

## DIGGING POTATOES

### Harvesters Should Use Care.— Serious Loss From Mechanical Injuries.

The most serious loss resulting from mechanical injuries to potatoes is due to the destructive rot caused by fungi and bacteria which enter the tubers through the injured tissue. These organisms are known as wound parasites and occur in every potato growing section of Canada. Since they become important after harvest it is natural to assume that the rough handling of potatoes during this period may be followed by serious consequences.

By mechanical injuries are meant cuts, bruises, shrinking, and cracks. Cuts are usually the most conspicuous and, while bruises and cracks are known to be more serious, it should be clearly understood that all injuries which do not heal quickly may lead to considerable loss and inconvenience. Where healing takes place without delay, the offending organisms are shut out and the tubers, thus protected, may remain free from rot. On the other hand conditions may be more favourable for the organisms than for the healing process so that rot sets in, the amount of injury depending upon the temperature and ventilation conditions of the storage house.

Observations made at the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Charlottetown, demonstrated convincingly that potatoes produced on wet land develop a tender skin and are more subject to injury when dug than those produced in dry soil. Potatoes produced under such conditions, therefore, should be handled very carefully. While it is true that potatoes grown in dry soil have comparatively tough skins, and for this reason are less liable to injury, nevertheless, they are very often injured through the fact this type of soil is not carried over the digger.

To compensate this disadvantage, when elevators, diggers are used, sufficient soil should be taken up to prevent the tubers coming into direct contact with the moving parts of the machine. Authorities agree, that diggers should be at least 24 inches wide and the spade operated deep enough to avoid cutting the tubers. The careful farmer pads, not only the digger chain, but also all hard and solid parts of the machine with which potatoes may come in contact. While the digger is the offender in causing mechanical injuries, it is acknowledged also that considerable damage is inflicted when the tubers are picked and hauled to the cellar. It has been determined experimentally that tubers are injured but very slightly when poured from a basket into a sack from a height of 12 inches; when poured from a height of 30 inches, however, injury by cracking and bruising is very severe. Potatoes, therefore, should be rolled or poured carefully from baskets into the bags. Further precautions against such injuries are as follows: Leave the potatoes exposed to the sun and the air for two or three hours; do not drop the filled sacks; on the floor of the barn or cellar; pad the picking baskets with at least one layer of burlap.— Experimental Farms Note.

## Measuring Seeing

### A New Device Tells How Much Light a Reader Requires

Eighteen-year-old Jimmy can read a printed page by dimmer light than grandpa. How much extra light does grandpa need? Dr. Matthew Lucktess and Frank Moss of the Lighting Research Laboratory, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio, make it easy to answer with their new visibility meter.

The instrument looks like a new-fangled opera glass. Hold it up to your eyes and turn a little wheel on top as you look at a printed page. When you are all through you learn from two eyebrow scales just the amount of light you require for reading or seeing clearly.

There are no lenses in this instrument—only windows. You look through the windows at an open book—anything printed. Twist the wheel on top, and colorless filters are rotated one by one in front of the eyes. You stop when the print is barely discernible.

The eyebrow scale on the left indicates the exact amount of light that you need (in foot-candles) for reading print of the kind at which you have been looking. The one on the right appraises visibility according to units on an arbitrary scale.

This right-hand scale ought to be useful in determining how visible the type that you are reading on this page would be on paper of different finish. In fact Lucktess and Moss say that public highway officials can tell by means of this scale alone how safe road signs and signals are from the standpoint of visibility.

NOTICE: Will the person who disposes of his dead rats by throwing them on my premises kindly refrain from doing so or prosecution will follow after this date.—Advertisement in Devon and Cornish



## SCOUTING

### Here - There Everywhere

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The enterprising boys of the 2nd Guelph Troop collected and sold 2½ tons of waste paper to augment their troop funds.

Welland Scouts on first aid duty at the local fair attended two jockeys who were injured when thrown from their mounts in front of the grandstand. In addition the boys performed yeoman service patrolling the grounds and finding lost children.

St. Catharines Scouts opened their Christmas Toy Repair Shop in the freight building of the N.S. and T. (Niagara Street). Toy distribution will again be made in co-operation with the Canadian Legion.

Some 900 Scouts and Girl Guides representing every pack, troop and guide company in London attended the annual church parade to Metropolitan United Church. Dean C. E. Jenkins of St. Paul's Cathedral addressed the gathering. Rev. Dr. J. E. Hughson and Rev. D. W. DeMille, assisted, Assistant District Commissioner Sutton read the Scripture lesson and Canon T. G. Wallace pronounced the benediction.

The 2nd Guelph Troop already are collecting toys for their Christmas Toy Repair Shop.

For the Decoration Day parade, the 10th Bramford Troop acted as guard of honour for the float. At the cemetery they helped distribute flowers

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and provided a guard of honour for the speakers' platform.

