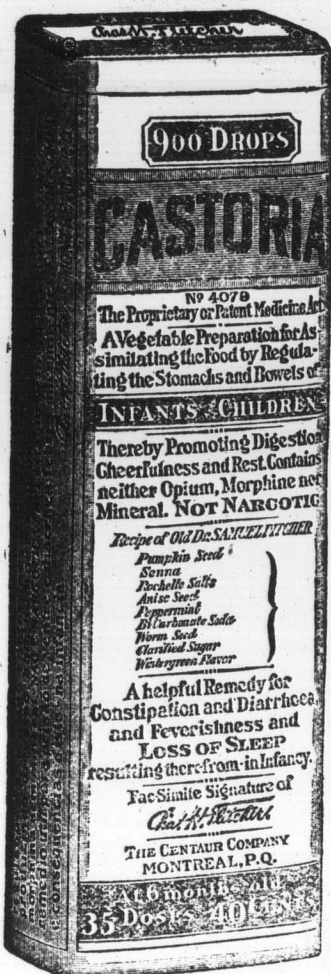




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WITH SHEEP IN SUMMER

Care of Weanlings and the Flock Generally.

Special Attention Pays—Frequent Change of Pasture Beneficial—How to Preserve the Fertility of Manure.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

For best results lambs should be weaned at between four and five months. It has been found that under conditions prevailing during the hot dry months of mid-summer the ewes will drop off considerably in their milk flow. The lambs receive comparatively little nourishment, and it is better for both ewe and lamb for them to be separated. When the lambs are removed from the ewes they will miss little the small amount of milk they would receive, and will soon learn to depend upon pasture. They should receive the very best pasture available. Nothing fits in better than a patch of rape sown at the proper time, so as to be ready for pasture when the lambs are weaned. Care should be exercised in turning the lambs on the fresh rape to avoid bloating and probable death. Turn them in during the middle of the day when the rape leaves are absolutely dry and allow them to become accustomed to the change. A field of grass adjoining the rape pasture will give better results than the rape alone. If no rape is available fresh clover seedling or second growth clover will give satisfactory results. In addition to pasture a feed of grain once a day will push the lambs along to a good finish. At no time should it be necessary to feed over one-half pound of grain per day to each lamb while on pasture.

Frequent change of pasture is beneficial to, and relished by, all classes of stock, and this applies with special emphasis to the case of sheep. It is true for two reasons. Sheep are subject to parasitic diseases which may be prevented to a large extent by not pasturing on any one area for too great a length of time. In addition to this they are possibly more fastidious about their food than are some other farm animals. It is not practicable on every farm to arrange for a succession of pastures during the grazing season. However, the same area will sustain considerable more sheep if such an arrangement is feasible. Rape sown early in the fall furnishes a good deal of pasture in the late fall and early spring. After the rape is eaten off in the spring rape may be sown on this land and will come along for pasture in June or July. Alfalfa and red clover are satisfactory pasture crops and will serve until the rape is ready. An annual pasture consisting of one bushel each of wheat, oats and barley together with eight pounds of red clover provides a good pasture for the early summer months, and the clover coming along in the autumn will give a nice pick-up. This annual pasture may be sown any time early in May. Without a great deal of additional labor it is possible to have a succession of crops ready for seeding throughout the entire season.—J. P. Sackville, O. A. College, Guelph.

To Preserve the Fertility of Manure.

In fresh manure the plant food materials are not in as available condition for growing plants as in well rotted manure. In the storing of manure, however, to get it well rotted considerable losses of plant food occur unless the manure pile is properly packed.

If the quickest returns are not wanted following the application of the manure to the soil, then the manure may be added in the fresh condition. If this is done in warm weather the manure should be ploughed in as soon as possible after application. The total plant food materials present in the manure will thus be added to the soil where they will be prepared by the soil bacteria for use by the growing crops.

The main objections to putting fresh manure on the land are: First, it is not always convenient to do so; second, weed seeds may be numerous in the fresh manure, consequently a heavy weed crop may be expected; third, its action is not so rapid as in the case of well-rotted manure, but it is active over a longer period.

Where manure is to be stored in piles or pits until it is ripened, or until it is convenient to use, then the greatest care is necessary to prevent losses of plant food materials from it. In the first place the bottom of the pile or pit should be impervious to water so that leachings from the pile will not occur. Second, it is well to have a layer of old well-rotted manure at the bottom. Third, the manure as it is piled up should be well compacted or tramped down to prevent excess of air from getting into it. Fourth, it should be kept moist but not wet. These precautions apply more particularly to horse manure, which is loose and comparatively dry. Unless this is kept well packed and moist, loss by fire fangling is certain. This is an oxidation process, or fermentation, set going by certain species of bacteria in the manure. If cow or pig manure is available it should be mixed with the horse manure in the pile, as these are very wet and compact and will give a good consistency to the whole mass. The main things to be remembered are: First, prevent leaching; second, keep it well packed down and moist.—D. H. Jones, O. A. College, Guelph.

Alsike clover is most at home in northern latitudes or at high altitudes. It thrives best in a cool, moist climate.

The English Shire Horse Society has appropriated \$3,500 for publicity in the United States and Canada in 1921.

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Miss Lena Laming, nurse-in-training of Cornwall, is the guest at the home of her parents here.

A number from here attended the unveiling of the memorial monument at Lyndhurst last Friday night. The speech given at the Ladies Institute meeting by Miss Gilholm was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs Rorke has returned to Toronto. Mr and Mrs B. Simpson, Jones' Falls, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr J. Stuart.

Mrs A. Willis is the guest of Mrs T. Burtch.

Mrs T. Glover and daughter Miss Mary visited friends in the village on Wednesday last.

John Robinsons Circus at Brockville

The city of Brockville will be Mecca to all lovers of the big tops for one day June 10th, when the John Robinson circus, now on its ninety-eighth tour of the United States and Canada, rolls into that city on four trains for parade and two exhibitions.

"The oldest, the biggest and the best" are adjectives that the one hundred men of the show's advance forces use in describing the famous John Robinson organization, and this year the circus is making every effort to live up to its sub-title. It travels on four trains' carries 1,200 people, 550 horses and 400 zoo animals. The performances, which are presented by nearly 400 arenic stars, take place in three rings, on two stages, in an areal maze and on a quarter mile hippodrome track. The foremost circus troupes and families in the old and new worlds will be seen under the great dome of the John Robinson seven pole big top.

The street parade twenty-two city blocks in length, with thirty novelty and equestrian sections and with all cages and den open to view, will leave the circus grounds at 11 a. m. General admission and reserved seats will be sold show day at Williams Drug store at the same price charged on the circus grounds. Performances opening with impressive, colorful and stirring pageantry, begin at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. Doors will open an hour earlier so that the crowds may have ample time to visit the celebrated John Robinson zoo.

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