

Farmers' Notes

SHEEP WINTER FATTENING.

Oats are peculiarly suited to sheep feeding. This grain is nourishing and safe to feed. Two parts oats, one part peas, and one part bran is a good ration for sheep of any class. Corn substituted for the peas answers well. Towards the end of the finishing period, the heavy part of the ration may be increased to fully three-quarters by weight. Oil cake is highly valued by many sheep feeders. It may be substituted for the bran, when the proportion of heavy grain should accordingly be diminished. From half a pound to one and a half pounds of grain per head per day, according to the ends to be attained, constitutes a fattening ration, when the coarse fodder used is of good quality and fed liberally.

TUBER'S THIN SKIN.

Bearing in mind that a potato is at all times a living organism, conditions must be provided which will prevent severe losses in storage. In fact, conditions are widely prevalent in Canada which cause in many cases a high percentage of loss in stored crops. Above all, it should be borne in mind that the tender skin of a freshly harvested tuber is easily scratched or broken, that diggers or implements may cause cuts or bruises which prove disastrous when such potatoes are placed in unsuitable storage. Rot and decay soon follow. Moist tubers, especially when cut or bruised, are the first to succumb. Therefore avoid bruising and, if at all possible, the placing of potatoes into any kind of storage until they are perfectly dry.

HAY MARKET REPORT.

An official report on the hay market situation shows that in Eastern Ontario the crop was short again this year, but there has been little movement of market hay as yet. Current prices to growers are reported as follows: In the St. Lawrence Counties, timothy, \$12 to \$14; in the Ottawa Valley from \$8 to \$11 according to kind, and straw \$4 to \$4.50 per ton. In Northern Ontario hay prices range from \$11.50 to \$18, according to the location.

The hay crop in Western Ontario was heavier than last year and of better quality. There is also a considerable carry-over from the previous year, particularly of timothy and grass mixtures. It is estimated that about fifty per cent. of last year's crop of market hay in this part of Ontario is still available, but it is being fed at a rapid rate owing to the early winter. The movement to principal consuming centres has been drab, but the general demand for hay is expected to improve as the winter advances. Alfalfa hay has been in fair demand all fall for the manufacture of alfalfa meal for which there has been an excellent export demand. As a result, the supply of second cut alfalfa hay for grinding is rapidly diminishing. Current prices being paid growers are—No. 2 timothy, \$6.50 to \$6 per ton; mixed hay, \$4.50 to \$5.25; alfalfa, 2nd cut, \$9 to \$10; alfalfa, first cut, \$7 to \$8; oat straw, \$3 to \$3.50; wheat straw, \$3.25 to \$3.75.

OFFICIAL CROP REPORT.

The dry bean acreage this year is placed at 62,300 acres, with an average of 14.9 bushels per acre, giving an estimated total production of 779,300 bushels against a five-year average production of 1,027,000 bushels. The bean crop was very spotty and the yield extremely variable. The price being received by growers is considerably more than last year and in spite of a much smaller crop, financial returns will be larger than last year.

Sugar beets are yielding better than weather conditions early in the season indicated. The acreage shows some reduction from last year, being 33,300 in 1932 and 31,900 this year. Production in 1932 was estimated at 333,000 tons and in 1933 at 319,000 tons, with an average yield of 10 tons per acre both years. The average sugar content approximates 17 per cent. this year, compared with 14.7 per cent. last year, and as a result the yield of sugar will be greater than in 1932, although the total tonnage of beets is less.

Taxis for Officials, British Guiana Plan

Georgetown, British Guiana. — The British Guiana Government will dispense with its departmental motorcars next year if the recommendations of the Traveling Allowances Committee are adopted by the Legislative Council. The committee holds that the Government should use more hired cars in view of the cheap rates, which are as low as 12 cents a mile. It proposes a fixed allowance up to \$24 a month—with an additional \$16 a month if the officer is authorized to employ a chauffeur—for officers who travel an average of 200 miles and over who are required to keep and use their own cars for the purpose.

Officers who have to travel less than 100 miles and who have cars of their own are entitled to an allowance of up to 12 cents a mile. The motorcycle allowance is \$15 a month, the bicycle allowance is \$2 a month.

Trying to quell a woman's wrath is like sitting down on a bunch of lit matches to prevent them going off.