For Fire Prevention Week, Scouts of Guelph, Ont., and the local fire department co-operated in a unique window display in a vacant store on Wyndham Street. On one side of the window the fire department had a display illustrating home fire hazards, while on the other side the Scouts pictured the dangers of outdoor fires, such as in camps and in bush land.

Turning Boy Scout "adventure" into the real thing, three Philadelphia Scouts, Nature Directors of a large New Jersey permanent Scout camp, are planning to explore unknown areas of the 700 square mile Okefenokee swamp, on the Georgia-Florida border. The boys will seek specimens of rare fish and small mammals for the Academy of Natural Sciences.

A silver-gilt push-button used by King George to light the Jubilee Scout Beacon in Hyde Park was presented by His Majesty to Imperial Scout Headquarters. The stand bears the inscription: "Presented by King George V to the Boy Scouts to commemorate the lighting of the bonfire in Hyde Park on May 6th, 1935."

## Physical Comfort

### Its Part in Our Conversations Considered Much Too Big

Why should so many normal human beings speak of nothing but their physical status? Two acquaintances meet. They ask each other, "How do you do?" One says, "I have a cold." The other says, "I had a rash yesterday. I thought it might be something serious but it's all right now." "How is your wife?" "Oh, she is quite well. Her eyes trouble her a little, but it does not seem of importance. How is your son?" "Pretty well. He got a cramp in swimming, but you know how boys are."

That can go on indefinitely. Almost any conversation includes something like it.

Now, of course, physical comfort is a wonderful thing. But how much more there is to a human being than merely that! Why does not a man recognize his mental, emotional and spiritual status as well? "My faith is somewhat weak today," "Her concentration has not been up to normal," "A cinder of anger is disturbing his emotional outlook."

Perhaps if we increased our awareness of these non-physical failings, we could keep them under better control, and incidentally, add a new note of variety to somewhat worn conversational themes. ESTELLE H. RIES, New York, Oct. 1, 1935.

## U.S. Deficit Goes

### Over Billion Mark

Washington — Uncle Sam dipped his pen in red ink last week, and reported his deficit had passed the billion-dollar mark for the present fiscal year.

The treasury in a statement put the deficit at \$1,007,457,156 through October 14. This compared with a deficit of \$687,211,671 on the comparable date of last year.

At the present rate, the government is operating at a \$9,500,000 loss each day. At this rate, the deficit on June 30 next, would be \$3,477,000,000 compared with a \$3,281,000,000 revised statement made public recently. Last January's annual budget message forecast a deficit of \$4,523,000,000.

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## Canadian Outlook Is Reported Good

### Babson Men Say It's Better Than Many Realize.— Review Situation

Toronto. — To present inside tips on where, and how to invest and a general picture of business trends, a sort of "investment clinic" was conducted by experts of the Babson Reports Inc., here recently.

## WOMEN LIST DATA

The meeting was principally for business men, but there was a sprinkling of women, old and young, who noted with pencil and paper the investment advice that was offered.

In a questions-and-answers period that followed a presentation of reports on business and financial conditions in general, anyone was allowed to ask about the future of his or her pet stock. Experts prophesied an eventual swing in real estates and building, and advised investment in copper, lead and zinc because of the British Government's program of increased armaments.

Continued improvement and better production for at least another year was foreseen in the automobile industry, which, Ralph B. Wilson, vice-president's aid, had led to the industrial recovery in the United States.

"While most of us have been riding some hobby of 'isms,' the automobile industry has stuck to its business," he said. "And if you stick to it, business will get on regardless of the various isms that may be floating around. And incidentally, I think your election has cleared the air up here for some of the isms that you have heard."

## CANADIAN OUTLOOK

In a review of Canadian conditions, he said he believed the incoming Liberal administration "will neither upset business confidence nor very much affect existing trends over the period immediately ahead." Vigorous and sustained natural recovery marked the closing months of the Conservative administration and Canadian business is moving steadily ahead "with purchasing power the best in four or five years in many agricultural sections."

Sanctions against Italy should not hinder Canadian export trade, he said, since last year exports to Italy were but one-half of one percent of Canada's total export trade. Meanwhile wheat prices are climbing because of the war scare, and industrial factors in total business are mostly very encouraging.

Crop income in the West, despite damage, will average higher than last year, he said, and Canada's possession of more than half of the wheat in the world placed her in a most enviable position, he said.

## ADVISES ADVERTISING

"Therefore it is wise to adopt a policy of liberal advertising and selling efforts, setting sales quotas higher for the period ahead."

He believed an agreement of reciprocal trade with the United States would have encouraging results. Canada may expect concessions for lumber, cattle and possibly wheat with a possible quota for newsprint," he said.

Canadian industrial employment is at the highest level in four years, and 15,000 workers were taken on in September in the face of what is generally a seasonal decline. There is every reason to expect the present favorable position of mineral production will continue, and manufacturing is at a new recovery high, he said. Recovery of distribution has been less marked than that of other groups.

