

# THE SILO IN ALBERTA

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## *Ensilage*

The silo is a mark of economy and progress in the feeding of live stock. The first live stock enterprises of the Province were supported on the natural grasses of the prairie in both winter and summer. The limiting of the range by settlement transferred a good deal of the live stock to the farms. The feed most readily available for winter keep on the farms is prairie hay and green feed, with occasionally a little grain. Dry feed alone is not adequate or profitable. It just brings the cattle through, but does not hasten growth or give real good condition. It is necessary on land that is increasing in price to get quicker



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and larger returns than can be had from having cattle make all their gains in the grass season. The dairy industry especially depends for its success and profit on the furnishing of a rich variety of foods throughout the year. In addition to richer and more varied feeding, we likewise need to furnish good shelter. The silo means comfortable housing and liberal feeding.

## *Economy of Ensilage*

While grass supplies practically all the feed for stock during the summer months, the problem that confronts the farmer is to furnish a cheap, nutritious, and preferably a succulent feed for the winter months. This feed can be best supplied through