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**Settle for \$1,500 for
Grain Burned in Mill**

An out-of-court settlement, for payment of \$1,500 to Ux-Spring Farms Limited, was approved in High Court last week by Mr. Justice W. Judson. Solicitor for the plaintiff was Arthur Greer, Q.C. The defendant, James Goodall Limited of Port Perry, was represented by R. D. Humphreys,

Q.C. According to the statement of claim, the plaintiff is a grower of grain who took 5,500 pounds to the Goodall Mill at Port Perry for cleaning. Part of the seed grain was cleaned and returned to the plaintiff while the balance was stored. On October 17, 1951, fire destroyed the mill and the wheat. The plaintiff claimed that the fire was not entirely accidental and that since insufficient care had been taken of his wheat, the Goodall

**Winter Shelter for
Beef Cattle**

The essential features of winter shelter for beef cattle are a dry bed and protection from cold winds. Elaborate buildings are not required to provide these elementary comforts.

For many years the Experimental Farm, Brandon, Man., has used an open front shed, with frame walls and a pole roof covered with straw, with satisfactory results. The three sides of this building are single-boarded and set on cement footings. The south side is completely open, facing the corrals where hay and silage are fed. A shed of this nature, with corrals on the south side, provides a shelter that is adequate, reasonably permanent, relatively cheap in construction and adaptable to efficient handling of beef cattle in the winter months. The only improvement in this type of shed that would seem warranted is the replacement of the straw roof with one of more permanent nature.

Shelters of more elaborate types, says W. N. MacNaughton, Animal Husbandman at the Farm, should be considered only if the building can serve some additional purpose, such as the storage of hay under cover. Even to serve this additional use the building does not need to be an expensive one. A shed of the style described, but of considerable depth, could be used for hay storage with a space of six or eight feet left along the open side. This space would provide ample shelter during the early months of winter and as the hay is fed out more shelter space under cover would be available to the stock. A shed of this nature would lend itself particularly well to methods of self-feeding hay to cattle.

Any cattle shelter should be located on a well drained site where full advantage can be taken of natural shelter. It should be conveniently located in respect to the winter's feed and water supply.

firm was liable for its value.

Cause of the fire was a spark from an unprotected bulb at the end of an extension cord. Workmen were using the cord to make repairs to machinery at the mill.

We wonder if folks who buy coal this winter will have to dig deeper than the miners.

As the Windsor Star observes: "Western farmers are completing the year's second harvest with the weatherman in rare form. And under four different types of government, too."

Township of Markham

CLERK'S NOTICE OF FIRST POSTING OF

VOTERS' LIST

Notice is hereby given that I have complied with section 12 of The Voters' List Act and that I have posted up at my office at Unionville, Ontario, on the 5th day of November 1952, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said Municipality at Municipal Elections and that such list remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law, the last day for appeal being the 22nd day of November, 1952.

Dated at Unionville, Ontario, this 5th day of November, 1952. 27-2

Chas. Hoover, Clerk, Township of Markham.

**Fattening Cockerels
For Market**

As the consumer has become quality conscious it is necessary that a high quality, eye appealing product be put on the market. Although in Saskatchewan, says J. H. Strain of the Scott Experimental Station, the quality of the poultry marketed over the past few years has improved, there are still far too many poor quality birds reaching the market. The main reason is that the birds are being marketed in an unfinished condition. When poultry is well cared for during the growing period they build a good framework and develop muscles in order that flesh and fat can be laid down during the fattening period. The main purposes for fattening are to increase body weight, to soften the muscles and to improve the quality. All birds to be fattened should be selected carefully, discarding any that are not healthy and that show apparent defects such as crooked keels and keel cysts.

For the roaster market it is wise to begin fattening at from 24 to 28 weeks of age. The most efficient method for fattening is crate fattening. In trials run at the Experimental Station, it has been found that the reason for this is not the increase in weight so much as the higher grade of the birds put on the market from crate fattening as against pen fattening.

Poultry are able to digest feeds high in carbohydrates (cereal grains) quite readily and any excess over body requirements is transformed into fat. Corn has been found to be superior to all other cereal grains for fattening but its scarcity makes it uneconomical in some areas. Comparative tests on single grains rate them as follows: corn, oat groats or hull-less oats, wheat, oats and barley. Tests carried out showed that a mixture using equal parts wheat, oats (hulls removed) and barley gave quite satisfactory results. Milk is the best mixer, using two parts milk to one part mash. If milk is not available, water may be used but meat meal should be added to make up ten per cent of the mash.

