

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER
(Furnished by Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture)

The fourteenth Canadian Egg-Laying Contest got away to a good start at Ottawa in November. Most of the birds were received in excellent condition and appeared to be outstanding in quality.

Honey producers will be interested to learn that Canadian exhibitors captured eleven prizes in the honey section of the Imperial Fruit Show held at Bingley Hall, Birmingham, England, in October. These included one first, six seconds and four thirds.

Events of Interest

- Dec. 6-7—Central Ontario Cheese-Makers' Association Convention, Napesee.
- Dec. 6-8—Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph Ontario.
- Jan. 4-5—Eastern Ontario Dairy-men's Association Convention, Perth.
- Jan. 11-12—The Western Ontario Dairy-men's Convention, London.

Current Crop Report

According to reports from Middlesex, Brant, and other counties, cattle have gone into winter quarters in better condition than usual, pastures never having better than throughout the entire 1932 grazing season. Well-and reports fall went into winter in excellent condition with fine top. Fall ploughing operations were brought to a halt by cold weather in numerous districts. Lanark in Eastern Ontario reports that cattle have come into stables in lower condition than last year and that with the scarcity of feed and a general over-stocking on most farms, one would expect very thin cattle in the spring.

Fuel Wood Industry Resumes in Ontario

"Another example of the farmer's ingenuity under present conditions," commented J. A. Carroll, director, Markets Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, "is illustrated by the fact that he is using, bartering and selling wood for fuel. Until comparatively recently, the fuel wood industry had almost ceased. Today, however, it is a common sight to see wood being moved along country roads toward the city, or from one farm to another.

"In many cases where a direct sale of wood cannot be made, I understand that farmers have adopted the resourceful idea of using fuel wood to meet their bills, or exchanging it for other products."

Help in Sharing Rent

An excellent circular containing a brief but comprehensive discussion of the principle and conditions of share renting of farms has just been prepared by the Department of Agriculture Economics at O.A.C.

Anyone interested may secure a copy by writing to that department. The two main forms of rental are set forth, namely crop share renting, and live stock and crops share renting. Many modifications of these are suggested and discussed. Tables are given showing satisfactory proportional division of expenditures and returns as between landlord and tenant, under varying conditions of soil fertility, buildings and equipment, market facilities. The circular also contains a form of agreement which should prove very useful both to tenants and to those who have farms to rent, in helping to avoid some of the pitfalls common with loosely stated or with unwritten agreements.

Grain Show Fees Reduced

A. H. Martin, Ontario Secretary, World's Grain Show, has been advised by the authorities at Regina, that entry fees have been materially reduced. In classes where prize money amounts to \$2,400 or more, the entry fee has been reduced from five to three dollars, and where the prize money totals less than \$2,400, the entry fees are now \$1.50 instead of \$2.00.

The management felt that this change would be more in keeping with present conditions, and that prospective exhibitors would welcome the reduction in fees. As a result of this action, a considerable increase is looked for in the number of exhibits in the competitive classes.

Visits to Stock Yards Profitable to Producer

"If my advice were asked," commented Garnet H. Duncan, live stock investigator, Ontario Marketing Board, "I would suggest that those feeding for veal purposes could profit by frequent visits to the market. In this way the producer would acquire a knowledge of market requirements. Also, I would suggest that the producer compare his stock with that of others, rather than concentrate his entire attention on his own stock.

"Recently a quantity of calves was sought by a buyer from New York. The quality offered was the only feature that operated against a brisk market. As a matter of fact, 938 calves were offered and only 75 of this number would meet the required quality for export.

"This trade is open to the producer quality for export.

"This trade is open to the producer for a considerable portion of the year, nine months, and when a surplus of calves exist. There is no question, in my mind, that cultivating such a market, thus relieving congestion, is of vital importance to the producer."

Honey Surplus Lower; Exports Are Increasing

Aided by a world short honey crop, particularly in the large quality producing countries, California and New Zealand, Ontario honey is being eagerly sought by British buyers. The situation is further strengthened by a short crop on the Prairies, with the result that a considerable volume is being shipped west by individual producers. Local prices have firmed about .02 cents per pound and a few beekeepers are selling for less than .06 cents per pound net for quality produce. The Ontario Honey Export Association stated that they had handled to date some 500,000 pounds and were prepared to export this season up to a million pounds of the white and golden grades of suitable quality. The market situation is improving daily with the expectation that the surplus on hand of the past few years will be entirely cleared up before the 1933 crop will be available.

