

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Important Conventions
February 3—Ontario Plowmen's Association, Toronto.
February 4—Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' annual meeting, Toronto.
February 4-5—Ontario Association of Fairs Association, Toronto.
February 10—Ontario Vegetable Growers' Assn., Toronto.
February 11-12—Ontario Horticultural Association, Toronto.
February 16-17—Canadian Produce Association, O. A. C., Guelph.

Improvement Association Formed
Breeders of all kinds of farm stock in Elgin County were brought together recently at St. Thomas to form the Elgin Live Stock Association. One of the first activities planned by that organization is to make a bull census of the county and to institute a campaign to eliminate the scrub bull so that at least 80 per cent may be purebred.
Three directors each were chosen from the different townships. N. Martin, Springfield, was elected president; J. E. Pierce, Wallacestown, vice-president, and Fletcher Thomas, agricultural representative, was made secretary-treasurer.

Preventing Fires
Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton recently issued a warning to farmers that they should exercise greater care in harvesting and storing their crops if they hope to avoid losses through spontaneous combustion. At the close of the inquiry into Wentworth County barn fires, he suggested, that farmers revert to the old-time custom of using salt in curing crops. Salt, he pointed out, aided greatly in preventing fires. He also advocated that fire extinguishers be carried on all threshing machines. Static electricity in the blower of the thrasher, which can be overcome by grounding wires, was the cause of at least one fire in Wentworth.

Feed Sunshine
Cod liver oil, the sunshine substitute, is one of the most important items in the properly balanced poultry ration. Where birds are closely confined during the winter months, as is the case in most parts of Canada, they receive very little direct sunlight, and with the rations usually fed they do not receive all the vitamins they require. Calcium and phosphorus are two minerals especially required for laying pullets and hens in the manufacture of eggs. The digestion and assimilation of materials, especially calcium, require one of two things; an abundance of direct sunshine or an abundance of vitamin D. Cod liver oil is rich in vitamin D, and is one of the reliable sources of this type of food.

Grading Helps Exports
Dependable quality is an advantage in the export market. In the past year export of eggs from Halifax to Bermuda have held steady despite the advantage of lower prices enjoyed by competing export product. This is a fine indication of the value of standardized grading for eggs and of the benefit of government inspection of export eggs. Canadian exporters have secured the confidence of the Bermuda market in the quality of their product and the reliability of our grades. The same is true with respect to the export of eggs to Newfoundland, where quality is winning confidence with the result that important new markets for Canadian eggs are developing.

Weekly Crop Report
Live stock generally is reported to be in fairly good condition and most farmers are depending on using home grown products for feed this year. With plenty of roots to add succulence to the rations, and a good quality of roughage available, live stock should fare well. A report from Grey County indicates that the cold storage plant at Thornbury has been the means of greatly increasing the returns from apples. The dairy cattle market is reported active from several areas, with sales to New York State, Quebec and other parts of Canada. There is a good deal of water in most parts of the province and there is not likely to be any shortage for some time at least.

Potatoes For Feed
The feeding of potatoes to live stock provides a very satisfactory outlet for the lower grades of the crop. Second-grade potatoes may be used as a feed for hogs and also in limited amounts for cattle, sheep and horses, as a substitute for grain. For pigs the potatoes should be boiled, mixed with the grain and fed with other concentrates. A protein supplement needs to be fed with this. Experiments indicate that it takes about 420 pounds of potatoes, fed after cooking, to equal 100 pounds of corn or barley. For the best results in swine feeding the proportion of potatoes in the ration should not be greater than four pounds to one of concentrates. Potatoes may furnish half of the dry matter in the ration for cattle and sheep and one-fourth for horses. Dairy cows should not receive more than about 35 pounds per day as larger amounts may impair the quality of the butter produced. For fattening sheep, from two to three pounds daily should be fed with the grain. For cattle and sheep feeding, the potatoes should be chopped and mixed with the grain, and should be raw. They may be fed raw to hogs, particularly brood sows, if time and labor cannot be spared for cooking.

