

ture. Hogs must be dry and require all the sunlight that can be conveyed to them. It matters very little whether their pen is warm or cold so long as it is uniform, light and dry. It may be possible to make such a pen using stone walls but we have not seen it yet. For thirty hogs we would advise a pen about twenty-five feet long and twenty feet wide with a passage down the middle four feet wide. On the south side have five large windows and instead of the roof meeting at the peak have rather a flat roof on the south side. On the north side have the roof a little steeper with the upper ends of the rafters about four feet above the ends of the south half of the roof. This gives a southern exposure to the north half of the roof. Put large windows up there also. By this means one can get a compact well lighted and easily ventilated pen. If this pen built of lumber is too expensive we know of nothing better than a straw stack over a pole frame with plenty of light on the south side. The straw absorbs the moisture from the hogs and the pen is always dry and warm.

SCHOOL TAXES.

Parties leasing school lands were assessed for taxes last spring in the usual way as their neighbors, two at present, remain unpaid. About last spring the lease changed hands to person assessed.

1. Has the board of trustees a legal right in collecting the taxes after, (as well as before) the land was sold?

2. Have those concerned any redress against the board of trustees for collecting taxes on school lands?

3. Can the taxes be recovered by distraining or distress as in the usual course, wherever the property can be found?

4. If those taxes are not collected by the trustees, (they having a legal right to do so), are the board of trustees liable for such taxes to the school district?

Alta. D. T. B.
Ans.—The parties leasing school lands are liable for the payment of taxes; as occupiers and the purchaser would be liable as owner.

1. Yes.
2. No, if properly assessed.
3. Yes, if in the school district.
4. No, they should report the arrears to the Department of Education for the province in which the lands are located.

SCHOOL LAWS.

1. Who are the proper authorities to which application could be made for a school?

2. Is a farmer liable for school taxes if he has no children eligible to attend?

3. Can three or four persons who have sufficient children to demand a school, locate the same to their own convenience and appoint themselves trustees without consulting the remainder of the school district?

Sask. J. H. B.
Ans.—1. The Department of Education, Regina.

2. Yes.

3. No, the school must be located as nearly as possible in the centre of the district and the trustees must be elected by the ratepayers at the first school meeting called according to the ordinance.

HERD LAWS.

I would like to find out how to start to get a Herd Law enforced, and how many townships have to go together to get it and what steps have to be taken before we can get started to make roads?

Sask. C. G. M.
Ans.—Write to the Department of Agriculture at Regina for a copy of the Herd Ordinance which will give you all the information you require as to forming a Herd district, and to the Commissioner of Public Works for a copy of Ordinance relating to roads.

STRAY HORSE.

How should I advertise a stray horse which came on my place? What papers should I advertise animal in?

Alta. A. C.
Ans.—Send a description of the horse, when it came to your place, stating the quarter section, to the Official Gazette, addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, and also, send a copy to the nearest local newspaper.

If you ask the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, they will send you a copy of the Ordinance relating to astray animals.

KING'S ELEVATOR NOT RUNNING.

Can you advise me why it is that the King's elevator at Fort William is not running?

Man. H. A. F.
Ans.—We understand considerable water is used in the scouring operations of the elevator and it is scarcely to be expected that much progress could be made with any process requiring water in the depth of our winters. At the same time there is considerable trouble with the "machinery" of this elevator whether due to ice or other cause, so that it runs very infrequently. Of course it is not expected that the wheat shipped in to be scoured will be moved east before navigation opens still the longer it remains in store and the oftener handled unscoured the more smutty it becomes. Note illustration of the elevator in this paper.

SEEDING BREAKING—PRESERVING EGGS.

1. What is the way to work fall breaking in the spring to get a good crop; the depth of breaking is light (2 inches).

2. Give me a way to preserve eggs for use in the winter.

Sask. T. H.
Ans.—The best way is to plow and then give whatever surface cultivation is necessary to make a good seed bed and to make the soil fairly firm. You could not expect to get a crop without plowing.

2. Take an oil barrel and cut it across the middle. Then get your storekeeper to order from wholesale druggist some water glass which is a liquid resembling syrup. Make a mixture of water glass one part and water eight parts put in the barrel along with the eggs as they are gathered. When cold weather comes the eggs can be removed to a cool place.

MAKING WILL.

Could or would it be legal to make a will (leaving a farm say) with the stipulation that a certain amount was to be paid yearly by heir to a certain cause or organization forever, or for how long could such an encumbrance be left on an estate?

Man. G. L.
Ans.—It would be legal to make a will with the stipulation mentioned.

SECURING PATENT.

I filed on my homestead in November, 1903. I have done more than the average amount of improving upon the land and have a fair sized herd. When could I apply for my patent?

Alta. N. L.
Ans.—You are entitled to your patent three years from date of filing provided you have discharged your duties with regard to residence, otherwise you appear to have given a good account of yourself. In order to secure your patent in good time you should give notice six months previously that you will apply for it on the expiry of your homesteading term. See that you get an acknowledgement of your notice.

PARTNER FOR POULTRY FARM.

What terms would be fair to offer a partner on a small poultry farm. I have all needed buildings to keep a flock of 500 laying hens:—A 220 egg incubator, brooder house, capacity 300 chickens, house for man to live in, and he would eat with family. He would not be required to put any money into the concern. There is a good market here for eggs and fowls. Give me your best ideas.

B. C. J. A. P.
Ans.—A flock of 500 hens could not be expected to make a good revenue for a man much less for two partners. If the owner is a practical man and understands poultry he had better get a good boy to help with the flock and do other work besides or get a man with some experience and keep a larger stock. If on the other hand the owner has no experience he had better either not take a partner or get one who would do other work besides. If things are so arranged that a man could be had who has some other business and would look after the poultry besides we should say about one half of the revenue of the flock should go to him.

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