

New And Views Of And For Canadian Farmers

Conserving Fertility of Soils.

The soil is the one great factor of foundation not only of agriculture, but of the nation's welfare, hence it is practically impossible to spend an excess and care on its cultivation and preservation.

In cultivation than in methods of mere routine. Having gone minutely into the properties, necessary treatment and application of farmyard manures, the doctor supplies a table giving the approximate average composition of manure (fresh) from various animals, describes the manurial value of clover, the component elements and beneficial influence exercised by fertilizers, and refers to the places occupied by wood ashes and seaweed as potassic fertilizer.

The Potato Crop.

The potato crop in parts of Ontario is reported a failure. The crop in the Edmonton district is immense. Last year when similar conditions in both the Edmonton district and this district prevailed, potatoes were so low in price in the West that many farmers did not dig them.

Destructive Breeding.

There are two distinctive kinds of breeders—constructive and destructive, remarks John Hays, of Wyoming, in Prairie Farm and Home. The constructive breeder is gradually improving his stock, while the destructive breeder is rapidly tearing down by crossing breeds which have taken the constructive breeder generations to build.

Good Roads And the Farmer.

The question of transportation in the Province of Ontario at the present time is a very live issue. Good roads, as an essential to the further development of the province, seem to occupy a position of at least parallel importance to the extension of Hydro Radials and steam railways.

In New Ontario more roads and still more roads is the cry, and money will have to be provided for this purpose; but the urgent need in older Ontario is the improvement of existing roads.

The old complaint that roads are kept in repair, or provided, as the case may be, merely to suit the caprices of motor fiends is losing weight, because the farmer has gradually come to consider an automobile part of his farm equipment, and now looks upon the roads question in a new light.

Macadam roads are said to be unsuitable to the new conditions of motor transportation on the main highway. If this be the case it is a matter for the Provincial Government to take in hand at once, with a view to finding a solution of this difficulty.

The Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yard to-day were 1,114 cattle, 144 calves, 2,189 hogs, 1,715 sheep. Good cattle were firmer; poor stuff went slow; lambs higher, and hogs up 25 cents.

Export cattle, choice, \$8.65 to \$9; butcher cattle, choice, \$7.75 to \$8; medium, \$6.75 to \$7.25; common, \$5.75 to \$6.50; butcher cows, choice, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium, \$5.25 to \$6; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.75; bulls, \$5 to \$7.25; feeding steers, \$6.25 to \$6.50; stockers, choice, \$6 to \$6.25; light, \$5 to \$6; milkers, choice, each, \$50 to \$100; springers, \$60 to \$100; sheep, ewes, \$6.50 to \$8; bucks and culs, \$4 to \$5.50; lambs, \$10 to \$12.75; calves, fed and watered, \$12.25; hogs, \$6 to \$12.

Montreal, September 15th.—There were no choice steers on the market, but good ones sold at \$7.75 to \$8, fair at \$6.75 to \$7.50, and common at \$5.75 to \$6.25, while choice butchers' cows brought \$5 to \$5.75, and bulls from \$5.25 to \$7 per cwt.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Cattle receipts, 16,000; market weak. Prices: Cows, \$6.40 to \$11.20; stockers and feeders \$4.60 to \$7.45; cows and heifers, \$3.40 to \$9.20; calves, \$8.50 to \$13; Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; market steady. Light, \$9.90 to \$11.20; mixed, \$9.75 to \$11.25; heavy, \$9.60 to \$11.10; rough, \$9.60 to \$9.80; pigs, \$6.50 to \$9.65; bulk of sales, \$5 to \$10.80.

Buffalo, Sept. 15.—Cattle receipts, 300; steady. Veal—Receipts, 200; slow; \$4.50 to \$13.50. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; active; heavy, \$11.35 to \$11.50; mixed, \$11.25 to \$11.50; yorkers, \$9.75 to \$13.50; pigs, \$9.50 to \$9.75; roughs, \$9.50 and lambs, \$9.25 to \$11.90; yearlings, \$5.50 to \$9.25; wethers, \$8.25 to \$8.50; ewes, \$3 to \$7.50; sheep, mixed, \$7.50 to \$7.75.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Manitoba wheat, track, bay ports—No. 1 northern, \$1.65 1/4; No. 2, \$1.63 1/4; No. 3, \$1.60 1/4; No. 4, \$1.55 1/4.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.58 1/4; No. 2 northern, \$1.56 1/4; No. 3 northern, \$1.53 1/4; No. 4 northern, \$1.47 1/4; No. 5 northern, \$1.38 1/4; No. 6 northern, \$1.16 1/4; feed, \$1.05 1/4. Oats—No. 2 C.W., feed, 49c; No. 1, 48 1/2c; No. 2, 48c; No. 3, 48c; No. 4, 48c; No. 5, 48c; No. 6, 48c; No. 7, 48c; No. 8, 48c; No. 9, 48c; No. 10, 48c; No. 11, 48c; No. 12, 48c.