A "Watch" Story

A priceless account of rehearsals, as conducted by David Belasco, given by Achmed Abdullah, novelist and playwright (in his very lively reminiscences, "The Cat Had Nine Lives"—in which Achmed goes the Cat a few better, but that's another story.) The personal performance of Belasco during rehearsals of a new play, it seems, never varied. Always before the rehearsal downstairs, he would rehearse himself upstairs. He would go over each gesture, each intonation, each sign, each word of praise or blame, each pyrotechnical display of temperament which he could turn on and off like a tap.

Flattery, during the first week was the order of the day. Came the second week of rehearsal—and promptly Belasco changed his tune. He would work himself up to a fine frenzy.

"And finally," chuckled Achmed Abdullah, "in a terrifying, frenetic rage, a rage so beautifully rehearsed and yet so well stimulated that he deceived everybody and possibly, at least for the moment, deceived himself in the bargain, he pulled a watch from his pocket. He slammed it to the ground. He jumped on it, stamping, grinding, so that it lay shattered in a thousand powdered pieces.

"There was complete silence. The actors exchanged frightened looks. Then he stumbled back a step. He stared at the ruin on the floor. He drew an arm over his eyes.

"Dear Lord—" he mumbled—and sobbed once—my mother's watch—my dear, dead mother's last gift to me."

He trembled. It was superb. The entire company, including myself (it was a play by Achmed Abdullah under rehearsal), was profoundly affected.

"He looked up.

"Forgive me, children," he whispered humbly. "I—oh—I am ashamed of myself. So ashamed. I—I am my own very worst enemy." Again he sobbed. He mumbled disconsolately: "My dear, dead mother's watch..."

"Another silence. A single tear rolled down his cheek. He smiled sadly. Then he went on:

"And now—children—will you try to work—for me? I—I am so old—and tired..."

"And they threw themselves into it, with renewed enthusiasm and vigor and, really, doing beautifully, while Belasco pulled at my sleeve and—winking at me broadly, forgetting the insults and bullying of the past week—spoke to me in confidential undertone:

"That went over big, you damned heathen—eh?"

"You bet!" I agreed.

"He continued: 'Remind me to buy another one of those dollar watches tomorrow—will you?'

"I laughed. 'Guv'nor,' I suggested, 'you can't break your mother's watch twice in the same place.'"

"But he almost did one time; during the rehearsal of 'The Comedian.' At the very last second I stopped him. Even so, I have an idea he would have got away with it; would have exclaimed quickly, after smashing the second watch:

"Ah—my grandmother's watch—my dear, dead grandmother's last gift to me..."

Heroine of Fire Given Reward and Watch

A fine gold watch with an inscription and about \$400 has been awarded by the Carnegie Foundation to Gunhild Leimer, aged 15, of Stockholm, Sweden, for her heroic deed in saving her five younger sisters and brothers from being burned to death.

Gunhild was in charge of the other children in the upper storey of the home in Stockholm, the lower part of which was in flames. She took the children one by one by their hands, stretched down as far as she could from a window and in that way helped them to escape unharmed. One of the children, a 10-year-old girl, refused to risk the jump. Although already surrounded by flames and smoke Gunhild took time to let her down to the ground by means of a sheet.

When the plucky girl herself was ready to jump she was already badly burned and the fire and smoke blinded her so that she fell on her back and fractured two vertebrae, with the result she became an invalid for life. The reward will make it possible for her to get medical treatment and learn some trade that may enable her to make a living.

Planning Menus A Week Ahead is Economical

A week's menu planned in advance is a definite means toward economy. Money, time and labor all are saved. The tendency toward extravagant marketing is checked and the frantic haste when it is nearly meal time and nothing is planned is done away with. In many instances it also enables one to double up on cooking processes. Enough potatoes can be boiled at one time for the immediate meal and a potato salad or creamed potatoes for the following one.

A meat pie, tinbals, hash of croquettes are planned to take care of the left-overs from a roast.

"Even the game of golf has its heavals," says a writer. And its up-

A Lucky Young Man



Youngest of film stars and a group of featured motion picture players at a giant benefit performance sponsored for Los Angeles relief work. The benefit was held at the Shrine auditorium, Los Angeles. Left to right: Lucille Lund, Daisy Neysa, with baby Leroy and Lois January.

