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Tips For The Farmers

BY UNCLE JOSH

A recent discussion about sheep before the British National Sheep Society, brought out some very strong points in favor of keeping sheep on the farm. While conditions here are not the same as in Great Britain, yet so far as sheep husbandry is concerned there is nothing in the conditions prevailing in Canada, especially in Eastern Canada, that makes sheep raising any more risky than in the old land, where they have been the stand-by of the farmer for many a year. It is pointed out that the sheep not only returns to the soil eighty per cent. or more of the fertility contained in the food he consumes, but he consumes classes of foods that other animals neglect; he is a browser, and in the newer districts of the world helps to eradicate various shrubs that are a nuisance and obnoxious in the pastures. On the cultivated farms he becomes a weed exterminator and conservator, consuming and turning into wool and mutton seventy-five per cent. of the weeds in most agricultural districts, thus laying claim to being one of the most helpful, if not the most helpful domestic animal, in improving conditions upon the farm, as well as conserving its fertility.—Exchange.

In the North-West provinces where the bulk of the field grain is produced, the averages of quality are uniformly high. Compared with last year, spring wheat in Manitoba is 87 to 81 per cent. of a standard; oats, 89 to 73, and barley, 85 to 68. In Saskatchewan, wheat is 93 to 61; oats, 94 to 67, and barley, 91 to 58. In Alberta, spring wheat is 89 to 77; oats, 90 to 84, and barley, 84 to 80. These high qualities applied to a total output of 350,000,000 bushels at the highest market prices realized in a quarter of a century, are an indication of the country's fortune, reaped from the soil of the prairies this year. In all the provinces as well as in the North-West, the records of grain crops are satisfactory.

Never, says the Breeder's Gazette, was there a better time for founding pedigree herds of best cattle than now. Prices of such stock are low and at the same time there is every indication of continued firmness in the market for those of the progeny of these cattle which are intended for the block.

Joseph Wing, writing in the Breeder's Gazette, says that soil in which sweet clover has been grown will serve for the purpose of inoculating the seed of alfalfa. Since sweet clover is grown on the roadside almost everywhere in Ontario, there should be no difficulty in securing a sufficient supply of soil with which to inoculate alfalfa seed. All that is required is to take six or eight handfuls of soil from the ground where sweet clover is growing and mix it with twenty pounds of alfalfa seed to secure inoculation of enough of the latter for an acre of land.

The Mark Lane Express describes the work done by what is called the "agricultural motor" in plowing. This motor can be used for operating many kinds of farm machinery, as well as for stationary work, but it is particularly valuable in the work of plowing. It will haul a three-furrow plow, even in wet ground, at three and a half to four miles per hour, and make furrows with an average depth of six inches. In medium soil it will plow six acres in nine hours, at a cost, including wear and tear, of about \$6.50.

Late in the fall, says William Renie, in Successful Farming, any manure that is on hand should be spread on the land and then the soil ribbed across with a double mould board plow. The effect of this ribbing is to put all the surface soil, as well as manure, in the centre of the narrow ridges. This again prevents the manure and the soluble fertility from leaching away during the winter. Not only this, but the frost is let into the sub-soil to loosen it, and the land will dry out much earlier in the spring and will make a much better seed bed than could otherwise be obtained.

How many head of poultry should be kept on the average hundred-acre farm, and what should be the gross revenue?

One hundred laying hens are not too many, and they should produce a gross yearly revenue of \$300.

The hundred hens should lay 800 dozen eggs in the year. Fifty dozen eggs would be required to produce 300 chickens each spring. From the chickens 50 of the best pullets each fall, and 50 hens would be killed off each year. The flock would, therefore, consist of 50 pullets and 50 year olds. The former would be the winter layers, and from the latter would be taken eggs for hatching in the spring. The year's receipts would be made up approximately of the following items: 750 dozen eggs at 20c. a dozen, \$150; 30 one-year-old hens at 50c., \$25; 25 breeding cockerels at \$1, \$25; 225 fat chickens at 50c. each, \$112. Total, \$312.