It Pays to Finish Hogs

The low price of pork and pork products very often results in the marketing of many unfinished hogs. This in turn forces the market to ever lower levels and results, in many cases, in losses to the producer, whereas the sale of a finished product would have shown a profit. In times of depression the advantages of marketing only superior quality products are even more marked than when prices are high. For example, in 1929 when hogs were selling for 12 cents per pound or more, the premium on a select hog was \$1 or an increase in the value of a 200-pound hog of 4.17 per cent. In 1932, with a price of 4 cents per pound, the increase in value on a select hog is 12.5 per cent. Similarly the percentage dockage on grades below bacon is increased with a decrease in hog prices.

Proton Station

Our Own Correspondent
Mr. Arnold Hergoth, Toronto, was a week-end guest at the home of his father here.
Miss Gertie Lyons, Toronto, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. Chas. Lyons.
Miss Jean McCannell, returned to Toronto on Monday after a few days spent at her home here.
Sorry to report Mrs. Ramsay under the doctor's care.
Miss Maude Acheson, Shelburne, spent the week-end at the parental home.
The W.M.S. quilted a quilt at the home of Mrs. Jas. Vause, on Wednesday last.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vause, Old Durham Road, visited on Thursday last with Mrs. Jas. Vause.

That Saskatchewan farmer who sold two steers for \$15.10 and then had to pay a freight bill of \$15.10 on them was lucky at that. At least he didn't lose money.—Ottawa Citizen.

Varney

(Our Own Correspondent)
Deepest sympathy is extended to the members of the Allen family in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Thomas Allen, of Varney, in her 85th year. Prior to going west last August with her granddaughter, Margaret Eden, teacher in one of the Vancouver schools to visit with the members of her family, she lived at Varney. She was not in good health the last six weeks of her life and died at the home of her daughter, Edith (Mrs. James Gray of Rosanville, Saskatchewan). The deceased was a much loved friend and neighbor and of a happy disposition, and a lover of the church and its work. Rev. R. F. Mercer, who preached the funeral service at Varney church, where the remains were brought from the C.P.R. train, rendered a comforting sermon. His text was "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" and "She hath done what she could." The pastor said it was easy to preach such a sermon as this because he knew she had lived a good life. He stated that he and the deceased had many a long conversation on passages from the Bible when making his calls on her. Her husband predeceased her thirty-four years ago, and two sons, Max and Thomas, also have passed on. The surviving members of the family are James, a missionary in the Salvation Army work, Winnipeg; Richard, Creighton, Saskatchewan; Lena (Mrs. Arthur McCue), Swift Current, Saskatchewan; Edith (Mrs. James Gray), Racanville, Saskatchewan; Margaret (Mrs. Nelson Eden), Vancouver, B.C.; and Jean, (Mrs. Robinson), New York. Those present at the services at Varney were Richard, James, and Mrs. Robinson. Remains were laid to rest in Maple Wood cemetery by old friends and neighbors, Robert Eden, Julius Keller, Alfred McCabe, Wm. Bachus, Wm. Carson and Thomas McNeil.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, visited recently with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr.
The chicken-pox is prevalent at Varney school at present.
Mrs. Cecil Barber, visited a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Singhampton.

Glenroadin

(Our Own Correspondent)
Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, and daughter, Marion, spent part of Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trafford of town.

Mr. Mike Kenney was in Toronto for a few days last week.

Miss Margaret Sheldroth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sheldroth, was operated on for appendicitis in the Red Cross Hospital in Durham a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson, and Marion, were recent visitors with her aunt, Mrs. Boyd.

Mr. Douglas Bowman, who has spent the last two years with his aunt, Mrs. M. Kenney, has returned to his home in Toronto.

Mrs. John Laughlin, visited for a week with friends in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Melosh, entertained their neighbors to a fowl supper Wednesday night of last week.

