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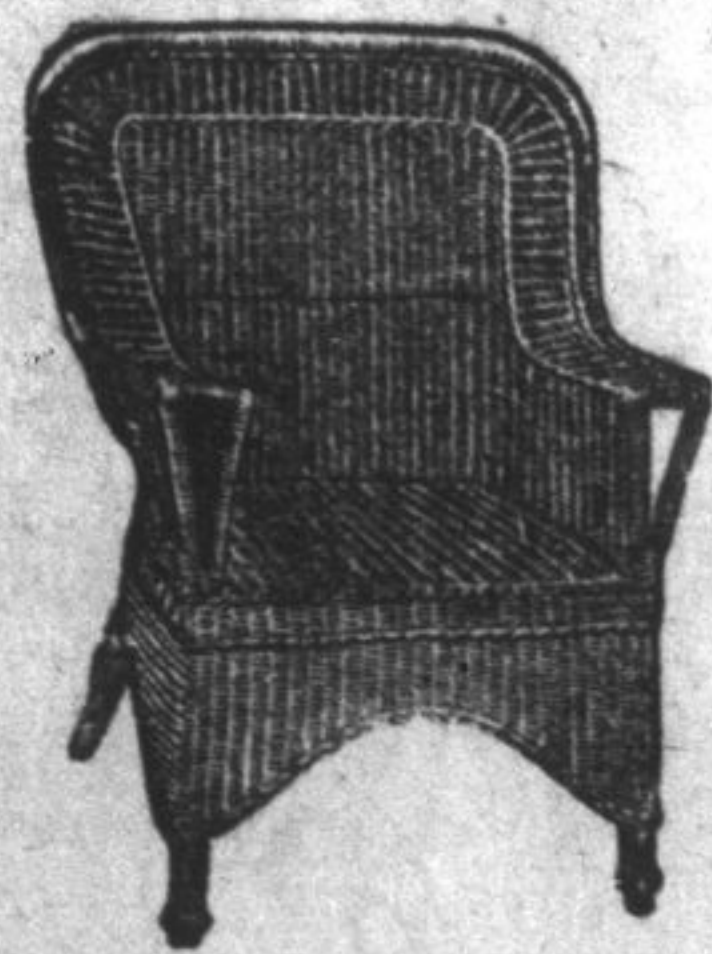
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NEWS OF THE FARM

Better General Outlook—Market for Light Horses—
Treating Wheat Smut—Poultry Notes.

Ontario is a province of mixed farming. The failure of a single crop does not cause general hardship, nor is a wave of depression quickly felt along the concession lines. The farmer's sources of income are varied, and include, dairy and beef cattle, sheep, swine, grain crops, fruit, and many specialties. It is hard to estimate the financial condition of agriculture at a given time, on this account, as many things must be taken into consideration, but the present indications all point to a permanent recovery from the recent hard times. There has been very definite improvement during the past year. In that period the value of all the major farm products have moved ahead. Prices of dairy products, eggs, grains, meat products, fruits and wool today, are well above the 1914 level and what is still more important, are higher than those that prevailed a year ago. Furthermore, by the replacing of poor livestock in many cases with high producing animals, and by the substitution of alfalfa for mixed hay, the cost of farm production has been lowered. Fewer farms are on the market today, whereas the whole of rural Ontario was for sale at bargain prices two years ago. There is a more hopeful feeling in the country this fall, and this feeling, in the shape of increased buying power will be felt in the urban centres as well in a few months. Autumn work begins.

With the harvest safely stored under cover, and threshing well under way, fall work is beginning throughout rural Ontario. Beans are being pulled in the southwestern part of the province, and some table turnips have already been shipped. Silo filling is commencing and will be general in another week. Plowing is well under way. Seeding of fall wheat is reported from a few counties. As a result of the extra large acreage turned under the plow and the present high grain prices, indications point to a larger area than usual in this cash crop. Threshing reports continue to confirm earlier forecasts of a generally good grain crop. There should be no feed shortage on Ontario farms this fall. Just at present a few good shows would be welcome as the ground is getting a little too dry to plow and pastures are beginning to dry up.

