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AGRICULTURAL TOPICS FOR WHIG READERS

Conversation The Issue. Farmer Jones, over the fence: 'Does your cow give a lot of milk?' Farmer Town, lately from the city ago. "Well. I think she would give a lot but my wife and Lagreed we would be saving of it, and I only milk a

Cows That Wenr Well.

One of the many advantages reaped from systematic cow testing is the fact that it not only detects cows of indifferent value (saving dairymen the burden of providing for worth less cows instead of their having cles. good cows, to support thein), but also it has frequently discovered valu able cows. For instance, a furnier at Enuismore, Ontario, had a smail undersized "native" cow which he in tended to seil, not placing much value on her. But cow testing showed that she is one of the best in the herd, both for milk and fat produc-Don't sacrifice good cows.

This recalls another cow at Ayer Cliff, Quebec, bought at auction for others as the four poorest in the herd of the man who was selling. He will not act as a referee in the Great size of an abdominal pouch Jout. The present owner believes in matter of quality.- J. A. Ruddick low testing, and has refused \$100 for her; she gave 322 pounds of fat la seven months.

The men who have built up herd: that average 8,000 or 9,000 pounds who know, through having proved! it, that cow testing pays. Your cow may be like fancy china, of very fine appearance, but they may not wea But the tested cows, that do produce, that do wear well, ma bring you in sixty or seventy dollar each during the seven months' fac

Advantages of Lucerne. As to the advantages of growing lucerne, Professor P. G. Holden say "It produces a large yield per acre nore than double that of clover, "It is rich in protein, having al

ost as high a feeding value as bran "It is the most enriching crop for the ground which we have. "When a good stand is once secur ed it will generally last four/to si

"It can be fed as hay to all kind

Growing Alfalfa. Four years ago, the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, instituted a competition to stimulate interest in the production of alfalfa throughou the province. Six thousand dollar I were, set aside for prizes to awarded for the best fields of alfalf; of two years' standing, the individua prizes varying from \$500 to \$75, be sides which a grand champion prize will be awarded to the owner of the best field in the completion. judging was fixed to take place 1914, for which purpose the province was divided into four sections. Dear Rutherford of the College of Agriculfarms which have already been judg ed have shown results far in anticl

Ham, Jel- falfa; yet it has been successfully de agricultural conditions on western

Work the Soil. All orchard soils should be kept

well worked during the summer of feed. months. It is very essential that Phone 549. these should have an abundant sup- erned the outlook is quite encour- Meat, beat, local, carcase, 12c. ply of moisture during the whole aging. At one time the fear was carcase, cuts, 10c. to 22c.; mutton, of the growing season. The trans for over-production the world over, 111c. to 14c.; live hogs, \$8; dresspiration from fruit and foliage is and consequently fow prices. The cd hogs, 12c.: veal, 8c. to 12c.: lamb, considerable at any time; but during June drop, resulting from drouth, by carcase, \$6; western beef, 14c. to the hot and windy weather the and injury by tent caterpillars com- | 15c., by carcase. amount of moisture which is require bined, have removed all danger of Dairy-Butter, creamery, 30c.; prints ed by a tree, and which is ultimately; ranspired from the tree, is very exentional

Excessive transpiration is often he cause of loss of young trees and of new grafts. They are found to part with a large amount of moisture, and are not able to retain or obtain sufficient for their nourishment; they then very soon wither and die. The soil around these should on kept well stirred, they should also be given a good straw mulch.

Successful Farming.

The problem of successful farming nowadays must depend for its soluion on intensive culture, which means that the crops grown one after another in quick succession must be sown in soil worked into a condition as perfect as possible, and must be regularly nourished with ample supplies of available plant-food. It horses are put to extra hard work they are supplied with extra rations. including energy-producing grain; similarly the soil, if expected to produce quick succession of exhausting crops, must be supplied with the nourishing material to enable it to bear with success the strain. Farmyard manure applied in moderate quantities will maintain the soil in a good physical condition, and will keep it supplied with humus. Then phosphate of lime and potash in suitable forms must be used liberally, the fertilizing elements in them are not liable to be washed away, and therefore any balance not utilised by one crop remains available for the next. Deep ploughing with thorough harrowing must be given before all seeding, for we must understand that one great advantage in using fertilizers is that they are so fine that they may be worked or mixed through the soil, and unless the soil itself is thoroughly cultivated this cannot be done.