Excellent Work Done by Growers' Markets Council
Wonderful things have been accomplished in the short time the Ontario Growers' Markets Council has been established. An enormous increase has been made in the volume of Ontario fruits and vegetables shipped West in 1938 as compared to 1937. A great deal of this was due to the progress made in grading and central packing and giving Westerners products pack-

ed in the way they want them. A promotion and sales representative was maintained in the West as well as in the Maritimes and at least three times the quantity of Ontario produce was consumed in the East as in any previous year. The grape growers were helped out in their problems, and, although prices have been low, the grapes have been sold without depending on the wineries as in former years. Progress has been made toward a better understanding with canners, that if they want the growers' support toward the idea of Canadian canned goods for Canadians the producers must get proper consideration.
With orders obtained and inquiries for more Ontario boxed peaches and other commodities than could be delivered this season, the absolute need from the selling point of view for the success of the registration drive now being featured by the council was emphasized by Charles W. Bauer, secretary, Ontario Growers' Market Council, 10 McNab St., Hamilton. Similar experiences as with peaches were had with cabbages and other commodities. "The Council is following the policy of developing new markets and extending old markets for Ontario products," continued Mr. Bauer "Already a representative is maintained in Western and Eastern Canada and in Great Britain. Starting late in season, only the surface possibilities have been scratched this year, but the valuable point is that we are helping farmers to sell their products in a large way at a low cost and in addition are opening up new and unexpected markets. For example, this year, for the first time in more than a decade, over 400,000 barrels of Ontario apples are expected to be shipped to Great Britain at profitable prices to our growers.
"While registration will serve many other purposes, such as pest and disease control, provide mailing lists for marketing and other information, yet its primary purpose is to enable the Council to know who produces the various varieties of fruits and vegetables in the province and so be able to put buyers in touch with growers who wish to sell their products"

Normanby Council
The council elect for the township of Normanby met in the clerk's office, Ayton, on Monday, January 11, at 11 a. m. The clerk administered the oath of office to each member elected, as follows: Reeve Charles Holm, Deputy Reeve, John Aitken, Councillors, C. K. Baetz, John Hopf, Ezra Halliday.
The other officials are: road superintendent, John Rowan; auditors, M. E. Murray and Ed. Pletsch; clerk, R. H. Fortune; treasurer, Theodore G. Widmeyer; truant officer, George Brusso; weed inspector, Joseph M. Lynch.
The following sheep inspectors were appointed: Polling sub-division No. 1, H. McKinnon; No. 2, Thos. Ryan; No. 3, John Horst; No. 4, A. Marshall; No. 5, Thos. Wallace; Jas. Murphy; No. 7, H. Johnston.
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The above by-law appointed as member of the board of health for three years, J. W. Werner.
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The above bylaw was to borrow money from Royal Bank of Canada.
Messrs. O. G. Widmeyer and Val. Glebe made applications to the council for the position of township clerk. No action was taken.
Hopf—Baetz: That Joseph M. Lynch be appointed weed inspector for 1932.—Carried.
Aitken—Hopf: That the clerk be instructed to write all the sheep inspectors that their valuation in all cases must be market cash value only.
Aitken—Baetz: That the following allowance be made to the members of the council and township officials for 1932: Councillors, attending meetings, plus mileage \$2.50; Commission work, per day \$2.00; Clerk \$270; Treasurer \$100; Assessor \$110; Auditors, each \$12; Weed inspector, per day \$2.00; Road Superintendent, no pay for attending council meetings or preparing reports, per hour 40c; Patrol men and team, per hour 35c; All man labor, per hour 15c.
Samuel Koenig was appointed patrolman in place of Wm. McNaughton (resigned). The clerk was instructed to receive applications for an assessor up to February 8 at two p.m.
Baetz—Hopf: That the following accounts be paid: Frank Newton, two lambs killed by dogs, November 1931, \$14; Election expenses, 1932 \$77.85; Meeting board of health, at date \$8.30; Council meeting at date \$15.10; R. H. Fortune, balance of election expenses, 1930 (error) \$10; Messrs. Murray and Pletsch, auditing the 1931 account \$30.
The council adjourned to meet in the clerk's office, Ayton, on Monday, February 8, at ten a.m., to appoint an assessor and for general business.
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