Counting the chickens before they are hatched? No, this is counting the money after it is earned.—Farming.

Produce and Prices.
Kingston, Oct. 30.—Prices were quoted to the Whig as follows:
Fish—Salmon trout, 12c. lb.; skinned digby herring, 20c. lb.; whitefish, 12c. lb.; pike, 10c. lb.; Chinook salmon, 30c. lb.; kippered herring, Yarmouth bladders, 40c. doz.; perch, 30c. doz.; frogs' legs, 40c. lb.; Atlantic salmon, 30c. lb.; salt codfish, 7c. to 15c. lb.; halibut, 20c. lb.; fresh haddock, 10c. lb.; bullheads, 12c. lb.; red herring, 20c. box; mackerel, 15c. lb.; lake trout, 15c. lb.; herring, 15c. lb.; herring, 15c. lb.; fresh lobsters, 25c. lb.; sea bass, 12c. lb.; pickerel, 12c. lb.; mackerel, 15c. lb.
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MISMALED.

Unhappy Marriage the Lot of Many Famous Men.

"No sun warmed my rooftop; the marriage was a blunder, she was nine years my senior." Seldom did the last of the great Victorian novelists, George Meredith, refer to his first marriage, in 1840, with Mary Ellen, Nicholas, widow of Lieutenant Nicholas and daughter of Thomas Love Peacock, writes an English paper. "But on one occasion he broke the silence concerning that unhappy episode in his life with the foregoing pathetic words. It is some satisfaction to know that when the first Mrs. Meredith died, in 1899, this great writer enjoyed some twenty years of much happier domestic life with Miss Vulliamy, a lady of French descent, whom he married in 1844 and who died in 1855.

Several other men of genius contemporary with George Meredith had reason to regret the matrimonial yoke. John Ruskin, for instance, after falling in love at a boy with a beautiful French girl whom he wooed with poems, romances, dramas and mute worship, receiving nothing in reply but chilly indifference and ridicule, married at the age of twenty-nine a lady of great beauty, Euphemia C. Gray, of a family long intimate with the Ruskins. The marriage, we are told, was arranged by the parents of the couple, and was somewhat hurried, and brought no happiness to either. Ruskin was immersed in his studies and projects, while his wife was devoted to society, and six years after the marriage she left him, obtained a nullification under Scotch law and ultimately became the wife of John Everett Millais.

Then there was George Frederick Watts the famous Royal academician, who, when he was forty years of age, married Miss Ellen Terry, who was not then out of her teens. As might have been anticipated, the union of two such artists, only one of whom was permitted to pursue his art, was a tempting disaster, and after a short time the marriage was dissolved. Subsequently Watts married a Scotch lady, with whom he lived for years in great happiness.

Tragic in the extreme was the marriage of Carlyle to Jane Welsh, whose heart had been given to Edward Irving, but the girl's mother was engaged to her son. The absence of love coupled with the bad temper and irritability of the famous historian led to much unhappiness both for himself and his wife. The confession that the years were to her the "littlest of death."

The Chancellor from Wales.
"The business man of the Cabinet," Mr. Lloyd-George, has lately having the tussle of his life lately with his Finance Bill, but he always has been a hard fighter.

Born of a family of Welsh farmers, David Lloyd-George and his sister were in infancy left fatherless. They were brought up by an uncle who was only a village shoemaker, but had spirit enough to set himself to learn Latin and French, in order to coach David for his preliminary examination, which enabled him to become a solicitor at twenty-one.

Young Lloyd-George early showed the stuff that is in him, and in his struggling days he was responsible for the forcible entry of the villagers into the churchyard to bury an old quarryman beside his daughter, as he had requested. Legal proceedings followed, but eventually Lord Chief Justice Coleridge found that the villagers had acted within their rights.

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