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## NEWS OF THE FARM

### To Hold Dairy Conference—Uniform Egg Color—Bright Outlook in the West—Tobacco Boom Coming.

The recent heavy storms which swept through the province were welcomed by most farmers. True, R. R. Fleming, Milton, reports considerable damage to fruit trees in Halton, and there was some serious injury at a few elsewhere, but the loss was more than offset by the gains. Cover on fall wheat and clover was getting a bit thin, which is always a dangerous condition when the weather is cold. The heavy storm with plenty of snow furnished ample protection for these crops. Then, too, the moisture from this snow was welcome. There has not been very much snow this winter, and any that comes along even in April is received gladly.

#### Farm Conditions.

The usual wall is now coming from the energetic crowd along the concession lines who would, if possible, have their seeding completed by the end of February. We are told, in the Ontario Government Crop Report this week, that the season is late. Last year at this time considerable seeding had been done. True enough, in the Southern part of the province farmers were on the land in late March, but they were off it again and not able to continue their work from the middle of April until the end of May. If the present seeding season really opens throughout most of Ontario by the third week in April and no more bad weather follows, the bulk of the farmers will be satisfied. Latest reports from the country are to the effect that feed is holding out well, barring the limited dry areas of 1925, and stock is in good shape. About the only man who is worrying is the chap who could not get his plowing done last fall on account of the wet weather. If spring opens suddenly, he will have to do some tall hustling.

#### To Hold Dairy Conference.

The Ontario Government is calling a conference on the co-operative marketing of dairy products. This will be held at Peterboro next week. Experts from Ottawa and the dairy state of Wisconsin are being secured, and it is hoped to set machinery in motion, that will eventually raise the standard of quality of dairy products in Eastern Ontario and at the same time return to the farmer a greater share of the producer's dollar. The conference is being called at the suggestion of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee of the Ontario Legislature which body has been touring the province in the interests of agriculture during the past two years.

#### Uniform Egg Color.

It is now possible for the commercial poultryman to control the degree of color in the eggs produced by his flock. Every consumer wants either white eggs or a real brown. A mixture of the two is not popular and undoubtedly has some effect on prices. Indeed this color plays a larger part in marketing than is generally supposed. Not long ago the dealer could hardly sell a white egg in Boston or a brown one in New York. This of course was going pretty far, but no person prefers a carton of eggs of various tints to one of a dozen of absolutely one shade. And there should be no more excuse for this in the future, because at the Lethbridge Experimental Station in Alberta it has been found that mating roosters from dams which lay eggs of the right color will tend to make the eggs from the resulting progeny all of the same shade.

#### Bright Outlook in West.

Seldom has the outlook in Western Canada appeared brighter. Indeed the only danger now, is that returning optimism may go too far and produce a boom which is inevitably followed by serious reaction. The winter has been mild, but recent snowfalls have allayed all dangers of a moisture shortage. The soil has been worked up to a fine state of tilth. There is no lack of capital, which means sufficient machinery and labor to handle an increased acreage this summer. Prairie farmers are buying freely again, new cars, machinery, radios and household equipment moving westward by the carload. The depression which so recently held the whole country in its grip has lifted, but this period was not without its good points. Forced to stay at home, because he had no funds for traveling the Western farmer has found his own part of Canada not a bad place to live, even during the winter time, and as a result he is now making his location a real home, with gardens, flowers, trees, and sufficient hens and cows to provide his own table with eggs and dairy products besides raising a surplus to sell.

#### Tobacco Boom Coming.

Another tobacco boom in Southwestern Ontario is certain this summer. Old growers are increasing their acreage and new men are planting up to 15 acres apiece of the weed. There is real danger of over production, particularly a surplus of poor grade stuff. However, for perhaps the first time in the history of Ontario agriculture a real attempt is being made on the part of experienced growers, dealers, and government officials to regulate a boom and save the new man from serious

losses. District meetings are being held throughout the tobacco belt, at which the growers will be urged to keep production down to what present equipment and labor will be able to handle. Advice regarding the growing of this somewhat difficult crop will be broadcast, and dealers are preparing to develop the export market and to care for a greatly increased acreage.

