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FARMING, LIVE STOCK, HORTICULTURE AND EVERYTHING OF FARM INTEREST

DESTRUCTIVE OF SCALDS ON FIBRE RENDERS IT UNFIT

Length of Fibre Varies With Breed and on Individual — Kemps Will Not Dye and Must Be Removed From Fleece.

(By T. Reg. Arkell, in Charge of Sheep Division Live Stock Branch, Ottawa.)

Altho for twelve months in the year very resident of Canada, man and woman dependent for the maintenance of bodily warmth and comfort upon clothing made wholly, or partly from wool. It is surprising how little the great majority of people know respecting the various qualities and classes of cloth composing their wearing apparel. The source of raw material, and the process of manufacture. Everyone is more or less certain that wool comes from sheep, but not many are conversant with the limit of their knowledge. It is still more surprising, however, how poorly informed in too many instances is the wool-grower himself in the grades and purposes in the manufacture of the wool he produces. Lack of information in this respect is especially to be regretted since it precludes the grower from disposing of his product to the best advantage. The following description of the wool fibre may assist farmers and city dwellers alike to gain a complete and definite knowledge of this most important subject:

Many Peculiarities. The wool fibre possesses many peculiar physical properties which especially adapt it for textile purposes. It is not only complete and definite in its nature, but it is also readily understood from this cursory description how careful, if he hopes to obtain the highest price for his product, the wool producer should be to eliminate from his breeding flock animals possessing to any degree a defective quality of wool.

WILL HOLD FEEDING HOGS COMPETITION

Ontario Department of Agriculture Hopes to Prove Profitable Side of Business.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture is this year, thru its district representative, conducting a Feeding Hogs for Profit Competition, with the hope that it may result in securing valuable information regarding the feeding of swine and demonstrate the profitable side of the industry. The regulations state that the hogs are to be weaned at six weeks and fed until the kind and amount of the food is carefully weighed and noted by the district representative. Each of the contestants must feed three hogs, while a fourth may be fed and used as a spare in case of disease or accident. An accurate account must be kept of the kind and amount of the food consumed, and a uniform price will be allowed for the different feeds. No refuse from the house must be fed. The living expenses to the two weeks short course on live stock and seed judging at the Ontario Agricultural College, January 1915. Where there are more than twelve entries in a district two men will be sent to Guelph.

SHARES NOT AFFECTED BY TONNAGE REPORT

NEW YORK, June 10.—Steel shares were not affected by the decrease of 278,908 tons shown in the U. S. Steel monthly statement, which was in line with expectations. Great activity was reported in certain branches of the crop forecasts were received, and cable advices told of a turn for the better in foreign, political and financial conditions. The market made no response to these bullish indications, holding virtually unchanged during the early afternoon.

THIN SLOP IS BEST FOR YOUNG PIGS

They Eat More Than They Can Digest if Fed on Dry Meal or Thick Slop.

Experiments show that of young pigs are feeding on dry meal or a thick slop in large quantity they frequently eat more than they can digest. With a thin slop of say barley, oats, and wheat ground, this is not likely to occur. It is never advisable to make a sudden change in the character of the food given. Young pigs, which have been subsisting chiefly on milk, are accustomed to a very watery feed, and this slop followed later by a thicker one makes a more gradual change. As they become accustomed to the use of a self-feeder might be practical. They are inclined to mow over the food more with a self-feeder and it is doubtful if quite such large gains can be made with such a feeder as with regular feeding in a trough requiring the pigs to clean up reasonably quickly after each feed. The only justification of a self-feeder is that it does save labor and under certain conditions this saving of help offsets the somewhat slower gains made.

FARMERS' CLUBS TO HELP CO-OPERATION

Co-Operation Production Creating Much Interest in the Province.

At the present time co-operative production is creating much interest in this province. This interest is being carried into effect thru the work of farmers' club and other local organizations in the rural communities. There are in Ontario at the present time 185 active farmers' clubs. Many of these clubs are putting forth educational efforts only, but in increasing numbers these efforts are leading toward active co-operative production and trading on the part of the farmers. It is impossible to state the amount of business done by these organizations but few instances of what has been accomplished will indicate the tendency.

TREATMENT FOR LEAF SPOT OF STRAWBERRY

Only Plants That Are in Good Condition Should Be Planted.

This is the most common disease which attacks the strawberry and has its appearance, as small white or colored spots on the leaves, which are surrounded by reddish or purplish margins. These spots are cuttered over the leaf and if very numerous they will coalesce. All varieties may be attacked, but there is a very great difference in the susceptibility. In some cases when the disease is very severe, enough damage is done to the leaves to very materially affect the plants. The easiest way of preventing serious attacks of this disease is to plant only those varieties which have proved to be fairly resistant to the disease. When plants are set out in the field all the diseased leaves should be pinched off, and only plants that are in a good healthy condition should be planted. In an old plantation where the disease has had a third spraying with Bordeaux mixture before the flowers open will prove effective. Should the disease be serious late in the season its reappearance next year may be delayed or avoided by mowing off the leaves and burning over the bed.

CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY.

