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THE GROWING POPULARITY OF THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

In view of the great success of the Farmers' Institute as a means of Education in Ontario, the Dominion Department of Agriculture has endeavored to co-operate with the various local Departments in establishing and improving similar systems in their respective provinces.

Prof. E. J. McMillan of Charlottetown, P. E. I., Supt. of Farmers' Institute, &c., has prepared a sketch of the work already accomplished in Prince Edward Island, in which he says: "The Farmers' Institute system in Prince, Edward Island is twofold in its aims. It seeks to combine the educational features of the Ontario system with the facilities for dealing in live stock afforded by the old Agricultural Societies plan. Each organization is a Farmers' Institute and Agricultural Society combined."

During the month of July a series of midsummer lectures was given before the Institutes by Prof. H. H. Dean and Mr. D. Drummond, representing the Dominion Department of Agriculture, besides several local speakers.

Twenty Institutes were organized, twenty seven were visited during the last two months. With an increasing membership and a lively interest manifested in the work by its members, the Farmers' Institute system should soon become a factor in the progress of Agriculture in Prince Edward Island.

KILLING WOODCHUCKS WITH CARBON BISULPHIDE.

In many parts of Canada a good deal of damage is annually done in grain, hay and pasture fields by the common woodchuck or groundhog. Not only is a considerable amount of grain or fodder consumed by these animals, but much more is trampled upon and destroyed, while the open burrows are occasionally responsible for accidents to horses employed in harvesting.

This substance has been used for some time in the West for destroying ground squirrels, and has also been largely used for destroying insects in mills and factories. It has often been recommended and utilized to destroy woodchucks. But its merits for the purpose do not seem to be very generally appreciated.

A series of experiments covering several seasons' use of carbon bisulphide as a woodchuck exterminator has lately been reported by the New Hampshire Experiment Station, the results of which are herewith summarized:-

So successful have these experiments been that the plan is strongly recommended, for more general adoption. One special advantage of carbon bisulphide is that its vapor is more than twice as heavy as air, so that in a woodchuck burrow it will follow along the hole until it reaches the bottom, crowding the air above it to the top. As the animal is likely to be in the lower part of the burrow, it is almost certain to inhale the poisonous vapor and be killed.

The equipment necessary for this sort of woodchuck hunt consists of a bottle of carbon bisulphide, a bundle of old cotton or other cloth, a pail and a spade. The pail is first filled with dirt and set near the hole ready to turn in; then a piece of cloth is held between thumb and finger, saturated with about an ounce of the liquid, and immediately thrown in as far as possible

The pail of dirt is quickly thrown into the hole and the entrance carefully closed. If there is more than one entrance, all but one should be filled in before treatment. This method not only kills the old woodchuck, but destroys in a human manner the young in the burrow. It has too, the additional advantage that the animal is not only killed but is buried, and the hole is filled, so that considerable time is thus saved. A large number of experiments have been made, and in only a very few cases were the holes reopened, and in each instance there was conclusive evidence that they had been opened from the outside by woodchucks borrowing into them.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED:- It should be distinctly understood by every one who uses carbon bisulphide for any purpose that it is HIGHLY VOLATILE, INFLAMMABLE and POISONOUS, and it is also HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE. With any reasonable care in its use however out of doors no ill results can follow. Used as described above there is no necessity for one to inhale the vapor, and a small quantity in a glass stoppered bottle may be safely stored away in a cool place. Of course it must be kept out of the reach of children, and away from fire of any kind. The person applying it to woodchuck holes should not be smoking while handling the liquid. For most people it is probably better to buy of the local druggist than to store a large amount. It is not expensive in any case, and the ordinary commercial grade will do as well for this purpose as that which is chemically pure.

F. W. HOBSON, Live Stock Commissioner. GLASCOTT

Intended for last week

Farmers around Glascoot are trying hard to save their hay crop which is rather a hard task.

Dick Moran says his new mower is a clinker.

Mick Barrie has treated himself to a new Massey Harris binder, and so has Frank Priel & Bros.

Bill Moran has laid down the stone hammer and trowel and has taken his hay fork instead.

Will Boyle thought he could build a chimney and so he did on the new kitchen. Any one wanting a job done come to Glascoot.

Will Kirk and Dick Moran are engaged with John Love for the season's threshing. John knows where to get good men.

Will Priel is on his feet again after a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Two little girls came to Jim Goodwell's. He is quite proud of them and will try and keep them a while.

Will Barkley is back again to try his luck at Mr. Lamb's well. Hope he will succeed this time.

Mr. R. Bradley's young team ran away with his mower lately and made pieces of it in a few seconds, but otherwise no harm was done.

John R. Duncan has got the job of fixing up the school. He will no doubt make a good job of it.

Councillor McInnis was round letting jobs south of the Lake. Hope he will drive north.

Joe Boyle has built a stone wall under his barn. Guess it will be better than posts.

It seems that the cement craze has died away. Wonder if it will revive again.

Sam Scott found out that a bike was no use to a married man so he dealt it off for a top buggy.

Glencoe Centre.

The farmers young and old are all busy with the hay and harvest so there isn't much to say this week.

Mr. Joe McDonald believes in keeping in line. He brought home a new binder the other day.

Mr. Chas. Arnott and neighbors are busy engaged in "burning line." They report trade brisk.

Mr. Jos Firth of Holy Hollow, was seen in the Centre church on Sunday last.

Hello Scotchmen! You there? No harm in going bare-faced. Looks somewhat like a woman.

We hear that Louis Pollock bought Douglass McNab's white horse for a neat sum.

While waiting on Thursday evening last some of the boys practised throwing shoulder stones. Angus was able to give the rest of them a mark.

Mr. Alex McDonald and son with Mr. Staples, all visited the Centre on Sunday.

Mr. D. McArthur also brought home a new binder.

Some don't like to get a rub from year correspondents but they delight to see some one else get one.

THE CORONATION.

Saturday, Aug. 9, King Edward VII will be crowned unless untoward circumstances prevent. Every bulletin issued records steady progress, and the "Lancet" says had he been an ordinary hospital patient he would have been discharged "cured" some days ago. He is now daily walking the deck, dining with his family, receiving visitors and dispensing honors. He returns to London, Wednesday, and will leave again Monday or Tuesday for Baltimore. Millions will be glad to see the thing safely over, so as to falsify the old Gipsy's prediction that he would be King, but would never be crowned, a prediction which is manifestly given credence,

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Live Stock Market Toronto.

At the Western cattle market to-day the receipts were only 29 carload, including 419 cattle, 550 sheep and hams, 421 hogs, 40 calves, and a few milch cows.

There was a fair demand for export cattle, and though cable advices are again weaker, prices here this morning were well maintained. The unusually small receipts had much to do with this. Good to choice shipper sell at from 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 per pound; this latter figure was about the best paid to-day.

Good butcher cattle sold at from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per pound; common cattle was weaker, as no one seemed to want it, and some was left over.

Milch cows are unchanged. Good feeders are wanted. Export bull are worth from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per lb.

Lambs were firmer to-day, and sold at from 4 to 4 1/2 per pound. Sheep were unchanged at from 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per pound.

Calves are worth from \$2 to \$8 each, or from 4 to 4 1/2 per lb.

Bucks sell at from \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. Culls fetch from \$2 to \$3 each. Hogs are unchanged to-day. The top price for choice hogs is \$7.25 per cwt. Light and fat hogs are \$7 per cwt.

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