

News And Views Of And For Canadian Farmers

Eggs Are New, Only Once.

Many of the eggs produced in this country are lost through carelessness in gathering and handling them.

The aim of the keeper of a flock of hens for laying purposes should be to obtain the highest ruling price for fresh eggs.

Size of the eggs laid by different individuals of the breed is hard to govern, and it would not always be wise to discard hens that lay an under or over-sized egg.

STARTING VEGETABLE PLANTS. The kitchen window should afford ample room for growing enough early plants for the average home garden.

An egg that has been chilled to the most satisfactory temperature for keeping, directly after it is laid, will possibly be in better condition at the end of several weeks than the egg that is placed in the pot within four or five days of laying.

If eggs shipped on the day they are laid are found to be stale on arrival at market then something must be wrong with the shipping or else the hen house is in bad order and must be overhauled.

opportunities to give the plants the benefit of a greenhouse, but the kitchen answers the purpose very well. I use a method in starting the plants that avoids transplanting.

A Seasonable Suggestion

Now that the regular factory patron is getting to think more and more about cow testing, preparing in many localities to take weights and samples as soon as the first cow freshens, it would seem opportune for more factory owners to consider this matter seriously.

The assistance from the dairy division of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa is just as liberal as in former years. Where a cow testing association is organized and a thoroughly competent person will do the testing of milk samples from individual cows once a month, supplies of preservative tablets and sulphuric acid will be sent free of charge.

deep, and if a size to fit the window shelves and a hold a certain number of ordinary small tin cans, is made of half-inch pine lumber.

THE POULTRY IN FEBRUARY. If some of the hens show signs of broodiness this month make sure that they mean business before risking valuable eggs under them, and never start a setting unless you have warm quarters for the hen and chickens.

New Zealand's Agricultural Growth

The New Zealand Government has an official register for merit. The Government service has also been instrumental in the production of butter from cheese-factory whey, and with good results.

Plant-breeding work is in active progress on two farms, and at three farms young men are given instruction practically without cost to the parents.

Experts have been employed to consult and advise with the dairy interests to great advantage. They inspect sites for manufacturing depots, furnish plans, give instruction in most improved methods, and grade the output before exportation.

inevitable cold snap and snow come. Mate up the poultry and prepare for early setting of eggs.

According to a census bureau estimate, 30 per cent. of the deaths in the United States are due to heart

The Latest Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards to-day were: 641 cattle, 46 calves, 1,613 hogs, 1,615 sheep.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market, irregular; beefs, \$6.60 to \$9.65; stockers and feeders, \$5.60 to \$7.30; cows and heifers, \$3.15 to \$8.20; calves, \$8.75 to \$11.25.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.30 1/2 to \$1.31; No. 3 red, \$1.28 to \$1.29; No. 2 hard, \$1.30; No. 3 hard, \$1.25 to \$1.30.

Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—No. 1 Northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.23 1/2; No. 3 Northern, \$1.20 1/2; No. 4, \$1.16 1/2; No. 5, \$1.09 1/2; No. 6, \$1.03 1/2; feed, 96 1/2 c.

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Honey at Montreal.

Honey at Montreal is steady at last week's advance. Quotations are: White, extracted, 12c to 12-1/2c per lb.; brown, extracted, 10c to 11c; buckwheat honey, 8c to 9c.

Wool at Toronto.

Toronto's wool prices are given by E. T. Carter & Co., at the following level: Wool, washed, 40c to 44c per lb.; wool, rejections, 33c to 35c; wool, unwashed, 28c to 32c.

Beans at Toronto.

Beans at Toronto are unchanged this week. Gunns are offering \$3.75 per bushel for 1-1/2 lb. pickers. The common run of receipts are unchanged at a quotation of from \$3 to \$3.50 per bushel.

Beans at Montreal.

The Montreal market for beans is unchanged this week. Three-pound pickers are selling at \$3.50 to \$4; five-pound pickers are quoted at \$3.75 to \$3.80 and undergrades \$3.60 to \$3.70 per bushel.

American Horse Market.

Rough, big horses have been a slow sale at Chicago. Chunks of big weight and drafters with flesh and quality are holding their own, the former selling around \$215, and the latter at \$225 to \$250, with a few above the latter figure.

Kingston Markets

Kingston, Feb. 19th. Meats: Beef, local carcasses, 99 10; Beef, hinds, lb., 10 11; Beef, cuts, lb., 15 23; Beef, western, by carcass, lb., 11 12; Hogs, live, cwt., 10 00; Hogs, dressed, cwt., 14 00; Lamb, spring, by carcass, lb., 17 17; Mutton, carcass, lb., 11 11; Veal, by carcass, lb., 10 10; Veal by gr., lb., 08 14.

New York Hay Prices.

