

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Legal.

MAN DAMAGING TOOLS.

A hires B for \$20 per month, and B damages some of A's tools. Should B pay for them? There was no bargain to that effect. O. M. B.

Ans.—It is not general for the employer to deduct anything in case of accidents, but where deliberate carelessness or destructiveness is shown, he would be justified in doing so and, we think a magistrate would award this way.

CATTLE AT LARGE.

Is my neighbor liable to any damages for injuries received from his cattle, as I'm very much annoyed with the same? He keeps two bulls in his herd and lets them run at large. (MRS.) C. M. Sask.

Ans.—Yes; the law forbids the running at large of bulls over nine months of age.

Miscellaneous.

FROZEN POTATOES.

We have a crop of potatoes which were cut off by frost on 29th ult. What effect has that on the potatoes under ground? Will they hurt to remain, or should we dig them up at once? H. L. Alberta.

Ans.—The frost would probably check any further growth of the tubers, but they would then mature. No damage would result, and after a week or ten days the crop could be dug and stored.

QUESTIONS FROM ONTARIO.

1. Which is the most desirable country for wheat and mixed farming, Saskatchewan or Northern Alberta?

2. Does the land in Northern Alberta require irrigation or special preparation for wheat and similar crops?

3. What is the earliest date advisable for settlement, for the purpose of commencing building and preparation for breaking land, etc.?

4. Are there cheap railway rates to the West for settlers who have been in the country less than a year?

5. Is it advisable to purchase horses, implements, etc., in the district to which the settler goes, or is it better to buy in Ontario and take a car?

6. When hiring with a farmer for a given number of months at a certain sum per month, is it understood to mean lunar or calendar month? H. B. Ont.

Ans.—1. The Province of Saskatchewan has generally been considered more specially adapted for grain-growing, but there are wooded districts and valleys in it that cannot be excelled for mixed farming. Conditions are also variable in Alberta. Some parts grow excellent crops of wheat, while others, because of the nature of the soil and market facilities, are better adapted for mixed farming. More depends upon the man than upon the country whether a success is made or not.

2. No.

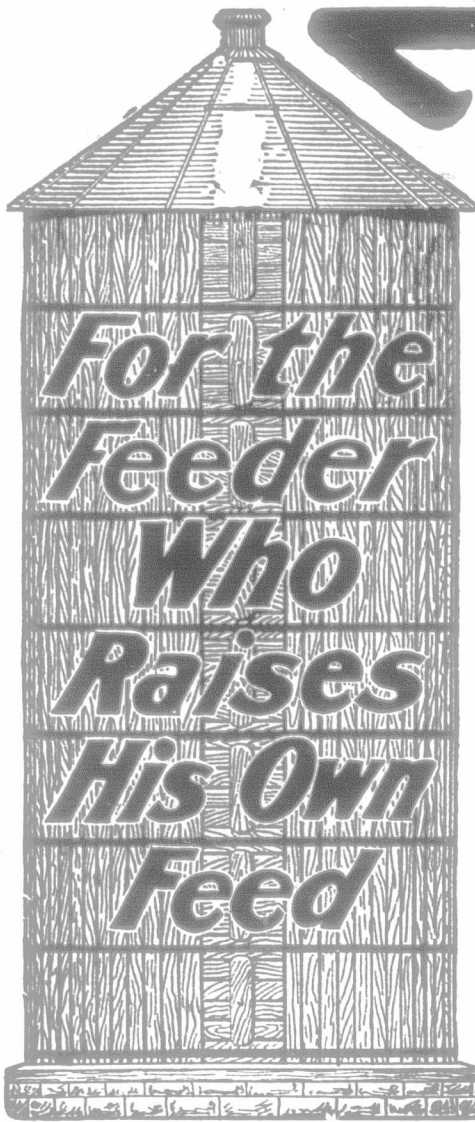
3. There is generally a cheap rate from Eastern points in March, and that is about soon enough.

4. Yes, in March, June, August and September.

5. Settlers' effects, such as horses, cows, pigs, household effects, can usually be bought cheaper in Ontario than in a new country, and if a carload can be collected, it would be better than buying everything in the West. Eastern plows, however, are not suitable for breaking Western soils. Many of the work horses used in the West are brought from the East.

6. The calendar month. If the man begins on the 8th inst., his time expires on the 8th of some future month.

The final annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the Northwest Territories has just been issued. It is a comprehensive review of the work the department has carried on during the year ending March 31st, and, for convenience, is divided under the following heads: Crops, live stock, agricultural experiments, agricultural educational work, general notes on agriculture, transit and markets, Territorial industries, colonization, miscellaneous services, public health, and office work and organization.



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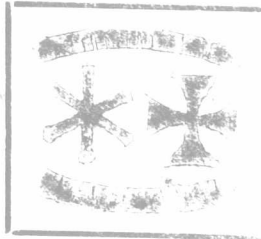
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