

News And Views Of And For Canadian Farmers

Ground the Fence Wires To Protect Stock

The loss of live stock from lightning is greatly reduced if not entirely prevented by properly grounded fence wires...

CHOPPED STUFF.

Every sheep pasture should have shade and shelter. The first potatoes of the season in England sold in the field up to 480 per acre...

Reports on Winter Grains.

Experiments have been conducted at the Ontario Agricultural College and throughout Ontario in the past year with Winter Wheat, Winter Rye, Winter Barley, Winter Emmer and Hairy Vetches...

One Form of Co-Operation.

The Farmers' Advocate suggests one simple form of farm co-operation that might well be more generally adopted than it has been...

GOOD DRAINAGE TO ENSURE CROPS

Increased Yields Justify the Expenditure That is Necessary. The reports of "best prospects" in years, for Western crops are beginning to come in...

Market Poultry Culture.

Hog-fat is not desirable. Close-grained carcasses are preferred. Unlimited range makes the flesh more or less tough...

Pure Seed Problem.

"Observer" writing from Napanea to the Globe says: The rapid increase of noxious weeds on Ontario farms should form an interesting subject for our legislators...

Sex of Day-Old Chicks.

With the rapidly growing day-old chick industry the question of sex determination naturally arises. Many buyers would like to order all pullets, all cockerels or a given number of each...

Black Leg in Potatoes.

Testimony is forthcoming that owing to the work of the Dominion plant pathologist, the disease of Black Leg in potatoes has decreased. Still it causes considerable destruction to the potato crop...

Waste of Manure

It has been carefully estimated that the value of the farm manure which is allowed to go to waste in the United States is \$700,000,000. The wheat crop for 1912 has been estimated at 730,000,000 bushels...

Mechanical Tree Planter.

A machine which plants from 10,000 to 15,000 forest tree seedlings a day is now being used at the Letchworth Park forest and arboretum, in Wyoming County, N.Y., according to officials of the forest service who are acting as advisers in the work...

There is nothing which takes away from the value of a good horse so much as bad habits, and unfortunately nothing becomes so easily acquired.

The Latest Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. Toronto, Sept. 1. - Good cattle steady at the Union Stock Yards today. Receipts 2,654 cattle, 228 calves, 691 hogs, 1,890 sheep. Toronto, Aug. 28. - Export cattle choice \$3.28 to \$3.75; butcher cattle choice \$7.75 to \$8.50...

GRAIN QUOTATIONS. Toronto, Sept. 1. - Manitoba Wheat-Track, bay ports, No. 3 northern, \$1.67 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.65 1/2; No. 3 northern, \$1.67 1/2. Chicago, Sept. 1. - Wheat-No. 2 red, \$1.58 1/2; No. 3 red, \$1.51 1/2; No. 1 hard, \$1.54 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.56; No. 3 hard, \$1.53 1/2...

prices on the Toronto fruit market, according to Dawson and Elliott, who are quoting them this week at \$3 to \$3.50 per case, a case carrying about 11 dozen heads. Cucumbers show a wider spread this week, selling at anywhere from 20c up to 60c per 11-pb. basket. Carrots are somewhat lower this week, selling at \$1.25 per bag with beets steady at 75c per bag...

Kingston Markets

Kingston, Sept. 5. Dairy Products. Butter creamery, lb. 40; Butter, rolls, lb. 25; Cheese, lb. 24; Eggs, fresh, doz. 30. Fish. Cod, steak, lb. 18; Eels, lb. 40; Flounders, lb. 12 1/2; Haddock, fresh, lb. 12 1/2; Halibut, fresh, lb. 20; Kippers, doz. 60; Perch, lb. 10; Pike, lb. 10 1/2; Rock-fish, lb. 10; Salmon, lb. 30; Sucklers, lb. 35; Trout, salmon, lb. 18; White fish, lb. 15 (fresh) 15. Poultry. Chickens, dressed, lb. 25; Chickens, live, lb. 28; Hens, dressed, lb. 20; Hens, live, lb. 15; Turkeys, lb. 22 26. Vegetables. Beets, bunch, 05; Carrots, bunch, 05; Cabbage, doz. 1.00 1.50; Celery, bunch, 05; Lettuce, bunch, 05; Cucumbers, each, 05; Onions, green, bunch, 05; Potatoes, bag, 3.00; Rutabagas, new, pk. 60; Rhubarb, bunch, 05. 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: Beef hides, trimmed, lb. 14c; Bison, clear, lb. 95c; Deacons, No. 1 red, \$7.00; Glines, wild, lb. 7.00; Horse hides, No. 1, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Mink, \$60 to \$80.

Dairying Vs. General Farming.

Hoard's Dairyman recently took a census of twenty Wisconsin farms on which dairying is the chief line and compared these with twenty other farms producing general farm crops. The results showed average net profits of \$7,273.90 on the dairy farms and \$491.95 on the general crop farms. Those figures illustrate the whole agricultural history of Wisconsin. In 1859 Wisconsin held first place as a wheat-growing state. Grain growing on the one-crop method followed year after year rapidly exhausted the soil, yields began to fall fast, and one crop after another was lost by the prevalence of insect pests and plant diseases because of the lack of rotation. Cheaper lands farther west more suitable for one-crop farming caused an exodus of people from the state, and the farmers that remained in the state recognized that something had to be done to improve the soil and make farming profitable once more. Diversified farming began to creep in until the dairy cow stopped the panic, and has now made it possible once more to grow grain. Wood ashes should be saved and carefully stored in a dry place until applied to the soil. The potash in wood ashes gives them an unusually high value at the present time, says Prof. L. L. VanSlyke, of the Geneva Station. One out of every ten farmers in Manitoba is a tenant, and two-fifths of the residents of the urban districts are tenants.