Hay is unchanged through at New York this week. Prime timothy hay still sells from \$1.30 to \$1.36 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$1.25 to \$1.30; No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.20; No. 3, \$1 to \$1.05; clover, 90c to \$1.15; rye straw, 65c to 72 1/2c, according to quality.

Seeds at Toronto.

J. A. Simmers quote prices as unchanged this week from last, with the situation practically steady. Red clover is quoted as selling from \$10 up to \$13, according to grade. Alfalfa sells from \$7.50 to \$10 per bushel.

Cheese.

New York, Feb. 18.—Cheese steady, receipts, 3,418; state, whole milk, flats, held, colored, specialties, 18 1/2c; do, white, 18c; do, colored, average, fancy, 18c; do, white, 17 1/2c; flats current make, specialties, 17 1/2c; do, average run, 17c to 17 1/2c.

Apples at Montreal.

Montreal apple market is reported as follows: Spies, \$5.50, \$3.75 and \$3 for 1 1/2, 2 1/2 and 3 1/2; Baldwin and Greenings, \$4, \$3.50 and \$2.50; Golden Russets and Rox Russets, \$4.50, \$3.75 and \$2.75; Phoenix, Canada Red and Stark, \$4, \$3.25 and \$2.50.

Poultry.

Ducks, lb., 20; Chickens, live, lb., 15; Chickens, lb., 20; Hens, dressed, lb., 16; Hens, live, lb., 22; Turkeys, lb., 25.

Dairy Products.

Butter, rolls lb., 33; Butter, dairy lb., 35; Butter, creamery lb., 40; Cheese, lb., 22; Eggs, cooking, doz., 30; Eggs, fresh, doz., 35.

Vegetables.

Beets, bush., 50; Cabbages, 40; Celery, bunch, 05; Potatoes, bag, 2 10; Potatoes, bush., 1 40; Parsnips, bush., 50; Onions, bush., 1 00; Turnips, bag, 50.

Grain.

Barley, bush., 80; Bran, ton, 25 00; Buckwheat, bush., 85; Corn, yellow feed, 50; Corn, bush., 95; Corn, meal, cwt., 2 45; Flour, cwt., 3 75; Hay, baled, ton, 20 00; Hay, loose, 18 00; Oats, local, bush., 45; Oats, Man., bush., 60; Straw, baled, ton, 9 00; Straw, loose, ton, 8 00; Wheat, local, bush., 1 15.

Furs and Hides.

Below are the ruling market prices for hides, skins and raw furs. These prices represent the full value of the articles quoted, and have been approved as correct by John McKay, Ltd., for dealers: Horse hides, No. 1, \$4.00; Beef skins, trimmed, lb., 14c; Sheep skins, fresh, 32.50; Veal skins, lb., 1.50; Deacons, \$1.00; Tallow, rendered, lb., 6c; Beeswax, clear, lb., 25c; Ginseng, wild, lb., \$7.00; Mats, spring, 40c; Foxes, No. 1, per skin large, \$2.50; Raccoon, No. 1, per skin large, \$2.50; Skunk, 50c to \$2.00; Mink, 50c to \$3.00.

Kaiser A Tired Man.

How did the Kaiser look? Well, I will tell. Whether it be due to the fatigues of the war, the effects of a two-day journey, or ill-health I cannot say. So much is certain—the face is that of a tired and broken man. The hair is white, though the moustache is still suspiciously dark. There was an absence of the old activity of gesture, the quick, nervous wheeling about and unstable manner of the man, all of which I remember distinctly from my previous encounter with him in 1908.

Which To Omit.

"The younger members of a congregation sometimes ask shrewd questions," says a parson. "I once told a very young class that there were as many commandments as fingers and thumbs on the two hands. One of my listeners introduced a small friend to me a day or so after with the question: 'Please, sir, here's Jim. He's only got three fingers on his left hand on account of an accident, and me an' him's been talking it over since last Sunday which one of them commandments wouldn't belong to him.'"

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A Double Service. The citizen who insures his life performs a service to the State as well as to his dependents. Through the contributions of their policyholders the Canadian life companies subscribed over \$8,000,000 towards the government war loan, and in 1915 they invested \$75,000,000 in municipal debentures, mortgages, industrial and utility bonds, etc., all calculated to promote the general progress of the community. Unless gathered together and utilized in this way the money represented would have meant nothing to the country's growth. The funds of the Canada Life, totalling \$56,217,000, are invested profitably as well as usefully, the surplus earned in 1915, \$1,480,000, being one of the most satisfactory in the company's history. The cash dividends paid policyholders in the year totalled over \$2,800,000. The full Report will gladly be sent you on request. Herbert C. Cox, President and General Manager. J. O. HUTTON, General Agent, Kingston.