

News And Views Of And For Canadian Farmers

Poultry Breeders' Chance

Canada in past years has imported more poultry and more eggs than she has exported. Yet her production has materially increased, but it has failed to keep pace with the consumption. In twenty years the egg production developed from 64,499,241 dozen to 123,971,034 dozen, but the consumption increased from 11.3 per capita to 17.39. That is to say the individual fondness for eggs had increased over fifty per cent. The population grew in those twenty years, or from 1891 to 1911, according to the census, from 4,833,233 to 7,294,833, an increase of 2,371,599, and the egg production mounted up 58,571,793 dozen. In spite of this fact, and although the exports fell about to zero, 2,378,640 dozen had to be imported. In the same time the number of poultry in Canada grew from 12,529,270 to 29,548,723. Here again, although the increase was close upon thirteen million, the imports exceeded the exports in value to the amount of \$111,636.

FARM-YARD SONG.

Over the hills the farm-boy goes, His shadow lengthened along the land, A giant staff in a giant hand. In the poplar tree, above the spring, The katydid begins to sing; The early dews are falling; Into the stone-heap darts the mink; The swallows skim the river's brink; And home to the woodland fly the crows.

The Feed Situation

(W. S. L., in Weekly Sun, Toronto.)

A short time ago there was promise of abundance of feed for winter. True, hay was short, but cereal crops gave promise of excellent yields, both in grain and straw, and the moderate outlook for corn was offset by the appearance of mangel and turnips. The chief cause for confidence, however, was in the expected plenty of oat straw and coarse grains. The almost uninterrupted succession of soaking rains which have followed up the big storm of the third, have changed all this. Vast quantities of straw have been practically ruined, from a feeding standpoint, and very little of that which remains is free from that musty odor due to frequent wetting. Grain has suffered as well. Aside from the heavy loss in shelling, due to beating down and delay in harvesting, there is serious deterioration in quality. There will be much heating in the granaries, and in not a few cases there will be total loss from rotting in the fields.

KINGSTON MARKETS

Kingston, September 4.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Meats, Dairy Products, Fruit, Vegetables, Grain, and Poultry.

This morning he exhibited a letter from D. W. Shunk, 534 Newman street, Winnipeg, which he said was one of the few sensible ones he had received on the matter of weed extermination. The writer prefaced his remarks with some comments that under the political expediencies of the Roblin regime the matter of weed inspection had become a "pretty expensive joke" in the province.

Not A Well-Known Goat

"Most parts of Canada where livestock production prevails are suitable to the raising of Angoras, especially if the land is high and dry the greater part of the year. They will withstand the rigor of even the coldest winter and do not require any greater shelter than a shed to protect them from wind and storm, provided a sufficient quantity of nutritious food and pure water is supplied. The Angora goat performs a two-fold service in the Canadian scheme of farming. It produces a high grade of mohair and at the same time may be used for the destruction of underbrush on lands to be broken for subsequent cultivation." Such is one of the opening paragraphs of Pamphlet No. 12 of the Sheep and Goat Division of the Live Stock Branch devoted to the Angora goat and a general discussion of methods of management, feeding and breeding, and of mohair production, by T. Reg. Arkell, B.S.A., B.Sc., and Horace V. Bent, B.S., that can be had at no cost whatever by application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The pamphlet gives a brief sketch of the origin and history of the Angora, which from being a native of Turkey in Asia has travelled somewhat extensively into South Africa, is fairly well-known in the United States and not as well-known in Canada as desirable. Mohair, of which Turkey, in times of peace, supplies 10,000,000 pounds annually, South Africa 15,000,000 pounds, and the rest of the world 6,000,000 pounds, is the technical name given the hair of the Angora goat. The word is derived from the French "mohere" and, primarily, from the Arabic "mukhayyar," meaning mohair cloth. This, with a vast deal more information about a particularly useful goat, is furnished in the pamphlet under notice. Nature and the necessary treatment for breeding and raising are set forth with details of market possibilities, of shearing, of grading, and of preparation for shipment. Extracts from letters written by successful breeders in Canada and the United States telling of their experience are printed as well as some account of the complaints to which the animals are occasionally subject, with advice as to preventives and remedies. Illustrations of types and the fleeces carried at various ages lend impressive expression and interest to the pamphlet.

Mr. Shunk suggested, in his letter, that the sowing of rye in August had the effect of smothering out the thistles in the spring when it got an early start of them. He knew also of another remedy, which he said was no experiment. It was prepared to guarantee that it would be a success, and offered to give a demonstration free of charge on the worst patch of sow thistles that could be found in the province. His remedy was in brief to sow the land to sweet clover. He claimed that not only would a valuable crop be grown, but that the thistles would be "smothered out the face of the earth." He added a warning, however, that they would return unless preventive remedies were continued.

The silo preserves the crop with the minimum amount of loss, as the entire plant is made fit for food. The silo equalizes the supply of feed, by carrying a surplus over, in good condition, from one year to another. The silo can be used for ensiling clover or alfalfa during a spell of wet weather, when it would be impossible to cure it for hay. The silo furnishes the most economical, convenient feed for supplementing short pastures during a period of drought.

