

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

(Furnished by Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture)

The 27th annual report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association for 1931 is now available.

Decreased Hog Supply

Market supplies of hogs in the United States and Europe will probably decrease during the next few months.

Bill of Lading Protects Farmers

Excellent progress has been made in applying bill of lading regulations to truck movement of live stock.

Farmers appreciate the protection offered them by this system against irregularities practised by some truckers.

Minister's Report

The report of the Minister of Agriculture for the year 1931 has been issued. It starts with a foreword by the Minister in which he reviews the outstanding accomplishments of that year in an agricultural way.

Current Crop Report

In Huron County fall wheat promises an excellent yield, although there is some lodging and damage by Hessian Fly.

Wellington County Report

The Wellington County Live Stock Improvement Association aims to make

Wellington County one of the best live stock breeding centres in Canada and already 95 per cent. of all the sires in Wellington are pure bred.

Wellington County now has 51 accredited herds, including 24 Holsteins, 18 Shorthorns, 4 Ayreshires, 1 Jersey and 4 Angus.

Wellington's 100,000 acres of hay for next winter's roughage will be worth about \$1 a ton less for feeding value on account of the continued rains holding back the haying and allowing the protein to turn to fibre in the standing crop.

Hundreds of city people are flocking to Wellington County farms and old empty houses in the country are being re-occupied.

Plums for Britain

The ten per cent. tariff which went into effect March 1st, 1932, on foreign plums entering the United Kingdom, offers a splendid opportunity to the Ontario plum industry to develop this potential export outlet.

FIND CRATE FEEDING BRINGS BETTER RETURNS

There is more than usual interest for prairie farmers in facts established by studies in poultry feeding and finishing at the Federal Experimental Station at Swift Current Sask., last year.

It is possible to make a profit on home-grown feeds by raising poultry for meat production.

Crate feeding as a finishing medium is both profitable and advisable.

Holding birds until they are reasonably well matured is profitable, and selling immature birds is unprofitable.

Pullets should be finished by crate feeding from three weeks to a month earlier in age than cockerels.

Overmature birds are unprofitable because of the small gains made per pound of feed consumed.

Mature, finished birds bring the greatest price per pound and per bird.

Large well finished birds bring a higher price per pound and per bird than small birds equally well finished.

To owe an obligation to a worthy friend is a happiness, and can be no disparagement.—Charron.

PINOCHLE POINTERS

(By Kibitzer)

As the dog-days approach the pinochle enthusiasm dwindles, as in the case of all winter games. However, two members whose names were overlooked in last week's list, were in evidence.

The game is played with forty-eight cards though very often an extra one is wished for and Peasey thinks there should be forty-nine.

Certain combinations of cards make up what is known as the "meld" of a hand. A king and queen of a suit is worth twenty and when trump is worth forty, four aces of different suits are worth one hundred if you see them, four kings, eighty; four queens, sixty, and four jacks, forty.

In bidding a hand you add what you can meld to what you think you can make in the play, and bid the total. Of course if forced you can increase this amount and trust to luck.

To bid a four-hundred hand up ten points at a time from one hundred is the proper way as it gives the others plenty of time to plan their play or take a nap as they feel inclined.

Perlmutter & Potash and Jiggs are famous pinochlers and have riotous games, but no more so than our members when Tyrone whacks the board a slam.

And trumps an ace with mighty "wham."

CAVALRY REMOUNT PRIZES ARE AGAIN AUTHORIZED

The Hon. Robert Weir has announced continuation for the third successive year of a special grant of money to be paid as prizes to N. C. O.'s and enlisted men in remount competitions among cavalry regiments during the training season this year.

"The production of horses suitable for army remounts is a very important phase of the horse industry" declared a departmental statement issued today.

"It is felt that the healthy competition thus developed among regiments in training will continue to contribute considerably to the breeding and feeding of suitable animals.

