

NEWS OF THE FARM

Seed Corn Scarce—Marketing Cattle—Corn Borer Destroyer—Sun and Milk—Spontaneous Combustion.

Unless there is a general thaw, followed by a freeze, crops promise to come through the winter very nicely in almost all parts of Ontario. Some ice is present in parts of southwestern Ontario, but most of the province has a good snow covering which has protected wheat and clover against March winds. Even where there is ice present, it has been so much honeycombed by sunshine that not much fear is felt for crops.

Seeding is later this year than last. By this time in 1925, farmers on the lighter lands of Western Ontario were out with plow and disk. Even at Guelph, on the fairly heavy land of O.A.C., seeding commenced on March 25th.

Seed Corn Scarce.
Good seed corn will be scarce this year. "Seed corn conditions in this country are very unsatisfactory," reports Justus Miller of Essex, which supplies a good percentage of the

seed for the rest of the province. "The moisture content has been very high. Corn bought by the elevators for feed had so much moisture that a number of them quit buying it. Germination tests show many as low as 35 and 40 per cent. Good seed corn will be scarcer than ever this season." Officials of the Dominion seed branch issue the same warning.

Marketing Cattle.
The Manitoba plan of marketing cattle, mentioned in the report of the Ontario agricultural committee, has not been tried by co-operative organizations in the East, but has worked successfully in the West. It depends greatly upon the good judgment of the co-operative's representative at the stockyards. He sorts out the cattle as they arrive into graded groups, which are then sold on grade. It is claimed that this method secures fairer returns, and gives the cattleman a "sorting profit" now collected by the buyer.

Although the export trade in live cattle to the United States has been losing ground during the past few years, the general export outlook is encouraging, says George W. Muir of Ottawa. Even the high tariff at present in effect has not prevented shipment across the line altogether, and the overseas trade is increasing rapidly. Last year's exports amounted to about 197,000 head, of which over 110,000 went to Britain. If it had not been for unusually heavy shipments to Chicago from the Canadian West during the last few months of the year, the U.S. trade would have fallen off to a fraction of its volume the year before.

Testing Corn Borer Machine.
On the farm of John Palmer, of Tilbury in Kent, authorities have

been conducting tests with a new weapon against the corn borer—a corn stubble pulverizer. The machine consists of a braced iron frame with a revolving shaft bearing knifed cylinders. Driven by tractor power, the pulverizer attains a speed of 1800 revolutions per minute, and in tests so far conducted has destroyed about 95 per cent. of the borers. Further work is being done in an effort to ascertain whether the percentage can be raised to a point rendering the method economically worth while as a control.

Royal Grows.
The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair continues to grow, according to reports submitted at its annual meeting of directors. Entries at the 1925 show were 16,625 in number, of which Ontario supplied over 13,000. All other provinces, however, showed substantial increases in entries, and the United States supplied over 700.

Dates for the 1926 Royal, in spite of all the preliminary discussion, remain as set earlier—Nov. 12th to 20th. The officers and executive were re-elected, and there was little change in the list of directors.

In Sunny Alberta.
A winter like that now closing has had no parallel in Alberta in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, states W. L. Carlyle, manager of the E. P. Ranch, who is paying a brief visit to Ontario. "During January," he points out, "the mean temperature in Calgary was two degrees above freezing." Southern Alberta has had practically no snow all winter, a large percentage of the cattle have been running on pasture, most of the creeks have been open, and around Lethbridge farmers have been on the land for some time. This, in Prof. Carlyle's opinion, is a mistake, as even if there is no severe frost there is danger of drifting from the high March winds.

A good crop, butter prices, and a fine winter have improved the Western morale, states the professor. "There is more money in the country and farmers especially are living better."

Sun and Milk.
Milk and sunshine are the two great assistants of the poultryman in raising a high percentage of his hatch. Although cod liver oil can be used as a substitute, there is nothing which quite takes the place of milk for chicks. Milk-fed youngsters, human and animal, show stronger bone and better health than those which have to get along on substitutes.

Sunshine, direct, unstrained by glass, is also a factor in aiding development. If this cannot be obtained inside the house, it may be good practice to build a small cotton covered scratch pen on the sunny side for use on bright days.

A Useful Bulletin.
A timely and valuable bulletin is that just issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture on vegetable growing in Ontario. A. H. MacLennan and F. W. Present of the O. A. College department of horticulture are the joint authors. They discuss practically every vegetable crop grown in Ontario, with specific reference to soil, planting, cultivation and harvesting. There are chapters on soil preparation, fertilizers, seed, sowing, hot beds, cold frames, and storage. Another valuable feature is a series of maps showing successional planting in the large and small garden.