LONDON, June 10.—The stock exchange appears to regard the financial troubles as a thing of the past. With a large number of new loans in sight, the result of the Canadian issue is still uncertain. Hudson Bay's reduced dividend is regarded as satisfactory in view of the falling off in land sales. The company's monthly statement, which was in line with expectations. Great activity was reported in certain branches of the crop forecasts were received, and cable advices told of a turn for the better in foreign, political and financial conditions. The market made no response to these bullish indications, holding virtually unchanged during the early afternoon.

U. S. STEEL DECREASE.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on May 31 totaled 3,292,160 tons, a decrease of 278,908 tons over April.

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CATTLE MARKET ABOUT STEADY

Sheep, Lambs, Calves and Hogs Were Unchanged.

Receipts of live stock at the Union yards were 64 cars, 344 cattle, 596 hogs, 352 sheep and lambs, and 185 calves.

As there was only a small number of cattle it was not long before they were cleaned up at Tuesday's prices.

There was a decidedly easier feeling on the milk and springer market, and the tendency was to lower prices.

Real estate, sheep and lambs were unchanged but very firm. Hogs were unchanged.

Choice butchers' steers by the load sold at \$15.25 to \$16.00; choice steers and heifers, \$12.00 to \$13.00; medium to good, at \$7.50 to \$8.10; common, \$7.20 to \$7.85; choice cows, \$7.30 to \$7.85; good cows, \$6.50 to \$6.90; medium cows, \$5.75 to \$6; canners and cutters, \$3.75 to \$4.75; bulls, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Stocks and Feeders. The demand for stockers and feeders was not nearly as great as for some time past, and prices were easier. Choice steers \$7.50 to \$7.75; good, \$7 to \$7.30; medium and common, \$6 to \$7.

Receipts of live calves found ready sale at good prices. Choice, \$9.00 to \$10.00; good, \$8 to \$8.50; medium, \$7.50 to \$8; common, \$6.50 to \$7.

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Butchers'—11, 1100 lbs., at \$8.20; 1070 lbs., at \$8.25; 900 lbs., at \$8.30; 810 lbs., at \$8.35; 830 lbs., at \$8.40; 870 lbs., at \$8.45; 890 lbs., at \$8.50; 4, 530 lbs., at \$7.

Cows—1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.40; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.45; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.50; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.55; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.60; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.65; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.70; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.75; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.80; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.85; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.90; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$8.95; 1, 1020 lbs., at \$9.00.

Most of the vegetable growers' associations have been doing little work in the way of co-operative selling. A few, however, have been doing excellent business. The vegetable growers around Sarnia. There are two associations at work here. The Independent Vegetable Growers of Sarnia shipped 1122 tons of vegetables in 1913 making about ninety-four cars, valued at \$27,743.48. This was an increase of \$10,000 over the previous year. Practically every branch of the provincial vegetable growers buys fertilizers, herry boxes, flasks and other garden supplies on a co-operative basis.

The results from the co-operative selling of the different crops have been so satisfactory that each year a large increase in the number of associations takes place. The associations do a great deal towards the better grading of the products and on that ground alone a material increase in price is obtained.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Our two private wires give unassured picture of transacting business in the Chicago grain market. Correspondence invited.

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TO PROVIDE BETTER CREDIT GUARANTEE

PARIS, June 10.—At the resumed sittings of the International Congress of Chambers of Commercial and Industrial Associations a motion was adopted in favor of an international conference with the object of reaching an agreement in regard to the unification of legislation relating to warrants, so as to facilitate action and provide better guarantees for credit on merchandise.

In the course of several addresses on the subject, it was declared that the question was complicated because of the essential differences in the laws of Great Britain, the United States, Germany, France, Russia and other great trading countries. These it was pointed out should be adjusted and fresh legislation in all the countries concerned.

Postal cheques was another question dealt with by the congress, and it was decided that it should be fully considered at the next congress, when an attempt should be made to place international payments upon the most solid basis. It was decided that the discussion should take into account note issuing banks and their relation to those of another.

A resolution was adopted that an international bureau similar to the international postal bureau should be organized to facilitate relations between governmental banks and between governmental banks and private institutions.

WILL SELL PAINTINGS. LONDON, June 10.—It is stated as a result of the Canadian Agency failure that Arthur Grenfell will sell his collection of fine paintings. The sum of \$250,000 is said to have been paid for one picture.

BANK MANAGER HERE. S. H. Logan, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at St. John's, Nfld., was a business visitor to Toronto yesterday. He reports conditions as progressing favorably in the east.

BRAZILIAN IN LONDON. Bongard, Hyerson & Co. quote Brazilian having opened in London yesterday at \$1 3/8 to \$2 1/4. It closed at \$2 1/2 to \$1.

BIG DEPRECIATION. NEW YORK, June 10.—A cable from London says: "The British Electric Traction Trustway Trust here must soon submit a big capital reduction scheme. The depreciation of its assets has been enormous."

NEW CHINESE LOAN. LONDON, June 10.—It was learned here today that negotiations are proceeding between China and the five-power group for a loan of \$40,000,000. There were reports of a shortage in China's revenue.

That Son-in-Law of Pa's By G. H. Wellington