The Catholic Ladies of Dornoch Church gave a euchre party at Mr. and Mrs. Will Kenney's home, Friday night. A large crowd was present.

Mrs. McGrath got first ladies' prize and Mr. Dan Sweeney first men's prize.

Miss Martha Smith, and son, Chas., Mr. and Mrs. Will Banks of Zion, visited with their aunt, Mrs. Banks, last week.

Rocky Saugeen

(Our Own Correspondent)
Miss Catherine McLean, was a week-end visitor with Miss Myrtle Mortley, Durham.

Mrs. George Searle, Guelph, is spending this week with her brother, Mr. Wm. Hill.

Miss Mary Beaton and pupils have started to practise for their Christmas concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson, are in Toronto this week, attending the U.F.O. Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull, Bentinck, visited here this week with her brother, Mr. Wm. Hill.

Mr. Allister Lawrence, Tilbury, spent a couple of days at his home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. McCrae, and family, of Meaford, have moved to the farm lately occupied by Mr. Henry Mannerow. We welcome them to the neighborhood.

Miss Catherine McLean, is teaching this week for her sister, Miss Esther, who is recuperating after an attack of the measles.

Mr. Charles Wepler, is out for Councillor, here's hoping he will be successful.

THE McINTOSH IS POPULAR

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NOTES ON FEEDING HOGS

The Swine Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture recommends the following points as valuable in hog feeding:

Grind all grain. Fine grain is recommended especially for young pigs. Soak meal mixture between meals; do not use too much water but feed as a relatively thick slop.

While there are many different methods of feeding hogs the use of a good tight trough is safe and reduces wastage.

Fresh, clean water should be provided between meals. Pigs should be fed three times daily for at least one to two weeks after weaning; two feeds daily will then be sufficient.

Growing pigs are very fond of and can make excellent use of green feed.

For winter feeding pigs relish a little fibrous matter to chew and they need it regularly. Give the second cut of alfalfa or clover or any well-cured grass or cereal crop that has been cut green.

The desirable effect of feeding a little mangels daily are too well known to need further comment. The important thing is to see that all pigs, except the very young, get some form of vegetable matter regularly.

Pigs that do not have access to earth should have a box of it in their pens. This is as cheap as it is desirable and will be consumed sparingly but regularly. Laying up a supply of sods in the fall provides a good mineral supplement for winter fed pigs.

Make your feed count with a balanced ration. Where milk in some form is not available feed tankage as a protein supplement.

CORN RESISTS DROUGHT

One of the interesting conclusions made from the studies of drought resistance of crops at the Dominion Experimental Station at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, is the ability of corn to survive even an extended period of drought. This crop of course makes its best growth when ample supply of water is available, but it will respond under conditions to severe for other crops to survive. Corn gives the highest yields of several crops tested for drought resistance at Swift Current.

THE ORIGIN OF MOSQUITOES

The Indians have a very satisfactory account of the origin of Montezuma mosquitoes. The legend runs thus: There were in times of old, many moons ago, two huge feathered monsters permitted by the Manitou to descend from the sky and alight on the banks of the Seneca river. Their form was exactly that of the mosquito. They were so large that they flew towards the earth. Standing one on either bank they guarded the river, and stretching their long necks into the canoes of the Indians as they attempted to paddle along the stream, gobbled them up as the storm king in the fable gobbled up the frogs. The destruction of life was so great that not an Indian could pass without being devoured in the attempt. It was long before the monsters could be exterminated and then only by the combined efforts of all the warriors of the Cayuga and Onondaga nations. The

battle was terrible, but the warriors finally triumphed, and the mammoth mosquitoes were slain and left unburied. For this neglect the Indians had to pay dearly. The carcasses decomposed and the particles, vivified by the sun, flew off in clouds of mosquitoes, which have filled the country ever since.

SCREENINGS TO BURN

One of the interesting effects of the present low price for grains is shown in the fact that screenings which during periods of high price found sale even in the export market as a constituent of feeding stuffs is now being used for fuel. Demand for refuse screening as feed has practically ceased and getting rid of this bulky and fast accumulating material was quite a problem for the elevators until a market was found for its use as fuel and heat at power plants in Northwestern Ontario and in Manitoba, and even as far west as Broadview, Saskatchewan.

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