Kingston Markets

Dairy Products

Kingston, Sept. 16, Butter creamery lb. 40 Butter, rolls, lb. 35 Cheese, lb. 24 Eggs, fresh, doz. 35

Fish

Cod, steak, lb. 12 1/2 Eels, lb. 10 Flounders, lb. 12 1/2 Finnan Haddie, lb. 15 Hake, lb. 12 1/2 Haddock, fresh, lb. 12 1/2 Halibut, fresh, lb. 25 Kippers, doz. 60 Perch, lb. 10 Pike, lb. 10 1/2 Rock-fish, lb. 12 Salmon, lb. 30 Suckers, lb. 30 Trout, salmon, lb. 18 White fish, lb. 18

Fruit

Apples, peak, 30 Bananas, doz. 20 Cantaloupes, each 10 Gages, green, bskt. 1.00 Grapes, basket 35 Lemons, new, doz. 40 Oranges, doz. 20 Peaches, doz. 30 Peaches, local bskt. 90 Pears, doz. 40 Pears, local bskt. 90 Plums, basket 75 Plums, Ramson; bkt. 1.00 Plum, doz. 15 Potatoes, sweet, lb. 65 Tomatoes, lb. 09 Watermelons, each 75

Grain

Barley, bush. 80 Bran, ton 27.00 Buckwheat, bush. 1.00 Corn, cracked, cwt. 2.10 Corn, meal, cwt. 2.85 Corn, yellow feed, bush. 1.10 Flour, cwt. 4.25 Feed flour bag 1.90 Hay, baled, ton 17.00 Hay, loose, ton 12.00 Oats, local, bush. 60 Oats, Man. bush. 60 Shorts, middlings 28.00 Straw, baled, ton 9.00 Straw, loose, ton 8.00 Wheat, local, bush. 1.35

Honey

White extracted lb. 15

Meats

Beef, lb. 15 27 Local, carcass, lb. 12 1/2 Local, hinds, lb. 13 Western, carcass, lb. 18 1/4 Western, hinds, lb. 17 Western, fronts, lb. 12 Hogs, live, cwt. 12.50 Hogs, dressed, cwt. 17.00 Lamb, spring, by carcass, lb. 18 Veal, by carcass 15 lb. 15

Poultry

Chickens, dressed 25 28 Chickens, live, lb. 15 Hens, dressed, lb. 20 Hens, live, lb. 15 Turkeys, lb. 22 25

Vegetables

Beets, bunch 05 Carrots, bunch 05 Cabbage, doz. 1.00 1.50 Celery, bunch 05 10 Onions, green bunch 05 Potatoes, bag 3.00 Potatoes, new, pk. 60

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, cured, lb. 16c Deerskin, clear, No. 1, lb. 25c Deerskin or Bob Cat, each \$1.50 to \$2.25 Ginseng, wild, lb. \$7.00 Horse hides, No. 1, 35.00 Lamb Skins each 1.60 Sheep Skins, fresh 1.60 Skunk, 50c to \$2.00 Tallow, rendered, lb. 7c Veal skins, to 15 lbs. per lb. 28c Wool, washed, lb. 42c to 45c Wool, unwashed, lb. 32c to 35c

What groceries did Brown advertise?

Advertisement for Everwomans World magazine. Includes images of a 1917 Overland Touring Car, a woman, and various household items. Text describes the magazine's content and offers a contest with prizes.

Rain Was to Blame.

The heavy downpour of rain on Thursday was to blame for there being no meeting of the Portsmouth School Board on Thursday night. A quorum could not be secured, and as a result another meeting will be called for next Thursday night.

Profit-Sharing 'Boy On Farm'

Many men have had difficulty in keeping help on the farm, even after they have gone to the trouble of raising it. Home-grown labor is generally the best, if it is given the right encouragement.

Not only is this year's hay crop in Ontario a phenomenal one in point of yield, but it has been saved with the minimum of labor.

There has scarcely been a case of turning and treading in numerous cases the hay has been lifted in the wagon direct from swath by a hay loader.

We believe that it is not impossible to breed a very high type of cattle which will produce a fair amount of milk, and still possess the conformation necessary for them to be included as very good specimens of beef animals.—Farmers' Advocate.

In Australia, as in Canada, the shortage of manual labor is being met by the increased use of machinery. One Australian farmer, in preparing for his spring seeding, drove a twelve-horse team pulling a ten-furrow plough and a disc.

George Mills & Co. are paying the following for raw furs: Bear, large 18.00 to 22.00 Do, medium 12.00 to 15.00 Do, small 7.00 to 10.00 Fox, large 7.00 to 8.00 Do, medium 5.00 to 6.00 Do, small 3.00 to 4.00 Mink, large 4.00 to 5.00 Do, medium 3.00 to 3.50 Do, small 1.50 to 2.00 M'krats, spring, large 4.00 Do, medium 3.00 Do, small 2.00 M'krats, winter, large 4.00 Do, medium 3.00 Do, small 2.00 Raccoon, large 3.50 to 4.00 Do, medium 2.50 to 3.00 Do, small 1.25 to 1.50 Skunk, black 2.50 to 3.00