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In the past some objections have been raised by the packers re the use of forage plants and roots for pork production, but the light of recent experiments would seem to show their fears or objections groundless: in fact, the good influence of a considerable proportion of green feed or roots in the ration of a pig can scarcely be over estimated. It has long been known that skim milk has a most beneficial influence upon the thrift of the porker, and quality of the pork, even when the amount fed, forms only a small part of the ration. Green food and roots seem in a large measure to be capable of supplementing the now,—in view of the tremendous expansion in the Canadian bacon industry,—quite inadequate supply of dairy by-products, for use in pig feeding. The farmer whose conditions permit may go even further than to use forage plants as a supplementary food. He may even make them the chief item of his pig feed if he is careful to use a good proportion of grain, (oats, pease and barley.) during the last month of the feeding period.

As the season is rather far advanced for an exhaustive discussion of forage crops suitable for this purpose, I shall confine my remarks to such as are still seasonable.

CLOVER:—Probably no crop is better adapted to young pigs than clover, and a bit of clover stubble used for this purpose will give very good returns. So far as our experiments go, the pork so produced is of good quality.

RAPE:— Of all the crops used here so far for pasturing pigs, rape quite easily stands first. The principal points in its favor are:—(1) its quick growth, (2) its wide range, as it grows well on almost any kind of land (3) its long season, as it may be sown as late as September and still do fairly well, (4) its evident palatability, as the pigs eat it greedily, and (5) its good effect upon the quality of the bacon, producing as its does, almost a good firm carcass. Rape may be expected to be fit for pasturage from 6 to 8 weeks from date of sowing. It should be sown in rows about 24 in. apart, since when so grown it gives the greatest return per acre, and is best adapted for pasturing. It should be sown fairly thick in the rows, say, three lbs. of seed per acre. An acre may be expected to carry from 20 to 40 pig through the season, depending on the season and the condition of the crop when the pigs are turned in.

VETCHES:— Vetches also are valuable as forage for swine, and may be, under exceptional conditions, sown late in the season. Especially is this true of the Hairy Vetch which species has the peculiar quality of growing up again after having been cut off or eaten down.

OATS:— Probably no green crop will give a better return in pork than oats. They may be sown late or early in the season at the rate of 5 or 6 bush. to the acre and the pigs turned on about a month after they germinate. The fault of this crop is that it lasts only a short time, as it does not seem to be able to recover when once eaten off.

ARTICHOKES:— Another crop of great value for pork production is the artichoke. It should be sown late in the fall or very early in the spring. The pigs may be allowed to feed on it in October and the early spring. They will do the harvesting themselves This is a most excellent crop for brood sows in spring and autumn.

Almost all varieties of juicy forage crops are suitable for pork production, the sorts mentioned above being probably the best for Canada.

The question as to the advisability of allowing pigs to graze, or shutting in a small pen and feeding them the green crops, does not seem to have been positively settled yet, for while greater daily gains may be expected where animals are kept in close quarters, there is always the item of extra labor for cutting and carrying the forage.

Another item of some importance to the feeder is the comparative economy of Winter and Summer feeding of pigs. According to various experiments conducted here recently, pork may be produced at about $1.00 per hundred pounds, live weight, less cost in summer than in winter. This seems to be due to less cost of green feed, as well as to low temperature, which must be overcome by fooder by artificial heat.

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Crawford.

Haying is the order of the day in very bad weather.

Mr J Dickson is engaged with Mr Supernault for the summer months.

Miss Hannah Dickson and Mr D H McDonald, who have been attending Walkerton High School, are each spending their holidays at their parental homes.

Mr A Hobkirk has purchased a new driver.

Miss Kate McDonald, of Hamilton, is home for the summer months.

Dan McKinnon, of Chesley, spent his week of holidays at his mother's here.

Quite a number from around here took in the barn raising at Wm Ledingham's which took place last week.

The masons are busy working at Donald McDonald's house.