GAS SAID TO BE THE SECRET OF DUNDONALD'S WAR PLAN

Famous British Invention Rejected Because Too Inhuman Reported to Be the Very Thing the Germans are Using--The Idea is a Hundred Years Old. London, Aug. 22.—Ever since the beginning of the war one has heard from time to time of the famous plan of the first Earl of Dundonald for the destruction of an army against which England might be fighting. Lord Dundonald invented it when he was Admiral Lord Cochrane and he guaranteed with his aid to overcome any enemy against whom he was sent. It is now a full hundred years ago since this famous invention was put in a pigeon-hole, and during all that time it has remained one of the secret documents of the State. It was rejected in the first place as being outside the civilized warfare of the Twentieth Century. The War Office was said to have explained the plan during the first half of the nineteenth century, only to put it back into its pigeon-hole again as being too cruel. At the beginning of the war Lord Dundonald's famous plan was talked of again. Nothing, however, was heard as to what it was until the day before yesterday, when Prof. V. E. Lewis in a lecture to the Society of Arts gave a description of it, which shows that it is nothing more or less than the German plan of using asphyxiating gases. Dundonald's prescription was: "Fires fed with tar and pitch to give dense columns of smoke which would act as a screen for the attack; sulphur burned on the fire to generate sulphur dioxide gas, which would produce asphyxiating fumes and aid the attack."

DAYS OF DRUDGERY PASSED FOR MAJORITY OF WOMEN

And It Is Good Thing, Says Writer in Answer to Lament of Editor. Kansas City Star. The editor of "Better Farming" bemoans the passing of the olden days when women made nearly everything that was eaten, worn and used in the home. He says: The mother of Abraham Lincoln did not live within reach of a department store, neither did she have the money wherewith she could go and buy a pair of ready-made everything nor hang up the bill on the wall. She not only patched the clothes to make them last three or four seasons, but she saved the wool and made lye and with lye and hog grease made soft soap. No electric lights illuminated that little Kentucky cabin. She had to try out the tallow from the mutton and mold it into candles. All these expedients and makeshifts and domestic economies are in the days that have passed. Yes, and the editor of "Better Farming" may recall that the mother of Abraham Lincoln died in the prime of life, died from hardship and drudgery and exposure, died before her time and because she had to cook and weave and sew and knit and make soap and candles and carry water and do the washing and patching and overwork generally, as many another woman died in "the days that have passed." It is a good thing those days of drudgery have passed for the majority of women. It is a bad thing that for so many women they still exist. The Return. They are coming from the mountain. They are coming from the sea. They are coming from the lake-land. Or wherever they may be. They are coming, they are coming. They are coming home again. They are coming with their luggage. And they come on every train. With their brown and sun-kissed faces. With their eyes so bright and clear. From the joy of summer outings. Coming home from far and near. From the mountain, lake and river. From the shore-line of the sea. They are coming in a hurry. Home again to you and me. —Frank Fair, in the St. Louis Democrat. Perhaps You Don't Know. Did you ever know that common bicarbonate of soda will exterminate black ants quickly? It will, and ground cloves also rids a place of the tiny red ones. Stone jars with tight fitting covers make excellent bread receptacles, better than tin boxes.

WISE WORDS BY GREAT MEN OF BRITAIN

Let discord die.—Winston Churchill. We are certain to get to Constantinople.—Sir Edward Pears. Nothing counts except to save the national life.—Lord Haldane. This is not a time for profit, but for equality of sacrifice.—Mr. McKenna. It is a great deal easier to criticize at home than to fight in the trenches.—Sir John Simon. Those whom war has joined together peace must not be allowed to put asunder.—Lord Curzon. If wisdom does not come soon to spare nothing, shirk nothing, shrink from nothing.—Lord Kitchener. Every man who fights in our cause is a hero and every man who dies in it is a martyr.—Bishop of London. If wisdom does not come soon to Europe, it will go straight to bankruptcy in a comparatively short time.—Lord Loreburn. Five great powers are allied together against Germany—ourselves, France, Russia, Italy, and that grand ally, Time.—Winston Churchill. The great curse of humanity for the past forty years has been the yearly addition of a million young savages to the German population.—Sir James Barr. It is a good thing, come, but it will not come of itself. We have got to win it, and the whole nation has got to win it.—Bonar Law. If we lose this war, not only is the possibility of votes for women going to disappear, but also votes for men will be a thing of the past.—Mrs. Pankhurst. It is the duty of every First Lord of the Admiralty to maintain the fleet at all times in a state of instant and constant readiness for war.—Mr. Asquith. The Government still holds that the practices of German submarines are not only in flagrant breach of the laws of war, but are mean, cowardly and brutal.—Mr. Balfour. We had only thirty-five miles of battle front, as against more than 300 miles held by the French, but those thirty-five miles are the crux of the position.—Ben Tillett. Repentance. Billy Sunday told a San Francisco reporter a story about repentance. "Too many of us," he said, "look a repentance in the wrong way. They look at it like the little girl. 'Now, my little girl, tell me, said a Sunday school superintendent, 'which would you rather be—beautiful or good?' " "I think," the little girl answered thoughtfully, "that I'd rather be beautiful—and repent."

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