The difficulty of interpreting the signs of maturity in muskmelons that are essential to keeping quality where the melons are to be shipped long distances often results in melons of inferior quality being offered for sale by dealers.

Where melons are being grown for local market the degree of maturity may be judged by the peduncle or stem. For such a market the fruits may be removed at the half-slip stage or when a line or break between the melon and peduncle or stem is showing and leaves the melon in part only.

When the fruits are harvested at this stage they are not fully mature but are developed to the point where they will keep well and have very fair quality sweetness and flavour.

The full-slip stage is by far the best time to harvest the melons for local

All Special Prices good until next Thursday

Carroll's Limited advertisement featuring various food products like McLaren's Fruit Flavored Jellies, Perrin's Lime Cream Biscuits, Nestle's Evaporated Milk, and Butter, with special prices.

- List of special prices for items like Cocoanuts, Canteloupes, Golden Wax Beans, Cucumbers, New Carrots, and Celery.

HOW TO TELL WHEN MUSKMELONS ARE RIPE

The production of muskmelons is a specialized business understood by the best experienced gardeners. This crop is a rule a profitable one to grow, particularly if it can be marketed early, but in these days when melons are imported from the more southern regions the edge is as a rule off the market for the so called early local crop despite the difference in quality in favour of the local product.

The prizes offered are for the best type of cavalry remount in each camp owned by a non-commissioned officer or man, or a member of his immediate family, which remount has been in his care during the period of camp training. The value of prizes are: (1) \$15 and ribbon; (2) \$10 and ribbon; (3) ribbon.

Mandy had completed a hard morning's work over the washtub and was just eating her well-earned dinner, when a neighbor came in.

"Mandy, prepare yo'self fo' bad news. Dere has been a turrible accident, and yo' husband—"

"Lawd sakes, chile, if Rastus done got killed, you all is gwine to hear some powerful wallin' soon's ah get mah dinner et."

QUALITY INCREASES SALES

An increase of over 2,000,000 lbs., representing some 3,525 head of beef cattle, for the first four months of the present year is indicated in the latest issue of the Live Stock and Meat Trade Review prepared by the Markets Intelligence Service of the Dominion Live Stock Branch.

LIKE SEED CLEANING

Farmers in the Swift Current district are highly appreciative of the facilities accorded them at the Federal Experimental Station in the form of a Custom Cleaning Plant for seed grain. Last year upwards of 6,500 bushels were cleaned at a charge of 5 cents per hundred pounds of uncleaned grain.

DOMINION OFFICIAL REPORTS ON CLOVER SEED PROSPECTS

G. S. Peart, Chief of the Markets Division, Dominion Seed Branch, has just returned from a trip through some of the principal alsike and red clover producing districts in Ontario and reports that seed production prospects for these two crops appear poor.

Generally speaking red clover did not winter well owing to insufficient snow cover and meadows with really good stands are not numerous.

This prospect of a short red clover seed crop, taken in conjunction with the relatively small amount of the 1931 crop carried over, may mean a strong domestic demand for Canadian grown red clover seed for sowing next spring and those farmers who are fortunate in having good stands on fields reasonably free from weeds should leave the second cut for seed rather than use it for pasture.

As for alsike the consensus of opinion is that the total acreage in Ontario this year is about forty per cent less than last year so that unless the yield per acre is heavy there will likely be much less alsike threshed than even last year, when the total yield was much below normal.

Good quality alsike is expected to be in fair demand for export to the United Kingdom again this year.

Boss—"You're late again, Jones. Do you ever use your alarm clock?" Jones—"Yes, sir, but I no longer find it alarming."—Pathfinder.

"TELLING TOMMY"

By Pim



Advertisement for Papaya featuring illustrations of the fruit and text describing its benefits and popularity.

Advertisement for Papaya featuring a cartoon of a scientist in a lab and text about the fruit's medicinal properties.

Cartoon illustration of a man and a woman talking, with text about eating papaya.