#### Gardening.

Although there is still a good deal of snow in some parts of Ontario it may only be a few days before one can get out in the garden. This is a good time to fix up the lawn. Roll it, and plant the bare spots with seed. A light coating of sheep manure or some nitrate of soda applied in a week or two will give the grass a good start. It is a good plan to plant a few of the early vegetables as soon as possible. Frost may get them, and if so the loss is small, but if they escape injury, the owner will have early vegetables when they are worth money.

### Kingston Markets

Friday, April 9.	
Dairy Produce.	
Butter, creamery, lb.	48-50
Butter, dairy, lb.	45
Cheese, new, lb.	28-30
Cheese, old, lb.	35
Eggs, new laid, doz.	30-35
Fish.	
Cod, lb.	15
Fillet, lb.	22-25
Flanagan Haddock, lb.	18
Flounders, lb.	15
White Fish, lb.	32
Haddock, fresh, lb.	15
Hallbut, fresh, lb.	30-35
Kippers, pair.	20
Oysters, pt.	60
Pike, lb.	15
Salmon, fresh, lb.	18-20
Trout, salmon, lb.	25
White Fillets, lb.	25
Mackerel, lb.	15
Smelts, lb.	30
Scallops, lb.	70
Shrimps, lb.	70
Fruit.	
Bananas, doz.	50-60
Oranges, doz.	40-50
Lemons, doz.	30
Prunes, Cal., lb.	15-25
Peaches, Evap., lb.	20
Hay, Grains, Seeds.	
Barley, lb.	\$1.00
Brass, ton	33
Buckwheat, bus.	80-85
Corn, imported, lb.	1.00
Cream of the West, lb.	4.50
Hay, baled, ton	11-12
Hay, loose, ton	10
Honchold, lb.	4.50
Oats, local, bus.	50
Middlings, ton	40
Straw, lb.	\$5.00-\$6.00
Shorts, ton	33
Wheat, local, lb.	1.25
Timothy, bus.	4.75
Red Clover, No. 1 bus.	3.25
Red Clover, No. 2 bus.	3.25
Alfalfa, bus.	13.50
Alfalfa, Can. 2.	15
Sweet Clover, lb.	7.25
Hides, etc.	
Deacon skins, each.	60
Horse hides, up to \$2.75	
Beef hides, lb.	6-8
Bulls, over 60 lbs.	5
Veal, skins, lb.	10
Veal, kips, lb.	8
Sheep skins, fresh, up to \$1.10	
Tallow, rendered in cakes, lb.	7
Ginseng, wild, lb.	111
Bees wax, clear, lb.	28
Wool, unwashed, lb.	18-20
Wool, washed, lb.	22-23
Meats and Poultry.	
Steak, porterhouse, lb.	35
Steak, round, lb.	25
Bolting cut, lb.	19-25
Stewing cut, lb.	10-12 1/2
Beef, western, lb.	14
Beef, local, lb.	16-18
Loins, roasts, lb.	25-30
Shoulders, roasts, lb.	20
Hogs, live weight, cwt.	13 1/2
Chops, lb.	25-25
Front, lb.	18-20
Hinds, lb.	23-25
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	19-20
Bacon, breakfast, sliced, lb.	40-50
Bacon, cut, lb.	35-40
Hinds, lb.	30
Mutton:	
Mutton, chops, lb.	20-25
Mutton, carcass, lb.	15
Chickens, lb.	28-30
Pow, lb.	25
Turkey, lb.	40-45
Veal:	
Carcas, lb.	3-12
Hinds, lb.	12-18
Fronts, lb.	8-10
Cutlets, lb.	21
Ham, smoked, lb.	25
Lamb:	
Carcas, lb.	22
Chops, lb.	35
Spring lamb fronts, lb.	23
Unclassified.	
Sugar, 100 lb.	\$6.50
Sugar, granulated, lb.	7
Sugar, yellow, lb.	5
Sugar, icing, lb.	10
Rollfed oats, lb.	15
Honey, 5-lb. pail.	75
Honey, comb.	25-30
Vegetables.	
Potatoes, bag.	\$2.50-\$3.75
Cabbage, lb.	10
Carrots, lb.	5
Onions, lb.	4

ing which has been prevalent on Canadian egg markets since the first of the week continues to-day with but little change. The inward storage movement has started in Montreal.

