

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Milking Goats

Could you tell me through THE FARMING WORLD of a farmer who makes a business of raising goats, a good milking strain?—E. P. SMITH, Pontiac Co., Que.

We do not know of any farmer in Canada who breeds milking goats. If any reader knows of one we would be glad to have his name and address. There are some breeders of milking goats in the United States, but the Angora goat leads in that country, and it is not of the milking kind.

### Cow Eating After-Birth

Could you give me any information on cows eating after-birth. What can be done for same, and what harm does it do to milk and the general health of the animal?—ALEX. MCC., Algoma District, Ont.

All animals will eat the after-birth if they get a chance. But it should not be permitted as the practice is most disgusting. The after-birth should in every case be removed from the stable or away from the animal and buried. The practice, however, will do the animal little harm beyond tainting the milk for a few days. If eaten right after calving it would not affect the milk longer than the milk is ordinarily fit for use. A cow should have some laxative and nourishing food at this stage. It is always a good plan to give the first milk, which should be taken from the cow as soon as possible after the calf is dropped, to the cow. Of course, a pint of it should be given the calf. This will prove a healthful laxative, and as this milk is very different from what she ordinarily gives, there is no danger of begetting the habit of milking herself in the cow.

### Value of Ashes

What is the value of a bushel of ashes if used on the land?—J. E. W., Glenarry Co., Ont.

There is in hardwood ashes, on the average, about 5 per cent. of potash and one per cent. of phosphoric acid. Of course, we are assuming that the ashes are clean, and have not been leached. If a bushel weighs, say 40 lbs., there will be in it 2 lbs. potash and 4 lbs. phosphoric acid. Commercial potash is worth about 4½ cents per lb., and phosphoric acid about the same or a little over 4 cents. This would make the potash in a bushel of ashes worth 9 cents and the phosphoric acid 1½ cents, or a total of 10½ cents. There is also in ashes a large amount of lime. Ashes will do good to most soils. Where the soil is sour ashes would be of great value, or where there was abundance of organic nitrogen in a none too soluble condition it would be valuable. In any case it is better to utilize all the wood ashes on the land than to trade it off for soap, as is commonly done in the country.

### Planting Evergreens

Would you kindly let me know when is the best time to set out evergreen trees? Has the old or new moon anything to do with their growing? Is June a better month than May?—A.J. D., York Co., Ont.

For Ontario, the best month during which to plant evergreen trees is May, say from the middle of the month to the first of June. This year, perhaps, owing to the lateness of the season, planting could be carried on well into June. As a rule, June is usually too

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dry, and evergreens set out in dry weather would need a lot of watering and care. As compared with deciduous trees, evergreens are very hard to grow, and to handle with the greatest care and provided with good growing conditions or the percentage of loss will be very great. Some special information on tree planting will appear in next issue.

The moon has about as much to do with tree planting as it has with the application of hair tonic on a bald head to make the hair grow.

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### Promissory Note

Q.—A, who is a friend of B, borrowed from B \$500, and gave a note payable six months after receiving notice from B, that is, in order to obtain payment, B must give A six months' notice. The note has been running for several years, and the interest has been paid regularly. 1. What is the legal status of such a note, and is it negotiable?—J. H. W.

A.—We presume that it appears on the face of the note that it is payable six months after notice, as for instance, if it says six months after sight. If this is so, it will just be like an ordinary note and will, of course, be negotiable. If this condition does not appear on the face of the note, and the note is not payable at a definite future time, it would be negotiable before it became due, and the holder could demand payment when it came due without having to wait the six months, but if A had to pay it then he would have a remedy over against B. If it were negotiated after it became due, according to its face, the holder would take it subject to the right of A to demand six months' notice.

### Right to Renewal of Lease

Q.—A leased some ground from B. This was a provision was a provision that B would, at the expiration of the term thereby granted, lease A, for a further period of ten years the land, provided that A should desire to take a further lease of the premises. There was a provision that A was to have two months to remove any buildings he had put up, and to vacate the premises. At the expiration of the term, A continued to occupy it as usual and made no move to remove his buildings or get out, but never told B that he wanted a renewal. At the expiration of the two months B ordered him to vacate the premises, which he refused to do, and demanded a lease for ten years, according to the terms of the first lease. Can B oblige A to give up possession of the premises?—T. H.

A.—No. Under the terms of the lease it was not necessary that A should demand from B a lease. The existence in fact of a desire for the further lease is all that is essential. It is merely a matter of proving the existence of that desire, and we would think that the conduct and circumstances narrated above would be sufficient to establish it.