Weighing Inspector Appointed.

with the recommendations made

cheese, are requested to notify him at the department of agriculture, 223 Commissioners street. Montreal, Quebec, (Phone M. in 4145) if they have any complaints to make respecting the weighing of these arti-

The inspector has instructions public weigher at Montreal, and cases where he finds any evidence of excessive short weight it will be his duty to investigate without specific

Mr. Gareau is a graduate of the are scalded. theesemaker and an inspector for the duce heavy laying in any breed. and butter trade.

Dairy and Cold Storage Commis

Nova Scotia's Untilled Acres

Food for thought is contained the figures given by the census and statistics branch of the departmen Trade and Commerce, According this authority, in Nova Scotia, ev on with three hundred years' settle ment, out of an available area for zuRivation of 8,000,000 acres, not niflion are actually under cultiva ion. Leading merchants in the Mar time provinces feel that with the possibilities possessed by such a widespread territory, the great pro blems to be met are those of ade mate transportation and markets it is pointed out, says a Halifax mes age, that the United States, with it already enormous and rapidly. reasing population, must ultimately become the largest purchaser of Ca nadian products. The fact is not ost sight of, however, of the oppor unities offered by the now fast developing South American Republics which are also bound to become parons of Canadian food products.

Ontario's Crop.

ng in the Weekly Sun. be the lightest in years. The young lover was checked by the drouth ment which colors the eggs. of last summer, and further injured | by the dry cold weather of early acre, and all over the province the table quality instead of quantity.

was a good deal of killing out las All spring cereals will short in the straw, but recent rains should cause heads to fill fairly well. Taking grain crops as a whole they will not be up to the average.

Considerable damage was done to he corn crop in some sections he frost in June, but where that ally well. The feed situation in the province depends more on the outturn in this wing of crops than ever cent, nitrogen two to eight per cent. lied Hocks, Corned Beef, Headcheese, monstrated as remarkably adapted to before. With a good lot of corn phosphoric acid, two to five per odder the winter may be passed over cent., potash eight to nine per cent. my reason corn should fall the res per ton at \$5 to \$8.50. ilt will be disastrous. In any case he situation is such as to call for the most careful saving of every pound

So far as the apple crop is con- clerk reports the following :

this so far as Ontario is concerned. 27c.; eggs, 25c. Present indications point to a norcord crop reduced the prospective radishes, 5c. bunch; rhubarb, 50c. a yield below the average. In the United States, too, early reports of bumper yield have been greatly discounted by later reports, and in Euby rope the crop generally does not prothe royal commission which inquire mise to be more than ordinary. Most berries, 20c. a box; bananas. ed into this question a short time encouraging of all is the fact that 20c. a dozen; oranges, 15c. to 60c. the syndicate uniting a number of a dozen; tomatoes, 15c. per lb.; can-Mr. Gareau is now ready to inves- local Ontario co-operative apple-ship- telopes, two for 25c.; gooseberries. tigate complaints of excessive short ping associations into one organiza- loc, quart; watermelons, 50c. to \$1 weights' or discrepancies between tion already has applications for each; California peaches, 30c. to 40c. the marked weights of butter and double the quantity of apples sold a doz.; pears, 30c. to 40c. a .doz. cheese, and the weights as found by through this organization last year. harvest apples, 50c. a peck; raspberthe public weigher at Montreal. Altogether the outlook for apple ries, loc. a box. Cheese factory and creamery sales- growers, who have looked after their men and feceivers of butter and jorchards, seems a satisfactory one.

> Poultry Pointers phate of lime.

ias a full crop. while the body is still warm.

Dry-picked poultry will stand pressed hav. \$15. longer shipments than those that

Dairy Schools. He has been a and the right kind of care, will pro- Chinook salmon, 30c. per pound; Dairymen's association of the pro- Sudden fright and excitement at steak cod, 124c.; salmon f trout. vince of Quebec, and has also had once tells on the egg crop. Never 15c. per lb.; Saguenay salmon, 30c. nany years experience in the cheese allow strange dogs about where the per lb.; mackerel, 15c. per lb.; pick-

> n a goose indicates great age, fact that is useful in 'purchasing breeding stock.