Toronto—Market easy and unchanged. Prices to retailers, extras, 85 to 90c; firsts, 83 to 84c; and seconds 80c.

Montreal—Market is easier and quiet. Prices to retailers, extras, 37 to 38c; firsts, 36c; seconds, 31 to 32c. Local receipts are increasing and dealers are storing their surplus stocks at the basis of extras, 33 to 34c.

Winnipeg—Dealers are paying country shippers, extras, 26c; firsts, 24c; seconds, 18c.

Saskatchewan—Country shippers making sales, extras, 25c; firsts, 23c; seconds, 17c.

Calgary—Jobbing, extras, \$9.50 per case; firsts, \$8.50; seconds, \$7.50.

Vancouver—Dealers paying country points, extras, 24c; firsts, 22c; Jobbing, extras, 28c; firsts, 26c; seconds and pullies, 22c.

St. John, N.B.—Prices to retailers, extras, 44c; firsts, 41c; seconds, 35c.

Halifax, N.S.—Jobbing, extras, 15c; firsts, 35c; seconds, 34c.

Chicago—Fresh, spot, 28 1/2c; April, 30 1/2c; May, 29 3/4c; December, 33 7/8c.

New York—Extra firsts, 31 to 31 1/2c; firsts, 30 to 30 1/2c; futures unchanged.

### Adventures of the Twins

By Olive Roberts Barton.

Prickles Porcupine Sneaks Off. The burglar alarm over the tub in Scrub-Up Land went "Brrrr! Brrrr! Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, brrrr!" Rubadub jumped.

"Hey, Mister March Hare!" he called sharply. "Come back! Someone's trying to sneak off without getting spring-cleaned."

"You don't say so!" exclaimed the March Hare, who was just about to leave with the Twins in search of some more Meadow people to scrub up so they could go to the Land-Where-Spring-Is-Coming.

"Spring was getting very near now, and there were still ever so many of them not finished."

"Whose number is it?" said the March Hare, looking over his spectacles at the little clock-shaped affair that told you whose house was being robbed—or at least whose front door was being opened, without the fairymen knowing about it.

"I think it says 'Prickles Porcupine,'" he remarked. "Come, Niek, and tell me whose burglar alarm is ringing. There is goes again. I can't see very well."

"It's Prickles Porcupine," said Niek.