More Money for the West.
Harvesting is general on the Prairies. The present crop while light in spots, is generally above the average. The last Government estimate placed the total wheat yield at 350,000,000 bushels for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, but this is likely too conservative, as the late summer weather has been ideal, and many fields which promised but light yields three weeks ago have since filled well. Even if the federal forecast is correct, however, the returns from the present harvest will be \$100,000,000 ahead of a year ago. The present price for October delivery at Fort William runs about \$1.45 for No. 1 Northern. After allowing for lower grades, weed seed dockage, storage charges and selling commission this should net the farmer about one dollar per bushel at country points. This is well above the figure of a year ago and about double that of 1923. There are, too, indications of even better prices than the futures now predict. The short crop in United States will barely suffice for domestic requirements and the European harvest, while much above that of twelve months ago, does not promise any great surplus.

Market for Light Horses.
Light horses are a drug on the market in Eastern Canada and an actual course in the Prairie Provinces and the interior valleys of British Columbia, where these animals are using up good pasturage which is needed by cattle. In order to turn these worthless beasts to some account the Federal Government will make a trial shipment of them shortly to Europe. It is claimed that there is some demand for light horseflesh in Hamburg. If this shipment is successful, others will follow.

More Holsteins at C.N.E.
Following their great showing at Ottawa last week, Holstein breeders have turned out in force at the Canadian National. Last year they had 174 animals in the ring, and this year have 287. Several other breeds register slight advances, but nothing like the showing of the black and whites. The beef classes are about the same as last year, with a few more Angus and fewer Herefords. The number of county herds has risen to 22, Perth leading with a Holstein herd of 50. Many of these animals are from small breeders' herds, and are the means of introducing their owners to the big show circuit.

Heavy horse exhibits, which have been declining in number for several years, are still lower, but light horses are more numerous than before. Sheep, swine and goat classes are well filled. Altogether there are 400 more entries in the live stock section than there were last year. Spontaneous combustion.

Many of the "mysterious" barn fires which have been so common of late years trace to spontaneous combustion, declares Ontario Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton. A good deal of the heavy alfalfa, sweet-clover and other

leguminous hay now commonly grown goes into the barn in a half cured condition, as people have not yet learned to handle it more carefully than the drier timothy. This tough, damp hay is quite likely to heat in the mow, and if the weather is conducive may burst spontaneously into flame, states the Fire Marshal. He points to two recent cases in Middlesex County as conclusive proof. In one case a very heavy alfalfa crop was hauled in on Friday afternoon. On Sunday evening the hired man while milking heard a peculiar noise like a heavy wind through trees followed by a crackling. Running out, he saw fire coming out of the plate above the mow. A complete investigation of this case led the Marshal to eliminate all possibility of design or accident, and to place the blame upon spontaneous combustion. His investigation of the other fire led him to a similar conclusion.

Treating Wheat Smut.

Although not so great a problem this year as in some others, covered or stinking smut of wheat is sufficiently serious every year to make treating the seed generally advisable. The method outlined by the Ontario Agricultural College is as follows: Mix one pint formalin with 40 gallons water, which is sufficient for 50 bushels. Place the grain in a heap on a clean floor, sprinkle the grain with the solution, then shovel into another pile so as to mix it. Then sprinkle and shovel again until every grain is moistened by the solution. Just enough should be applied to make it wet and soppy. Cover the pile with sacks that have been soaked in the solution and leave for 3 or 4 hours. Then spread the grain out thinly to dry before putting into the drill. If smut balls are present in the wheat they must be removed before treating by means of a fanning machine, or by placing the grain about one bushel at a time in a tub of water, stirring it, and skimming off the smut balls as they rise.

Some Poultry Notes.

Many commercial egg farmers doubt whether it pays to raise leghorn cockerels on their plants, and some are killing them off as soon as the sex can be determined. "It must be remembered that if the cockerels are killed at this age the original cost is a dead loss. This can at least be salvaged if the cockerels are provided with suitable quarters for rearing by themselves," says one poultryman. "Without such quarters, however, it does not pay the commercial egg farmer to bother with them."
We still have some hot weather before us. Water placed at shady spots where the chicks rest during the hottest part of the day will help them greatly.
"Regularity is an important factor around the poultry plant. It pays to do things at the proper time," says the well known poultryman George W. Miller of Toronto. Most successful men will agree with him.

Kingston Market

Friday, Sept. 4.