> Professor Dawley says that chemial analysis of different grains show wheat to contain a larger amount of albumen than any other grin. There ore it is the grain to make the base for egg-producing food.

Eggs should be held in a end down, so that the air trike them, and they should urned every other day. They keep est in a room or cellar where the emperature ranges betwen 40 and

While meat is an excellent food for egg production on account of its nitrogenous quality, there are number of other feeds which also are high in nitrogen, among which may be found linseed meal, malt prouts and gluten feeds.

It is best to salt the morning ash, but not more than one ounce for 100 head of stock should used. Dissolve the salt in hot waer with which the mash is moistened. In this way it will be more evenly distributed.

The first eggs of the brown-egg layers are generally of a good color. but as the hen increases her laying she decreases the amount of color. owing to the gradual loss of the pig-Overgrown fowls are no better in

any particular than those of normal pring. Finally a dry, bot June re- size. The breeding, care and selectarded growth in the old meadows. Ition designed for increasing size The result is that in large areas buy had better be devoted to the dewill not go beyond half a ton to the velopment of laying qualities and

James Rankin says he never sold a broiler in his life, for the reason that the broiler age is just the time when all the danger of mortality has passed. The last two or three pounds can be put on much cheaper than the first. Whoever raises beef or pork knows that this is so. holds his chickens until they

four and a half months old. According to the Central Experiment Station, Ottawa, Canada, the without grave inconvenience. If for This analysis would place the value

> Produce and Prices. Kingston, July 17.-The market



TWO FROCKS IN LATEST STYLE.

One of these young girls wears a very bouffant frock of white pussy Weighing Inspector Appointed. willow taffets with white pearl embroidery on the belt. The tunic is most artfally draped to narrow at the knee, while giving a bustle ef-Agriculture, has appointed J. E. D. fect so fashionable now. More youthful is the other frock which will Garean, "Inspector of Weighing of do duty for dancing also. It is of white nocturne satin with a tunic butter and cheese," in accordance of white tulle.

Vegetables Onions, 5c. bunch; parsmai crop in this province, with qual- ley, 10c. a bunch; beets, 50c. doz.; has a guarantee in every bag for ity excellent in well cared for orch- cabbage, \$1 a doz.; lettuce, 5c. bunch; good quality. doz.; peas in pod, 5c. quart; cucumbers, c. to 7c. each; potatoes, \$1,60 per bag; new potatoes, \$2 a bush. Cherries, 90c. to \$1 a basket; straw-

J. A. McFarlane, Brock street, re-ports grain, flour and feed selling as Oats, 50c per bushel; wheat, \$1 to Green bone is very rich in phos- \$1.10 per bushel; yellow feed corn, 90c. per bushel; bakeys' flour, Never send a fowl to market that | 82.75 to \$3; farmers. flour \$2.75 to \$3. Hungarian patent, \$3.00; In dry-picking pluck the feathers oatmeal, \$3.75 cwt.; rolled oats, \$2.75 per 90 lbs.; cornmeal, \$2 cwt.; bran, Rub the window panes well with \$24.50 ton; shorts, \$26.50; baled straw, old newspapers it will let in the sun- ton; shorts, \$26.50 ton; baled straw, 39 per ton; pressed straw, \$9 a ton;

The Dominion Fish company reports the following prices: Whitefish, 15c. Burlington, Vt., and St. Hyacinthe | Careful breeding, proper feeding, lb.; pike, 12jc. lb.; blue fish, 15c.; fresh haddock, 124c. per pound;

RUINED BY BOOKS.

The Strange Career of a Scholarly Recluse:

London, July 17 .- The hermit Walthamstow is dead, at the age of eighty-six. A once wealthy wine merchant of Mayfair, London, who practically ruined himself by his love for books, Charles Augustus Ward spent can the last years of his life in poverty, a literary recluse. - Mr. Ward inherit ed the wine business in the from his father, with its income over \$5,000 a year; yet, so great was his literary aspirations and-his fatuation for classical and abstruse works that as he himself once marked, he woke up almost on verge of bankruptey-books had been his curse. He sold his business for a few hundreds of pounds and went into retirement more than thirty years

He was a Greek, Latin, Hebrew, French and Italian scholar. He spent all his time collecting books and writing. The last few years of his life he was supported by his sister, who died only three weeks before him, leaving \$7,500. This legacy he has left to charity.