Another important factor in fattening is the length of the fattening period. Three to four weeks are required for pen fattening compared to two weeks for crate fattening. The best time of day to move cockerels to the fattening quarters is in the afternoon as there is a tendency for them to be quieter and easier to catch. As competition is keen it is advisable to place birds of a uniform size in each crate. The cockerels should be treated for lice before moving to fattening quarters.

All feed should be mixed several hours prior to being used to give the mixer (milk) a chance to thoroughly soak into the mash. The amount of feed should be sufficient to enable birds to clean it up in twenty minutes. In order to keep their appetites keen any remaining after this time is removed.

When marketing birds in the dressed condition proper killing and plucking is just as important as proper finishing from the eye appealing standpoint of the product.

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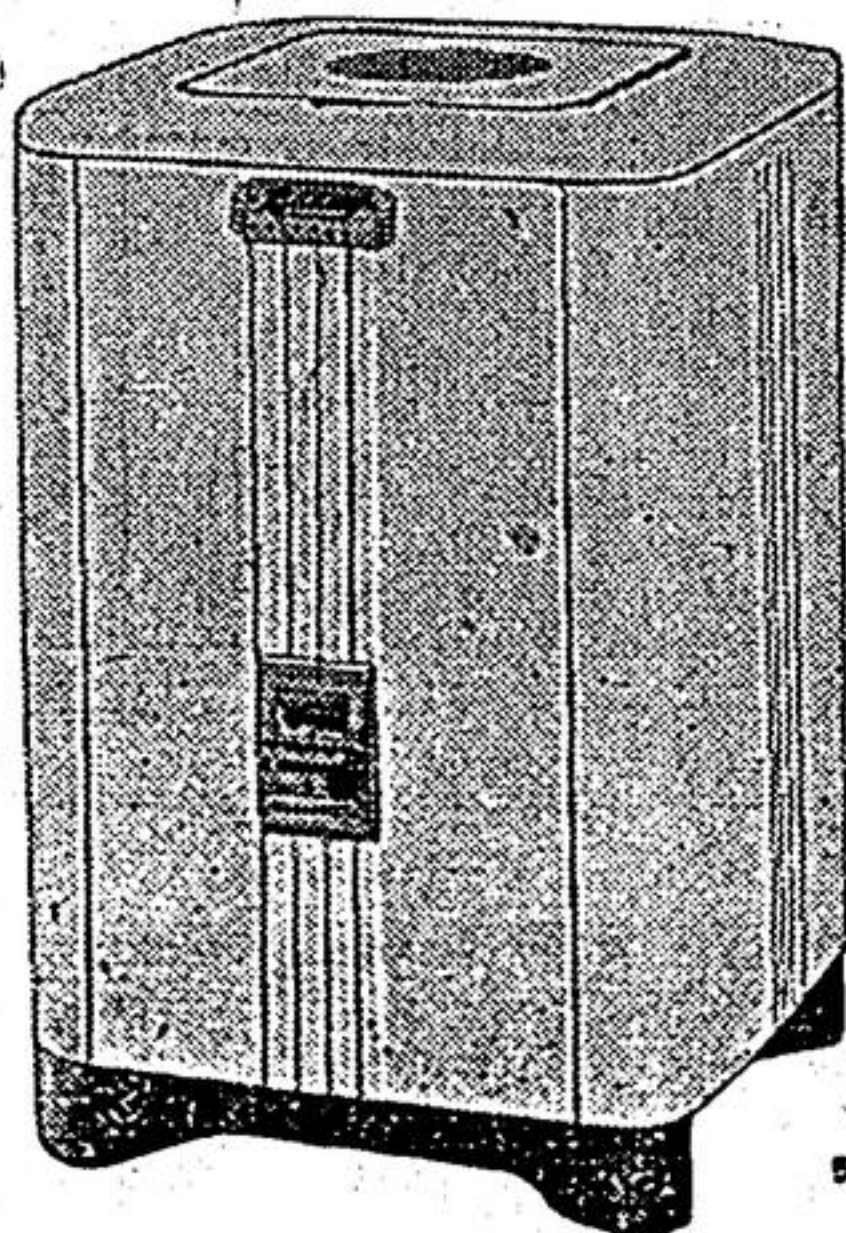
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