRINCE MARRIED
If the popular Prince of Wales (states a prominent United States newspaper), who celebrated his thirty-sixth birthday last week, retains his aversion to matrimonial ties until he ascends the throne, he will be the first bachelor to be crowned King of England since 1760, when George III ascended to the British throne. Chief among the many young ladies to whom he has been reported engaged is Lady Mary Cambridge, niece of Queen Mary, but the Prince, ignoring all these, widely printed stories, has gone his carefree way without contracting a matrimonial alliance.

Our Ottawa Letter

Prospects for the success of the Conservative party at the polls never looked brighter than they are now, according to competent observers, who believe that the appeal made to the voters of the West by Hon. R. B. Bennett has done a tremendous amount of good.

Wherever the Conservative leader showed himself on his Western trip he was received with a great deal of enthusiasm; an enthusiasm which not only was personal because Hon. R. B. Bennett has long been a Westerner himself, but was largely caused by the fact that he brought a message of hope to the new west which has developed in the past year.

Protection is no longer a bugbear in the West. Cities there are becoming industrialized. Farmers are interested in providing employment for those sons and daughters who will not stay on the land. The value of protection has been brought home to them by the blunders of the Mackenzie King government in the New Zealand butter preference which has resulted in losses amounting to millions of dollars to the budding western dairy industry. A British preference scheme such as outlined by Hon. R. B. Bennett, involving a British preference for Canadian wheat is much more to the farmer's liking than the one-sided proposals of Mackenzie King.

Something of this feeling was shown in Saskatchewan last year when the Liberal provincial government was swept out of power. Something of it was shown in the provincial election in Alberta last week when three Conservative members were elected for Edmonton, Progressives, Liberals and Labor getting only one seat apiece.

There are changes coming about in the West. Conservative faith in victory has also been upheld, in New Brunswick through the return of the Baxter government with an overwhelming majority, in spite of the fact that the Federal party threw its full weight into the campaign.

Voters of New Brunswick remembered that the Duncan report has been only partially implemented so far and that the Liberal government has been most regretably dilatory in dealing with the just grievances of the maritimes.

There are many factors working against Mackenzie King, and not the least of these is the natural resentment caused by his disregard of the unemployment problem which even yet exists in Canada.

Again and again it has been made manifest that the Canadian worker is hotly resentful of the Prime Minister's vicious partisanship as shown in his infamous "not a five cent piece for unemployment in Conservative provinces" speech.

In his public speeches since the election campaign started Mackenzie King has insisted that Canada is prosperous. He has once or twice admitted that there might be a "slight" depression, but he has waved it away as something very temporary and not worthy of its notice.

His stand is in marked contrast to that of Hon. R. B. Bennett who has recognized federal responsibility in dealing with unemployment problems and at Winnipeg promised that a special session of parliament shall be held to deal with this subject immediately after the Conservatives have been elected to power.

The working man of Canada whose family was close to starvation during the past winter and spring, while Mackenzie King ignored his appeals for aid and assured him that employment figures for Canada were higher than ever, will remember this when he goes to the polls.

A girl will tolerate a man with a past if he has good presents.

McWilliams

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seelye of Woodstock, accompanied by their uncle, Mr. James Seelye visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckhardt recently.

Mr. Alfred Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson attended the funeral of a relative in Walkerton on Thursday.

Patrolman Mr. George Hopkins has been along the line making some necessary improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beaton visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckhardt recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott purpose taking a trip to Detroit this week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tefft and Mrs. Annie Tefft of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckhardt recently.

W. A. Lawrence has received a consignment of stockers and feeders from Thunder Bay district where he has spent the past week.

Mr. H. Eckhardt disposed of a fine type of colt less than one year old to Mr. Gordon McDonald for the tidy sum of \$125. How it pays to keep good stock!

Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins and family motored to Niagara Falls one day recently and viewed the pretty scenery and enjoyed the outing immensely.

Despite the heavy frosts of some time ago there is an abundance of grass and hay crops look promising. Spring crops too, look exceptionally well but they are a long way from maturity. We do not know what may yet overtake them in their race for length and good quality.

At present we have a battered live stock market and gloomy outlook but despite it all in this the glorious month of June as we gaze over the broad fields and hill sides green, and view everything in its beauty and splendor, we feel that we have a good deal for which to thank the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Olga (all excitement over Nora's account of her excitement—"How romantic! But weren't you afraid of the ladder slipping?")

Norah—"Oh, no! Mother was holding it."

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THE CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM
The Conservative party under the leadership of Hon. R. B. Bennett have pledged themselves as follows, as reported in Mr. Bennett's speech at Winnipeg on June 9:

- We pledge ourselves to a policy of protection for Canadians in the development of our national resources, our agricultural and industrial life, and our consumers from exploitation.*
- We pledge ourselves to foster and develop our agriculture, and the live stock and dairy industries, now so sadly neglected.*
- We pledge ourselves to the stabilization of economic conditions, and to continuity of trade and freedom from the manipulation of home and foreign tariffs.*
- We pledge ourselves to the development of inter-provincial trade, and of a Canadian fuel policy and development of a foreign market.*
- We pledge ourselves to the improvement of the whole scheme of Canadian transportation northward, by the completion of the Hudson Bay route, and the construction of such branches as may be necessary to render it most readily available to every part of Canada; to the Pacific slope by a Peace River outlet, and east and west by the development of the St. Lawrence Waterway, and we pledge ourselves to aid existing traffic channels and to increase port facilities on the Great Lakes, the Hudson Bay and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to the establishment of a national highway system.*
- We pledge ourselves to foster and support a plan for greater empire trade based on mutual advantage.*
- We pledge ourselves to a national old age pension scheme.*
- We pledge ourselves to such compensating adjustments as will insure the benefit of the above policies to every part of Canada.*

Could any platform be more specific than this? It is a platform that is of interest to every part of Canada; one that will solve to a great extent our present unemployment, and with the securing of foreign markets and the protection of our Canadian farmers from unfair foreign competition will undoubtedly make for the future prosperity of the Canadian farmer. The Conservative platform should prove of especial benefit to the farmers of South-East Grey, for with the protection of our industries the Canadian workmen will have steady employment, and with a regular weekly pay envelope at his command can buy and pay for the products of the farm as he may require them. Non-employment in our factories means decreased earning power for our artisans; this decreased earning power and the absence of the weekly pay envelope means hardships not only for our workmen but for the farmer as well.

A feature of Mr. Bennett's addresses is that he advocates the same policy in Halifax as in Vancouver. He makes no appeal to sectionalism. Rather, the Conservative leader is calling upon the voters to vote for Canada, its future prosperity, and with it their ultimate happiness.

Mr. Bennett, and through him the Conservative party, recognizes that to prosper a country must sell in the best available markets what it produces, and must produce more than its requirements, and the markets in which it sells must always be open. What does the West—what does all Canada—need today? Broader markets open to us all the year round and open year after year; of what use is it for a man to produce if he cannot sell or sell now, if he may be prohibited tomorrow? What is the matter in the West with our wheat, our foodstuff, our cattle and our dairy industry? Farmers work from daylight till dark and produce the best in Canada. Why are your sons leaving the farms? Why do they stand idle in the city streets? Not because they will not work if there were work to do.

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