"The general business and financial situation and outlook in Canada is far better than many appreciate," he said. "At present the physical volume of business is only 14 per cent, below normal and has increased 69 per cent from the depression low."

## Approach of Winter

Lionel Wiggam in the New York Times.

Winter seems several weeks away. But weather like this alarms young sheep. The lambs in the west field will not play: They huddle forlorn in a frightened heap.

A month should pass before the snows: The pasture is warm, but the colt that is there Follows his mother wherever she goes. His nostrils wide as he sniffs the air.

Winter is coming when young sheep wait Broodily bleating outside the fold, When the colt and his mother crop near the gate— Soon will the weather be turning cold.

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# HAVE YOU HEARD

Perhaps the thing most needed in this world is to have people take the Golden Rule home with them on Sunday, instead of leaving it in church.

"My word, I'm badly overworked." "What are you doing?" "Oh, this and that." "When?" "Now and then." "Where?" "Here and there." Well, you must need a holiday."

No News  
Triumphant Suitor: "Well, Willie, your sister is going to marry me! How is that for news?"  
Willie: "Huh! Are you just NOW finding that out?"

As Good As Any  
Billy's mother looked at him accusingly.  
"What have you done with all your money, son?" she asked. "Your little bank is empty."  
"Well, mother, answered the boy, "yesterday was a rainy day, so I spent it."

A man said recently that the nastiest phrase in the English language was: "I told you so."

Lecturer—I speak the language of wild animals.  
Voice in Rear — Well, next time you meet a skunk, ask him what's the big idea."

Many a man who used to play golf to keep in the pink has given it up to keep out of the red.

Man — "My wife always gets hysterical when I stay out late at night."  
Friend — "Hysterical, you mean."  
Man — "No, hysterical. She digs up all my past."

Correct this sentence: "She married a rich guy," said the gossip, "but it didn't make her feel important."

Druggist — "Yes miss, you will find that most ladies like this lip-stick."  
Young Lady — "You couldn't—er—tell me the kind the men like, could you?"

Cave men used to knock girls senseless, but that is no longer necessary.

Socialist Father—"What do you mean by playing truant? What makes you stay away from school?"  
Son — "Class hatred, father."

"A friend is not a fellow who always falls for shams."  
A friend is one who knows your faults and doesn't give a damn."

The Dub — Do you consider it sinful to play golf on Sundays?  
Old Timer — It may be. But don't worry. What you play couldn't be called golf.

Some men give their children dimes for the church for the same reason they buy lightning rods.

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us. Defeat is nothing but education; it is the first step towards something better"

Professor — What do you know of Syntax?  
Freshman — Did they have to pay for their fun, too?

You have probably noticed that in some families the children seem to climb to a common sense altitude much more rapidly than do their parents.

A Dalmatian dog named Pongo Murgatroyd is a collaborator in Miss Dottie Smith's new play, Call it a Day. So she told me yesterday at the Globe Theatre, where the play is in rehearsal. She did most of the work on it while walking about the country her Essex cottage in Pongo Murgatroyd's inspiring company. "If he barked approval I knew I was on the right track," she said.—Report in News Chronicle.

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# BIG BEN

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## Sheep Dogs Will Display Skill

A novelty in animal work in Canada—action displays of sheep-dog skill and intelligence—will be held nightly during the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, November 20th-23rd. The intelligence shown by good sheep dogs in handling sheep and in understanding a shepherd's will with scarcely a motion or a sign from him is uncanny.

Sheep-dog "trials" and displays are regular features of rural life, especially in conjunction with plowing matches, in the large sheep-raising districts of Scotland and Wales, and old country farmers speak of them as "the shepherd's pride." A good sheep-dog will round up a flock, often three-quarters of a mile away, drive them between distant hurdles, around far-off posts in figure eight, and "cast" or separate a marked sheep from the remainder, driving it to a different post.

At the recent International Sheep-Dog Trials at Blackpool, England, over 30,000 people watched the performances, and the enthusiasm was remarkable when a Welsh dog beat all comers from England, Scotland and Ireland and even the far-away Orkney Islands, from which the dogs had been flown by airplane.

The Royal Winter Fair display is being put on by W. H. Martin who has a ranch at Maple Creek, Sask. He has won championships and first prizes at all Western Canadian Sheep-Dog Trials and his recent displays in the ring were considered most attractive features of Prairie Province Fairs. He will bring three dogs to the Royal.

As a variant to driving and penning sheep, Mr. Martin will also demonstrate how the dogs can drive a flock of geese with hardly a word from their master.

## "THIS ENGLAND"

Collected by the New Statesman and Nation.

The imposing tonnage and armament of corresponding foreign types has compelled our naval authorities to recast their new designs on the basis of increased size and extra gun-power. I am in a position to state possibly that this program has no bearing whatever on

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