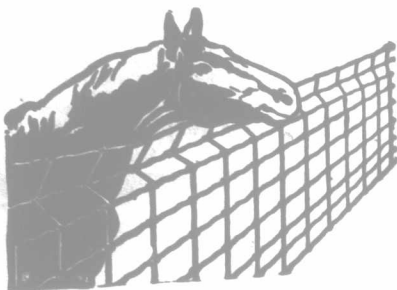


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SATISFACTORY ANSWERS—MORE QUESTIONS.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

A short time ago I asked, through this paper, for information on acetylene gas for lighting and cooking purposes, and in a short time received splendid information from J. B. T., Huron County. Many thanks to J. B. T. for his kindness.

I would like to ask you and your readers a few more questions.

1. I wish to seed about eight acres in the spring with alfalfa. Is it necessary to treat the seed? The field never had alfalfa on before, but it has had plenty of red clover.
2. Will a bushel of barley per acre be thick enough to sow with it?
3. Is a sidehill, sloping to the north, any better than a sidehill to the south?
4. Do you and your many readers think that I am losing money by not building a silo? I keep twelve or more cows on one hundred acres, and grow five or six acres of corn, and could grow more.
5. If you consider that I should build a silo, how would it do to build a round stave silo in one corner of the barn, letting it go from the basement up through one corner of the mow to roof? It would empty out into a hallway and be handy to feed from. The silage would not freeze, nor would the silo need a roof. It is hard to get material in this section to build cement.
6. How long would a stave silo last in a barn?
7. What kind of material would you use?
8. Do you know of any company that is making stave silos?
9. What kind of corn should I grow for a silo? W. G. F. Lennox Co., Ont.

Ans.—1. It is not absolutely necessary, but the chances are that inoculation, if carefully attended to, would insure a more vigorous growth and contribute to the success of the seeding. The fact that red clover has grown on this field will not lessen the need for inoculating the alfalfa seed. The bacteria which work on red clover are entirely different from those that work on alfalfa.

2. Yes; it is not necessary to sow the barley at all, but if a crop is wanted, four or five pecks of barley per acre is all right.

3. We do not know that it is.

4. There is not a shadow of doubt in our minds but that you would make more money by building a silo. By doing so, and growing 12 or 15 acres of corn, there is no reason why 18 or 20 cows could not be profitably maintained on 100 acres. Besides the corn, grow clover, and, if possible, alfalfa.

5. As a rule, we favor building a concrete silo, and placing it outside the barn, but in this case, and having in view the district from which our correspondent writes, we should say that if our inquirer has more barn room than he needs, if the silo can be built 25 feet deep or more, and if good drainage can be provided, so as to keep the bottom dry and clean, it might be wise to build as suggested.

6. If set on a cement bottom, the silo would probably give good service for 10 or 15 years, or perhaps more, and might then be taken down, the decayed ends sawn off the staves, and the silo re-erected. Let us hear the experience of readers on this point.

7. Preferably pine, spruce or hemlock. Short material can be used by splicing, taking care to break joints, setting, say, one 12-foot stave on a 14-foot, then a 14-foot stave on a 12-foot one, and so on.

8. There are companies in the United States which make stave siloes for sale, and we believe there are one or more firms doing business in Canada. Undoubtedly these would find it to their advantage to advertise in "The Farmer's Advocate."

9. Grow a variety which may usually be depended upon to reach the late-dough stage of maturity. If glazed, so much the better. Longfellow, White Cap Yellow Dent, Compton's Early, and Leaming, are among the varieties most likely to prove satisfactory in your district. It might be well to try some of each, but do not plant them mixed.

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GOSSIP.

Attention is again directed to the advertisement in this paper of the dispersion sale of the entire herd of registered and high-grade Jersey cattle belonging to Mr. R. Reid, of Berlin, Ont., to be sold by auction, at the farm at Bridgeport, two miles from Berlin, on Thursday, March 4th, when 31 registered Jerseys and 19 high-grades will be sold. A rare chance to get good specimens of the butter breed, at the buyer's own price. The terms are easy, and the place easily reached. Sale at 1 p. m.

The elections for vice-presidents for the various Provinces, to the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, have resulted as follows: For Ontario (elected at annual meeting), Peter Christie, Manchester, Ont.; Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick, P. Q.; Manitoba, John Graham, Carberry, Man.; Saskatchewan, Alex. Mutch, Lumsden, Sask.; Alberta, J. A. Turner, Calgary, Alta.; British Columbia, F. B. Pemberton, Victoria, B. C.; Maritime Provinces, W. W. Black, Amherst, N. S.