Fruit.	
Bananas, doz.	40-50
Oranges, doz.	40-50
Lemons, doz.	35-40
Prunes, Cal., lb.	16-25
Peaches, Evap., lb.	20

Vegetables.	
Potatoes, bag.	\$1.75-2.00
Cabbages, each.	5-10
Carrots.	5
Onions, lb.	10

Unclassified.	
Sugar, granulated, lb.	8
Sugar, yellow, lb.	7 1/2
Sugar, icing, lb.	13
Flour, standard, cwt.	\$5-\$5.50
Roller oats, lb.	6
Honey, 5-lb. pail.	7 1/2
Honey, comb.	30

Dairy Produce.	
Butter, creamery, lb.	45-47
Whey butter, lb.	40
Cheese, new, lb.	25-30
Cheese, old, lb.	30
Eggs, new laid, doz.	40

Fish.	
Cod, lb.	15
Fillets, lb.	25
Finnan Haddock, lb.	15
Haddock, fresh, lb.	15
Halibut, fresh, lb.	35
Kippers, pair	35
Pike, lb.	15
Pickeral	30
Salmon, fresh, lb.	40

Fresh.	
Trout, salmon, lb.	25
Fresh White Fish	25
White Fillets.	25
Frogs' legs.	60
Mackerel	15

Hay and Grains.	
Cream of the West	\$4.75
Household	\$4.75
Straw	\$5.00-\$6.00
Barley	\$1.00
Brass, ton	\$30.00
Buckwheat, bus.	\$0-35
Corn, imported.	\$1.49
Hay, baled, ton	\$11-\$12
Hay, loose, ton	\$10
Oats, local, bus.	65
Middlings, ton	\$35.00
Shorts, ton	\$32.00
Wheat, local.	\$1.45

Meats and Poultry.	
Beef:	
Steak, porterhouse, lb.	25
Steak, round, lb.	25
Boning cut, lb.	12 1/2-15
Stewing cuts, lb.	8

Beef, western	14
Beef, local, lb.	8-10
Pork:	
Loin, roasts, lb.	55
Shoulders, roasts	25
Hogs, live weight, cwt.	13
Chops, lb.	25-35
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	13
Bacon, breakfast	40
Ham, smoked	35
Lamb:	
Spring lamb fronts, lb.	25
Hinds, lb.	35
Mutton:	
Mutton, chops, lb.	20-25
Mutton, carcass	18
Chickens, lb.	40
Fowl, lb.	30
Seed:	
Timothy, bus.	\$4.75
Red Clover, No. 1 bus.	\$25.00
Red Clover, No. 2 bus.	\$22.00
Alfalfa, bus.	\$12.50
Alfalfa, Can. 2.	\$15
Sweet Clover.	\$7.25
Hides, etc.	
Deacon skins, each	90
Horse hides, up to	\$3.00
Red hides, lb.	9
Bulls, over 60 lbs.	66
Veal skins, lb.	13
Veal tips, lb.	9
Sheep skins, fresh	up to \$1.75
Tallow, rendered in cakes, lb.	66
Ginseng, wild, lb.	89
Bee wax, clear, lb.	22
Wool, unwashed, lb.	22-27
Wool, washed, lb.	25-30
Lamb skins, fresh	up to \$1.00

Fall Fair Dates

Arden—Sept. 15.
Bancroft—Sept. 23 and 24.
Brighton—Sept. 18-19.
Campbellford—Oct. 1-2.
Carp—Sept. 22-23.
Centreville—Sept. 11-12.
Cobden—Sept. 22-24.
Coe Hill—Sept. 21-22.
Delta—Sept. 7-9.
Frankville—Sept. 10-11.
Galetta—Sept. 28-29.
Inverary—Sept. 30.
Kemptville—Sept. 24-25.
Kingston—Sept. 18-19.
London—Sept. 12-15.
Lansdowne—Sept. 22-23.
Lombardy—Sept. 11-12.
Maberly—Sept. 22.
Madoc—Oct. 6-7.
Marmora—Sept. 25-26.
Maynooth—Sept. 30.
McDonald's Corners—Sept. 25.
Merrickville—Sept. 15-16.
Mohawk Reserve, Deseronto—Sept. 16.
Odessa—Sept. 24-25.
Parham—Sept. 9-10.
Peterboro—Sept. 18-19.
Pictou—Sept. 22-25.
Renfrew—Sept. 15-18.
Roblin's Mills—Oct. 2-3.
Shannonville—Sept. 19.
Spencerville—Sept. 29-30.
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