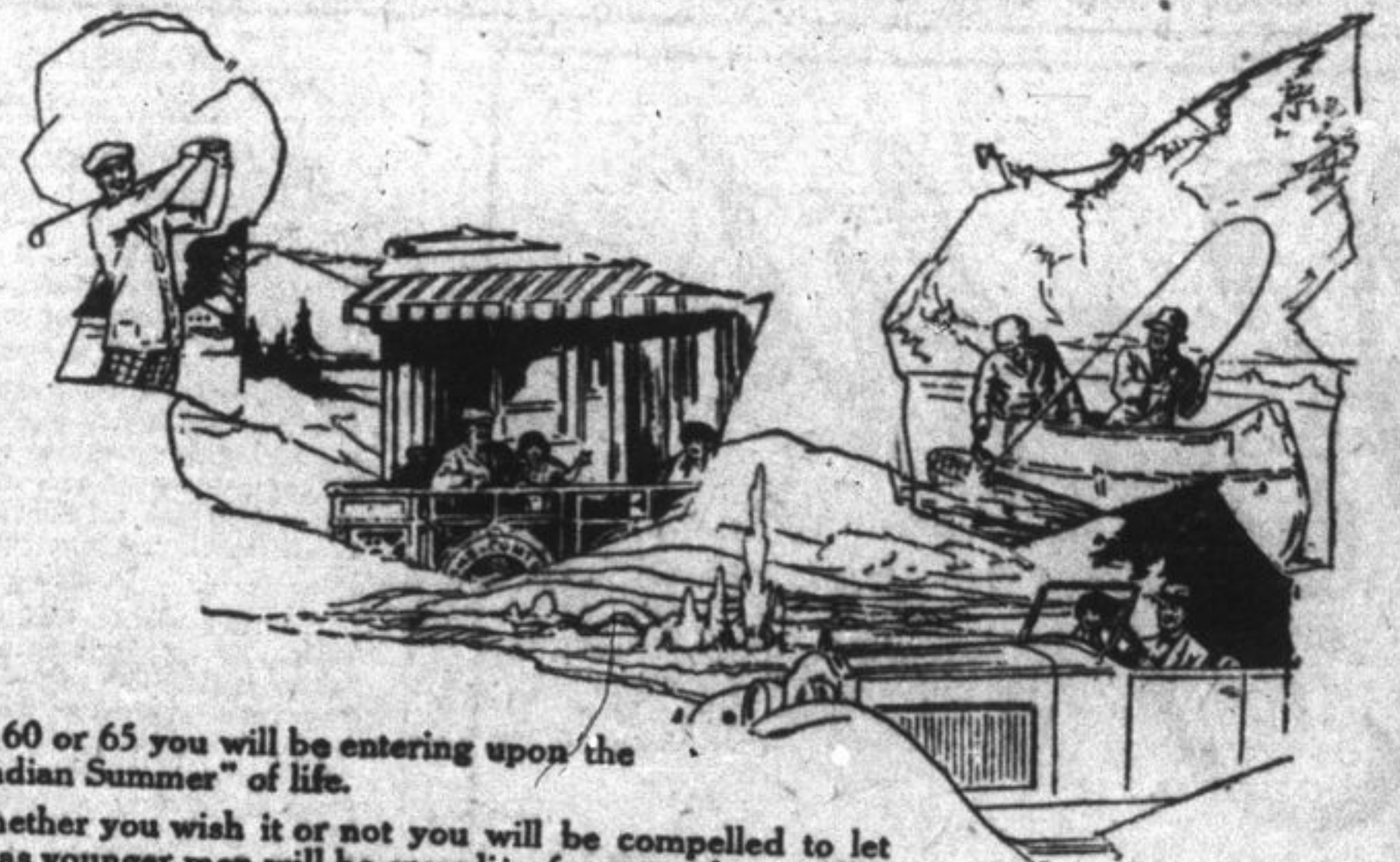
"Prickles Porcupine!" cried Mister Rubadub and the March Hare together in none too pleased a voice, or rather none too pleased voices.

They both were thinking the same thing—that of all the people they had to barber, or bring to be barbered, Prickles was the very worst. Indeed he was just about as dreadful as anyone could possibly be.

Prickles appears to be just as soft and pleasant as a lamb to look at. His long brown hair lies down so flat and sleek against his sides that you never would dream that right under it is a whole coat of daggers.

Yes, sir! SHARP, sharp, spiny daggers! They grow out of his skin,

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Kelly and family have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. William McSpadden. George Carroll, assessor, has been making his rounds in this vicinity. Miss Marion Wright spent last week with relatives at Fairfield East. Miss Rose O'Meara, Ottawa, has been spending the past week at her home here.

Some of the farmers have tapped, but very little syrup has been made as yet in this locality. Miss Mary House and Mr. McLean House, students at Queen's, Kingston, are home for the Easter holidays. Miss K. Quigley is at her home in Ottawa for the Easter vacation. Miss Kenyon, teacher, is spending the holidays at her home in Perth. Miss Nora Vaughan, Ottawa, spent the week-end at John Breen's. The annual meeting of the Rural Telephone Company was held on Monday evening March 29th.

The snow is deep on the roads in this vicinity and no cars can be used as yet. Potholes are numerous on the highway.

Many in this vicinity regretted to hear of the death of Mr. Chancy Blancher, which recently occurred at his home in Athens. The late Mr. Blancher and family lived here for many years and have many relatives here. Mrs. Moorehouse has been a patient in the Public Hospital, Smith's Falls for some time.

### Eczema Was So Bad Could Hardly Sleep

Mrs. G. Jones, Kincoty, Alta., writes:—"I do believe you two are afraid of Prickles Porcupine. Mister Rubadub began to fuss about busily. 'Afraid! No such thing! But there isn't a bit of us trying to catch him now. It's quite ten minutes since the alarm rang.' 'Not the least bit,' the March Hare assured them. 'It would be a waste of time!' 'Weren't they the old scallawags though!'

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