Royal Bank Annual Statement Shows Strong Liquid Position

Liquid Assets at \$362,471,645 Are Equal To 55.76 Per Cent. Of Liabilities To The Public—Total Assets At End of Year Were \$729,260,476 — Gratifying Increase Of Over \$18,000,000 In Canadian Savings And In Demand Deposits — Many Businesses Evidently Showing Large Turnover.

The Annual Statement of The Royal Bank of Canada covering the fiscal year which ended November 30th last should afford satisfaction to the public, as well as to shareholders. The statement discloses a very strong position, with an increase in liquid assets to a total of \$362,471,645, equal to 55.76% of liabilities to the public. It is understood that a particularly interesting feature of the year was an increase in Canadian Savings and Demand Deposits. A lower volume of commercial loans and increase in the portfolio of Government bonds of the reduced demand for banking accommodation. The necessity for investing larger amounts in Government bonds is one of the causes contributing to a reduction in earnings, but after making full allowance for all bad and doubtful debts and providing for cost of management, profits were amply sufficient to cover the payment of dividends and the usual appropriations, leaving \$216,650 as a further contribution to profit and loss account. The unsettled state from which business is now emerging, has emphasized the usefulness of strong inner reserves. The directors' recognition of this fact is evidenced by a transfer of \$15,000,000 from Reserve Fund to reimburse the inner reserves of the bank, and to provide reserves which they consider adequate for future contingencies. This action is in line with many of the leading and most powerful banks in all parts of the world, and will be regarded as a prudent and constructive move. The published Reserve Fund is maintained at the substantial figure of \$20,000,000 and \$1,383,604 is carried forward to the credit of profit and loss account.

Canadian Deposits Increase
A feature of the Bank's year was an increase of \$18,610,694 in Canadian demand and savings deposits. As Canadian demand deposits represent in the main the working balances of business and farming customers, the substantial upward move in these figures is of particular interest as an indication of increased commercial and industrial activity.

Shareholders will be interested in seeing that despite the lower level of interest rates which particularly affected the return from liquid assets maintained at reserve centres, profits for the year were \$3,901,649. This amount fully covered dividend requirements of \$2,975,000, contribution to Officers' Pension Fund, \$200,000; appropriation for bank premises, \$200,000; reserve for Dominion Government taxes, \$310,000, and left \$216,650 to be added to profit and loss account, making a total of \$1,383,604 to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank in Montreal on Thursday, January 11th.

Dr. Knud Rasmussen, Arctic Explorer, Dies

Copenhagen, Denmark. — Dr. Knud Rasmussen, Danish Arctic explorer, is dead after a long illness brought on by food poisoning contracted on his last expedition to Greenland. He was 54 years old.

Dr. Rasmussen was seriously ill when he was brought home November 3. He was removed from the ship to his residence in an ambulance. It was said at that time that only a transfusion aboard ship had saved his life.

Dr. Rasmussen was born at Jakobshavn, Greenland, June 7, 1879. His ancestors on the maternal side were Eskimos.

After making his first expedition to Greenland in 1902, he visited all the known Eskimo tribes between 1905 and 1924, studying their customs.

Later, he announced he had ascertained that the Eskimos originally were Indians who had wandered east and west from the coast.

Last year, the explorer was at the head of an expedition which surveyed 12,500 miles of Greenland's southeast coast, and measurements taken by that expedition proved that Greenland was moving westward 20 yards a year.



Mrs. Todd: A tactful wife keeps many little household secrets from her husband.
Mrs. Babb: Yes; even the fact that she has all the brains.

Maintain Cheese Volume

There is a real danger to the Canadian export cheese trade in permitting the volume of cheese to decline further. Some dealers in the United Kingdom even now question the advisability of dealing in Canadian cheese in view of the limited quantity available, and the relatively short time during which they are available.

—Dominion Dairy Commissioner.

Ignorance is the stepmother of most arguments.

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Immortal Child

"I hope you will be a child still when I see you next."—In a letter from Carroll.

That was his wish. How many years ago
Were the words written? Into what small hand
Fell that enchanted letter? Did she know,
As Alice did, the way to Wonderland?
Some clocks run backward, whether we accept
The shadow on the dial, the years that pass;
And time will never touch us once we've stepped
Across his threshold, through the Looking-Glass.