PRICEVILLE.

Intended for last week

Haying has commenced but not much done yet. The weather for the last few days was favorable, but on Monday evening we had another shower which is in progress while we write.

Fall wheat indicates rust to a certain extent but not bad yet. Crops in general look well. Hay crop is good.

Mr Robert Conkey, who is suffering with cancer for the last few months, is getting very weak and hard for him to swallow any food, by all appearance his end is near. [He died Tuesday, 22nd.]

Mr Alex Whyte, old Durham Road, Artemesia, raised his new barn last week. Everything went together well. John McDonald was the framer.

David Hincks nurses a bruised finger since Whyte's raising.

Miss Maggie McCannel is spending part of her holidays with friends at Stayner.

Mr John McInnes, who was away to Calgary with a load of cattle and horses, returned some time ago and got along well on his journey.

Miss Renwick, of Dromore, is visiting with Miss McKinnon, South Line, Artemesia. She attended church on Sunday and added much to the musical part of the service.

Rev Mr McCulloch, B. A. preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. He is a fine speaker and preacher.

Mrs Hepburn, of Durham, visited at N McCannel's lately.

Mrs Moorehead, of Cleveland, is at present seeing her brother Robt Conkey in his illness.

Mrs —— and daughter, of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs (Rev) Matheson for the last week.

Miss Lizzie Campbell, of Toronto, is enjoying herself with father and mother at the old home, North Line, at present where she intends to stay for some time.

There were several good sized young men at the picnic the other day but they were only small boys beside Ben Stone, of Artemesia, whose height is 6 ft 8¾ inches.

Miss Kate McPhail, of Toronto, is at home at present at her father's Mr John McPhail's Glenelg.

(This Week's Budget.)

In giving the names of those who took prizes at games at the A O U W picnic we noticed the name of Dr Atkinson of this town omitted, as he took several first prizes in most of the games tried.

Married by Rev Mr McCulloch, in the absence of the pastor Rev J A Matheson, on Tuesday, July 15, Mr Don. McArthur of Duluth, to Miss Euphemia McArthur, sister of Com. McArthur, Priceville, and of D K McArthur, Hopeville. The many friends of the young couple wish them much happiness in their wedded life.

Mr and Mrs Jennings of Toronto, are guests of Mr and Mrs Matheson for the last few days.

Mrs Fyfe of Woodbridge is visiting her numerous friends in this part at present where she intends to remain for some time.

Mrs Hepburn and daughter of Durham were visiting at Mr McCannel's the last couple of weeks and returned this week.

The weather has been very wet for the last few days and hay that is cut will be badly damaged by the rain.

Rev Mr Matheson is home after a vacation of a few weeks down the country.

Miss Simpson is spending her holidays with her mother, Mrs Simpson, of this town, at present.

If those whose duty it is to look after certain aged people, who have plenty of means at their disposal, would be good enough to provide them with the necessaries required, it might save them reflections in the future. It is a shame to a christian community to see a woman of four score and four years cutting wood and otherwise providing for herself, when she is leaving property to the extent of $1000 for her support the remaining part of her life.

Dromore.

The postponed foot-ball match between Swinton Park vs. Dromore which was to have taken place on Saturday evening but which owing to the rain was put off till to-night Monday, took place on the field of Messrs Lothian bros.

A goodly sprinkling of spectators were on hand to the number of 300 to witness the game, which proved to be a spirited one. The Dromore team tho in possession of one or two heavy weights, who can make their presence felt with a vengeance if they like, are not what may be called a heavy team on the scales, but for litheness and agility, can scarcely be surpassed.

Their opponents collectively on a casual glance would probably tip the scales at about 200 lbs or so, more. The game throughout was a very quiet, decent and becoming one. Every thing was taken good naturedly, nothing occurring to mar the enjoyment of true manly sport.

