

# APPLE TREES FOR MANITOBA

I am anxious to try a few apple trees on my place near Kildonan. Let me have your opinion regarding the hardiest varieties for the Red River Valley.—E. J., Kildonan, Man.

Ans.—At Brandon, the two hardiest varieties were Duchess of Oldenberg and Hibernia. The first named is a fall variety, excellent for both cooking and dessert, but not a good keeper. The Hibernia is a winter apple, excellent for cooking purposes and a good keeper. Both of these sorts were free bearers of fruit at Brandon, and the trees were quite healthy. The Transcendent crab is one of the hardiest and best of its class, a heavy cropper at Brandon, but very subject to blight; which soon spreads and kills the trees. There is a class of small, extremely hardy crab apples originated by Dr. Wm. Saunders, viz.: Pyrus Baccata cross-breds, and these yield abundance of small crabs which are useful for preserves and jellies. Last fall I saw a number of these trees in a Manitoba nursery loaded with handsome fruit. One of the best of these is called The Charles, after Dr. Charles Saunders. Conditions at Kildonan are very favorable for the growing of fruit, and all the above trees should prove hardy. I would strongly advise you to procure Manitoba-grown trees if possible.

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## GOSSIP

A great historical pageant is being arranged for Chester, England, July 18 to July 23, this year. Baring Bros., Pageant House Chester, are managers.

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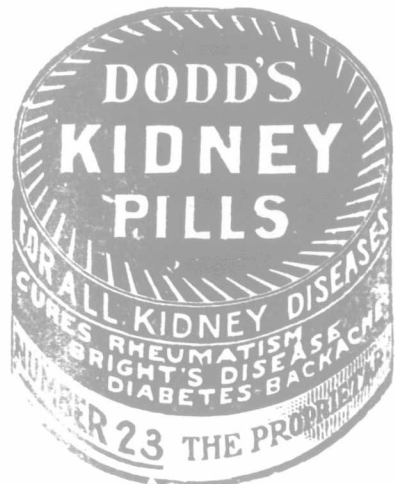
In connection with the investigation of meat prices recently under way in the East, the store is told of a New Jersey farmer who brought two hogs to a butcher and offered them for sale. A price was quickly agreed on, and the farmer said he would sell, but wanted the hams and shoulders. To this the butcher was willing, and after the weight had been taken, the desired parts of the hogs were cut off and handed to the farmer, who asked for the balance coming to him. After figuring a moment, the butcher replied: "You owe me \$2.85." And the farmer had to pay it.

The butcher had bought the hogs at wholesale price and charged the farmer retail rates for the parts he reserved. In effect the farmer had made the butcher a present of two hogs, and had then paid him \$2.85 for certain parts of them.

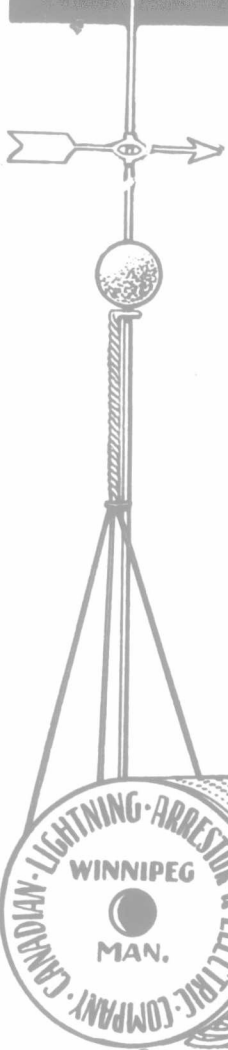
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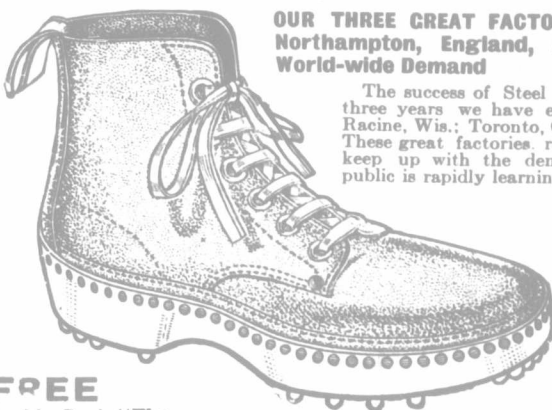
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