I like to think he found her still the same,
And that the read between his twinkling lines
More than pretending, more than just a game.
Undimmed by any doubt of ours, there shines
A light that child has given us to hold,
When darkness gathers and the story is told.

—Leslie Nelson Jennings, in The New York Sun.

Muff Bags Among New Accessories

Chicago.—Muff bags can be had for daytime and evening wear. They are developed in fur, fur-like fabrics, feathers and fabrics. Either utilitarian like wools, or dressylike velvets.

Most of the new styles in daytime bags are not discernible as a muff, resembling instead a moderate sized pouch bag, which closes at the top with a zipper, clip, or tricky fastening. The muff is in the fulness of the pouch.

The little evening muffs of feathers are the darlings of fashion right now. They were seen in several styles and in the range of this season's popular after-dark colors. These little leather bags are effective compliments to feather-trimmed frocks, or to feather caps.

To Live to Be 100

We may listen with especial interest and respect to the advice to women given by Dr. Marie Charlotte de Coliere, Davenport, who was born, so she says, one hundred and nine years ago, in the Russian City lately known as Leningrad, and is now astonishingly going about on a lecture tour observing the Providence Journal. These are the six points of Dr. Davenport's doctrine of the Long Life, as she imparted them to an audience of women in South Bend, Indiana, the other day: "Never get angry; learn self-control; develop agility; be quick and lithe, not muscle-bound; avoid excess in all things; don't put anything on your face that you wouldn't put in your stomach; don't let your mind die."

...SMILES...

It's not what you'd do with a million if riches should fall to your lot. But what you are doing at present with the \$1.35 you've got.

A word to the wise may be sufficient but it might be wise to say it over the radio to make sure and certain.

Next to illiteracy, the saddest sight in the world is the man with more education than he can use.

Next to making mistakes, the easiest thing in the world is to criticize the mistakes of others.

A dog has nothing to give his master but faithfulness and a good appetite, but he gives both to the fullest extent.

Noticed a newspaper headline the other day which read: "A Sad Death." Well, who ever heard of a merry one?

A man is as old as he feels before breakfast and a woman is as old as she looks before breakfast.

Experience
"Know anything about cars?"
"Been mixed up with em a bit."
"Mechanic?"
"No—pedestrian."

No Reply
"Look at the telephonist at the next table."

"How do you know she is a telephonist?"

"I have said 'Hello' twice and got no reply."

Women teachers don't get a fair deal. They should be paid enough to support a husband on before they get too old to want to.

We'll have faith in the sincerity of the rich man who desires to die poor when he takes to writing poetry for a living.

A man's success is not measured by the number who cheer him, but by the number who envy him.

A lad says that while sitting out in the moonlight may be bad for one, it appears to be all right for two.

There are folks willing to blame their troubles on the Lord and expect manna from the same source.

In the old days the youngsters used to be troubled with the whooping cough. These days they have the whoopee cough.

The two most unsatisfactory things in the whole world are soup and love that have grown cold.

You trust your wife. That's confidence. Your grocer trusts you. That's confidence, too. You trust yourself. That's a mistake.

When we have universal finger printing it will certainly go hard with the small boy who samples his mother's jam.

Cider is very much like a man in one respect. The more it works the harder it kicks.

A rabbit is a little four-legged animal that grows the fur that other animals get the credit for when made into a woman's coat.

A man begins to be money-wise when he doesn't want anybody to lend him any money.

Maybe they named it "Call" money because somebody wants some every time the front door bell rings.

Jim—"They say there are more marriages of blondes than brunettes. I wonder why?"
John—"Naturally, the light headed ones go first."

Father—"You are going to marry that insignificant little fellow, Percy? Why, you used to say you would never marry a man less than six feet high."

Daughter—"I know, dad. But I decided to take off twenty per cent. for cash."

Boiling vegetables calls for great precautions to preserve the food value. For cabbage, turnips, onions, cauliflower and brussels sprouts use only enough water to cover and boil gently. Cook green vegetables, such as spinach, in a very small amount of water, or none at all except the moisture which clings to the leaves after washing.

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And all things we have known for beauty here, All little things fugitive and fated, Quick blossoms that have fallen year by year, Kisses that even the dawn remembered not, All these are now the judgment that we bring To know the heart of every lovely thing.

—John Drinkwater, in The Cincinnati Classmate.

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