Spontaneous Combustion.
Scooped at generally by farmers only a few years ago, spontaneous combustion is now coming to be accepted as a common cause of mysterious barn fires. A recent near-incident occurred on the farm of Richard V. Demaray, in Middlesex county. "Last harvest a field of oats, portions of which were very damp, was stook threshed, and the straw saved in a large stack in the yard. It appears to have been well built and topped," reports a neighbor. "Late in quantities of the straw have been sold, sections of the stack being sliced off with a hay knife. When about the centre had been reached the knife suddenly dropped through a cavity about three feet by two feet by one foot. All the edges were

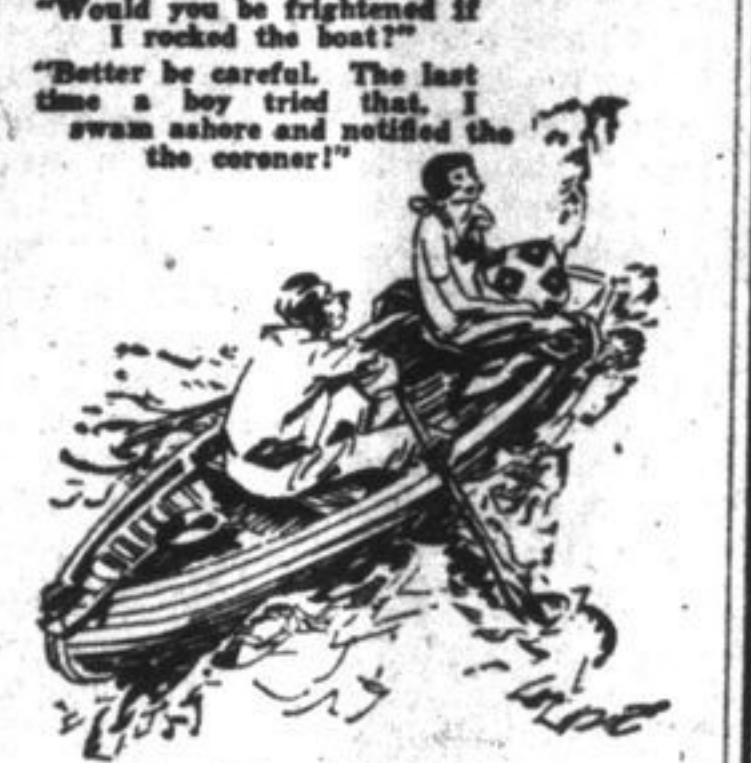
quite black as though charred by a fire that had smouldered out through lack of oxygen. The theory is that when the stack was building, enough air was enclosed with a bundle of wet straw which heated to the combustion point and then died out."

Vinegar or Cider.
Poor quality apples are better kept at home for vinegar or cider than sold for export, asserts Andrew Fulton of Ottawa, who recently returned from a trip to the chief consuming centres of Great Britain. "It is simply ridiculous to ship a lot of low grade fruit across the Atlantic and expect to make any money out of it," he states. "The English can grow all the poor stuff their market requires at home, and if not they have the European crop to draw upon for culls. Low grade stuff depresses the whole market, and makes it more difficult to make anything on the good fruit."

Dock inspection renders fraudulent marketing unsafe, and the shipper who attempts it is branded by the trade, says Mr. Fulton.

A Digest of the BEST in WIT

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Passed Ball
"BENEVOLENT OLD LADY: "Well, Tommy, how did the ball game go?"

TOUGH TOMMY: "Aw, we put de party on ice in de nimit'. De guy what was in de box fer them blew up like a hot air balloon 'n' we biffed 'em for a row of yella brick dugouts."

B. O. L.: "Yes? And who won the game?"

How Sad!
Here lies the bones of Silas Mound Who fell thru the ice And never was found.

We'll Say So!
A music critic says saxophone players are born, not made, which is another hot argument in favor of birth control.

At Last

A man stopped in at a little Maywood church on Green Ave. just as the congregation read with the minister:

"We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we done those things which we ought not to have done."

Then he dropped into a pew with a sigh of relief.

"Thank goodness," he gasped joyfully, "I've found my crowd at last!"

Too Bad

The Palace Hotel crumbled in yesterday's storm, and Mrs. Pettingill was badly bruised in the annex.

Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette.

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