The flying sphere very persistently apparently balked their best efforts to touch either goal till near the finish of the game. Our sympathy almost goes out to the innocent thing, the way in which it is abused at times. Sometimes one of the players would go at it, with his head like one of the shropshire gentlemen, when it would probably fall on an equally soft place on an opponent's stomach. It was when it got struck with one of the No. 10's though, that the excruciating thud was heard, when it would careen away joyfully on its mission, to be again abused for doing so.

During the first half of the game at least, the ball was kept near the Dromore goal, the last half being more evenly divided perhaps, when at last near the finish as already mentioned by a fine combination of play from Jimmie Renwick to Willie Lester to Robbie Taylor, who finally put it home with a vim and a dash which won the admiration of the large crowd present. The two goal keepers were each good at their posts, as were also each of the four backs. We cant particularize on the quality of any individual player, it would be invidious to do so. The Swinton Park team was captained by Leslie Watson, son of Commissioner Watson, Proton. While Dromore has the popular Willie Hunter for theirs. Following are the teams and their positions in the game.

Swinton Park		Dromore
Arch. McLean	goal	J. E. Greaves
Wm. Sacket	backs	Jas. Coleridge
Alex. Ferguson		Jno. Nelson
Robt. Kinnell	half backs	Wm. Hunter
N McKenzie		G Swanston
John Weir		Harry Sterne
Rich Parslow	forwards	Jas. Renwick
Noble Wilson		Wm. Lester
Leslie Watson		Robt. Renwick
John Parslow		Robert Taylor
Jas. Dickson		Hugh Renwick.

The field was graced with a large sprinkling of ladies from both places, who enjoyed themselves afterwards in games of various sorts, run around, and so on. The game was refereed by Mr. Neil McMillan of the Park, a weighty man, and a man to be looked up to in more ways than one. After the customary cheers a lunch was provided by the Home team for all participants.

Proton boys are a fine lot of fellows, and have in their number two married men, who still show great agility, and suppleness.

The return game is intended to be played at the Park, sometime after harvest, but in the meantime Dromore is ready to receive challenges not in a boastful spirit though, from anything white or black.

Owing to the unfavorable weather not much haying has been done yet.

Miss R. Adams of Toronto, is at present visiting her parental home here.

Mr and Mrs. Alf. Inkster of Feversham, were visiting sister Mrs. Jno. Garson this week.

Miss P. Moody, of Proton, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. C. McMillan.

Messrs Wm. Hay, N. Calder and Wm. Renwick, left last week for the lower settlements in search of work, and we are pleased to learn they have been successful.

Mr. J. Russell, of Esplin, was a caller on his sister Mrs Taylor.

Quite a number of the youth and beauty of Dromore, spent a pleasant afternoon at D. Hamilton's Lake last Wednesday.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Neil Clarke who has been in poor health for sometime is not improving much.

Our trustworthy mail carrier Mr. B. Sterne has not been able the last few days to fill his place owing to ill health. We hope soon to see him on his little wagon again.

Mrs. John Wilson had the misfortune to sprain her ankle the night of the football, while crossing the road.

Mr. Houd, butter maker, of Holstein, was a witnesser of the game of football here.

Miss Jean Renwick, returned from her extended visit to friends in Priceville, Saturday last.

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Export Cattle—Were selling at $5 to $5.30 for choice ones, which is a drop of about 35c per cwt for the best ones. Medium ones sell at $4.25 to $5 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Were selling at $5 to $5.25 per cwt for the picked lots, which is a decline of about 35c per cwt. Choice ones sold at $4.25 to $5 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers—Were selling at $3.50 to $4.50 per cwt for shortkeep feeders and $3.50 to $3.75 per cwt for heavy stockers.

Sheep were weak, though selling at the same prices as yesterday. They brought $3.25 to $3.50 per cwt for export ewes.

Lambs—Were firmer, selling at $4 to $5 per cwt. an advance of from 50c to 75c per cwt.

Hogs—Were steady, selling at $7.25 per cwt. for choice ones and $7 per cwt for lights and fats.

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