He left 3,000 books, which have been presented to the London library, of which he was one of the earliest members, having joined in 1854. They include a large number of curious old dictionaries, books on occultism, and some which are missing from the London library collection on the famous Letters of Junius controversy:

He was a convinced woman-hater and a great faddist in all food matters, and an epictre. orty books on cookery were among his collection. He had contributed extensively to Notes and Queries, and he was proud to relate that once Carlyle listened to reading of a long manuscript. ually he wrote under the name name of Felthan Burghley. Among his manuscripts are, it is stated, severa

letters which Carlyle wrote to him Mr. Ward dressed shabbily and very quaintly. He was often seen about in a Holland smock or a blue frock coat with brass buttons and a Panama hat with yellow ribbon.

BOON TO HOUSEWIFE.

If Dissolution of Thread Trust is Sustained.

New York, July 16 .- Every housewife in America will enjoy the benefit of competitive conditions in buying spool thread if a dssolution decree in the Thread Trust case, rendered last month in the United States court of New Jersey, is sustained. The Department of Justice issued a statement in explanation of

The government charged that the American Thread company, and its affiliated concerns the J. & P Coates company, Limited, the Clark Thread company and others had monopolized the thread industry and controlled ninety per cent. of the domestic thread trade.

In its action the government charged that there was a community of interest betwen these firms; that through price cutting, misrepresentation by selling agents regarding the standing and business methods of the independents and other monopolistic practices they had monopolized the domestic thread industry.

In praising the work of the Department of Justice in this action s representative of the Blodgett Orswell company predicted that the decision would be helpful to trade 'We feel that this decree w'll go for," he said, "to curb the unfair practices of the great monopoly heretofore controlled by a foreign dictator, and both foreign and domestic autocrats in the thread bustness have been taught to respect just laws enacted for the public

Explorer Sued for \$5,000. London, July 16. - Sir Ernest Shackleton, the celebrated Arctic explorer, has been sued by Josephine Brown for \$5,000. case is down for hearing on 28th shortly after which date Sir Ernest makes his departure on his Antarctic expedition.

Francis R. Shackleton, a broth- dress, because a touch of simple sen- tonholed scallops and French knots. er of the explorer, was imprisoned some time ago on a charge of obtaining money from this woman by

Sir Ernest expresses a strong desire that the suit against him shall be heard as quickly as possible as he has, he asserts, a complete auswer to her affecations.

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broidery will make it very dainty from of average size 3% yards of materials 27 inches wide are required. If bloomers are omitted, 1% yards will be sufficient. For separate bloomers 1% yarr of 27-inch material are needed. The bloomers are cut from an op width of the fabric, but the remaining

portions of the pattern may be laid on

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fold of the goods so that two sides may be cut at the same time. To make the dress first slash to the left of center-front on small "o" perforations; adjust underlap to position corresponding double "oo" and single large "O" perforations at back edges even. Close under-arm and sleeve seams as notched. Turn hem at lower edge of dress on double "oo" perfora tions. Gather on crossline on single mail "o" perforations and make five

rows of shirring above % fach spart



perforation indicates upper edge stay), bringing the two small "o" per forations to under-arm seam. Adjust belt (small "o" perforation indicates upper edge), tacking front end to posttion, small "o" perforation over corresponding perforation in stay. Lap & back as illustrated.

For the bloomers sew tap to stashed edge as notched, fold center, fell fo maining edge over seam. Turn uppe front edge of lap underneath and tack upper edge to position. Close leg sen as notched, close center seam. Gathe upper edges between double "TT" per-Comfortable and dainty designe for in Torations. Hew waistbands to gathered child's dress and bloomers. The dress edges, notobes and centers even. Shift is cut in one piece and bloomers extend lower part on crossing of small of below it, showing a tinish of six rows (perforations and make five rows above. 144 inch apart. Draw in gathers the resquired size and adjust a stay under-Plain gingham, chambray or liners is breath.

Above Patterns Can be Obtained from Newman & Shaw, Princess Street

suggested for this child's one-piece Finish the neck and sleeves with but-