

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Raising Prolific Sows

Sterility in pigs is difficult to cure but most forms of it can be prevented by proper management.

The San Jose Scale

That the San Jose scale, the bugbear of the Niagara fruit growers, again looms up as a dire menace to the industry, was the statement of Prof. L. Caesar, provincial entomologist, when addressing the Niagara Fruit Growers' Association recently.

Late Corn and Fertilizers

Many farmers are talking late planting of corn this year and fertilizing in an attempt to control the corn borer.

An Attractive Home

"Oh, what an opportunity if I only had the time!" This is the remark of a lady visitor at the Ontario Agricultural College recently.

The opportunity is there for her and for many others, and no better way could be found for farm women, or men either, for that matter, to spend a happy, interesting week in the middle of winter in studying and making plans for the beautification of their farm homes so that their lives might be more enjoyable in the years to come.

Improving Live Stock

Addressing a banquet of 600 live stock breeders and exhibitors tendered by the C. N. E. directors, Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy and Hon. Robert Weir offered the utmost assistance of their departments to raise standards and obtain cheaper feed, urged quality breeding and stated that the markets were open for high-class stock in uniform quality.

are not enough purebreds." The Minister also paid tribute to the Junior Farmers' teams and clubs which encouraged the young farmers to appreciate their opportunities and which taught them all the knowledge that had been obtained for the improvement of the industry.

Seeds Are Weed Menace

Studies carried out by Canadian weed specialists show strikingly the menace of weeds through the multitude of their seeds.

About Threshing

Of all reports submitted at the recent 18th annual convention of the Ontario Brotherhood of Threshermen, one of the most interesting was that of W. G. Michael, Dominion Seed Branch, Hariston.

Mr. Michael pointed out that light grain, and price of cutting, made 1931 a difficult year.

Further, he found that most of the common makes of threshing mills were efficient providing they were in a good state of repair and adjusted properly.

A second weed screen in the deck just behind the cylinder was also recommended. This screen would catch most of the light weed seeds such as sow thistle, which ordinarily go out with the straw.

Other observations made in the survey were that 10 per cent of the threshermen were careless, inexperienced and inefficient and that the work done by this group was uniformly poor.

Grain and weed screens in some cases did not receive enough care. Some mills were too large for Ontario conditions. Some tractors were too small to keep up steady speed, all of which resulted in poorly cleaned grain.

As it is now becoming practice to market commercial grain direct from the threshing mill without further cleaning, it is most important that the grain come from the threshing mill in a fairly clean state, and one of the objects of the Brotherhood of Threshermen is, through their organization to improve the quality of work done by the average thresher.

FIELD ROOTS FOR HORSES

Turnips and carrots are the most commonly used of field roots as feed for horses. As is pointed out by G. B. Rothwell, B. S. A., in bulletin No. 94-N.S. of the federal Department of Agriculture, there is no question as to the value of field roots as feed for the horses, and this value, unfortunately, is one which is too little appreciated.

Roots are rarely sliced or pulped when fed to horses for the reason that the outstanding virtue in root feeding is the beneficial effect on the teeth and gums resulting from the necessary biting into the whole root.

- 1. Increase palatability. 2. For a succulent addition highly desirable, forming as it does a food in the natural or unchanged form. 3. Assists in or increases the digestibility of coarse fodders. 4. Benefits the teeth and gums. 5. Are slightly laxative. 6. Cheapens the ration. 7. Forms a splendid tonic or conditioner.

Miss Macphail's Letter

Parliament is once again opened with all pomp and circumstance. The main body of the Senate Chamber had gathered within it the high dignitaries, the Judges in their scarlet and ermine were sitting back to back on the woolsack immediately below the Governor General's Throne, representatives of other countries, heads of the different churches, senators, the ladies of social Ottawa were seated beautifully dressed in precise rows.

The members of the House of Commons were summoned to the Senate by the General Usher of the Black Rod who announces his desire to be admitted to the Green Chamber by three thunderous knocks on the door. The Sergeant-at-Arms goes to see what the noise is about, and on recognizing the Black Rod, he turns and after bowing stiffly, announces to the Speaker of the Commons that the Black Rod desires to be admitted.

It was the shortest speech from the Throne in eleven years. It forecasts almost no legislation. It makes mention of negotiation with the American Government regarding the St. Lawrence waterway, tells us that the railway problem is being investigated by a commission, that a Canadian delegation has gone to take part in a Disarmament Conference in Geneva, and that the Economic Conference would meet here in July.

There was a good deal of talk over the Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen's appointment to the Senate. It seems a sad end for a brilliant man. Government friends say he will put life in the Senate. It will become more like the American Senate; the Upper Chamber, in truth. I have always greatly admired the mental capacity of Mr. Meighen, but whether anything on earth can live in the Senate remains to be seen.

The day after the Opening the House met for less than an hour. Mr. McKenzie King, the leader of the Liberals in the House of Commons commented upon Mr. Meighen's appointment. While saying that he did not agree with the policies which Mr. Meighen advanced, he did admire greatly Mr. Meighen's outstanding attainments as a parliamentarian and exception qualifications for the leadership of the Upper House.

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Rocky Saugeen (Our Own Correspondent) This week has started with real winter weather and most people are glad to have enough snow for sleighing. Mr. and Mrs. James Miller visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hastie, Crawford.

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