

Letters to the Editor

"The One Dark Blot"

EDITOR, Farm and Dairy.—I think it entirely unnecessary to publish such letters as the one you have in a recent issue. I refer to the one on "England and Drunkenness." That is not true of England, Scotland or Wales, as a whole, though it might be true of some low gambling den in a low part of some of the towns. But in all my 35 years' life in England—going to farmers' markets and all that kind of thing—I never saw as much drunkenness as I have seen in my six years here and I never heard as much cursing and swearing and bad language. More than that. These wicked (?) English who are to "dam" your clean Canadian boys don't take the name of God and his son Jesus Christ on their lips in the profane way that I hear it in Canada. England, thank God, is too good to judge Canada by her worst. She will look for something to praise and try to improve where necessary without uncharitableness. If another letter like that appears I will stop my subscription and as many more as I can—G. L. Algonia Dist. Ont.

"Is Thorough Cultivation Necessary?"

EDITOR, Farm and Dairy.—I take pleasure in adding a word of approbation to the excellent article on cultivation by Mr. W. C. Good, which appeared in the March 28th issue of Farm and Dairy. Last summer I grew, I believe, the heaviest three-acre field of oats in these parts. The seed got but one scrape of the harrow after plowing. It was sown broadcast, seven and one-half bushels of "41" oats to the three acres. The land was oat stubble and second crop. Near the end of June I saw that the hay on a five-acre field was not going to be worth cutting. There was not a spear of timothy or clover to be seen, only natural grasses and that poor. On the morning of June 23 I started a three-horse gang plow and a two-horse plow at this field. At noon about half the field was plowed and in the afternoon while the two teams were at the plowing, I began to sow the field with oats broadcast by hand. (I am an expert hand sower). At three o'clock I set the two-horse team harrowing after me with a 16-line spring tooth harrow while the three-horse team continued plowing. At sundown all finished about together. I finished the sowing. The three-horse team finished plowing the five-acre field, and the harrow team finished one scrape harrowing and covering the seed.

That was all the harrowing the field got. On Monday morning, June 24, I rolled the field with a heavy roller. (as I also did with the three-acre oat field spoken of above). The gang plow made such nice work, 5x9 inch sod, that there was no occasion of seed falling between the furrows. The crop grew to be an excellent one. On October 2nd I cut the crop with the binder. It resulted in 167 stacks or shocks—a fine field of splendid cow feed—as it cured well in stock.

Another thing farmers are sowing too much seed. I only sowed nine bushels of oats on this five-acre field, less than one and three-quarter bushels per acre. The seed was extra good though, being 41 lbs. per measured bushel. Two bushels of good oats is enough for an acre.—J. A. MacDonald, Kings Co., P.E.I.

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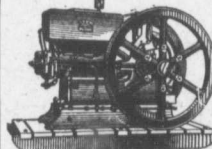
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