

# ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER

## INSTITUTE ODE.

(Turns—Auld Lang Syne)  
A kindly thing it is to meet  
In friendship's circle bright,  
Where nothing stains the pleasure  
Sweet.  
Or dims the radiant light.  
No unkind word our lips shall pass,  
No envy sour the common weal,  
But each shall seek the common weal,  
The good of all mankind.

## GLENELEG.

A Glenelg farmer was paid \$34 for  
100 bushels of peas in Markdale last  
week, and a Holland agriculturist re-  
ceived \$4.05 a bushel on Monday for  
the same.

Waterloo County farmers will ask  
producers to decrease the interest on  
loans from 7 to 5-1/2 per cent. on con-  
dition that the money is used for the  
sole purpose of hog production.



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## MILK DISTRIBUTION COSTS TOO MUCH

**Report of the Milk Committee Proves Present Methods Wasteful.**

"Although any action taken by the food controller must necessarily be limited to the period of the War Measures Act, the committee's recom- mendations have in view more than temporary relief from the excessive 'spread' between the prices paid to the producers and the prices charged to the consumers. The report is being given wide circulation in the hope that thereby a permanent solution may be found of the problem of reducing the high cost of distributing milk."

These significant words are em- bodied in a statement by the food con- troller which is included in the re- port of the milk committee now being distributed under the authority of Mr. Hanna.

Among the suggestions of the com- mittee are to be found these words: "We recommend that the distributors' spread, or the difference between the price paid for milk delivered at the city dairy and the price charged to the consumer, be fixed on a basis of reasonable costs of distribution as shown by the evidence submitted."

The estimated saving in the cost of milk distribution under the plan re- commended in the report for Toronto alone, is \$43,530.93. This figure does not include the saving to the nation in unnecessarily duplicated labor which should make themselves acquainted with the facts therein published, the most thorough investigation by following members of the milk com- mittee in conjunction with the food controller. Dr. Boucher, Montreal; Dr. N. E. Mackay, Halifax; E. H. Stonehouse, Weston; W. R. Hamilton, Vancouver; J. Bligham, Ottawa; W. A. Wilson, Regina; William Wignora, St. John, and the chairman, F. B. Tustin, of Winnipeg.

**SMITH'S FALLS.**

The season when turkeys are in vogue is rapidly coming around again, and it reports are true the outlook for a plentiful supply of this bird, which composes the backbone of the Christ- mas feast is extremely dubious.

Cardinals of cattle have lately been arriving from western provinces where their value is much inferior to that of Ontario. They are to be fat- tened and furnished to the markets at a price yielding a substantial profit to the investor.—The News.

**DUNDALK.**

Foxes seem to be plentiful this sea- son. Local sports have had a harvest this week. T. F. Lockhart shot one Monday and G. Beaman shot two this same day.

**WARWICK.**

W. Boyd of Warwick, who has bought John Way's farm on the lake road, will shortly move to it. H. Wil- son of Sault Valley has bought Mr. Boyd's farm at Warwick.

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## Condensed Information for Farmers and Their Clubs

**News of the Crops and Farms From All Parts of Ontario.**

### FLESHERTON.

Notwithstanding the opposition of several members the good roads bylaw received its third reading in the county council Saturday morning last. This scheme embraces about 432 miles of roads in the county. The roads in- cluded in the county are: Thornbury to Flederton, via Eugenia; Sing- hampton to Hanover, Owen Sound to Shebourne and Owen Sound to Mount Forest. The work will be commenced this coming summer.—The Advance.

A meeting of farmers and others was held here on Saturday in the in- terests of greater hog production during the war. Harry Shaw, who had been a delegate to a convention in Toronto, and Mr. Duff of the agri- cultural department, Markdale, were present and assisted in planning for a canvass of the township to encourage this needed industry.

**THORNHILL.**

The next meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society will be held in Victoria Hall Tuesday, Dec. 4. The Rev. G. Tebbis of Hamilton will give an illustrated address, "An Amateur's Garden." Mr. Tebbis has a beautiful collection of lantern slides, and he is a very pleasant speaker. This is an un- usual opportunity to hear a splendid address on this interesting subject. A cordial invitation is given to all who can go.

**CAVAN.**

A farmer from Cavan delivered a load of common peas the other day and received \$2.50 per bushel for the same. The fellow on the corner says he remembers when he brought them to town for 75c per bushel.

**MIDDLEVILLE.**

Hugh McIlraith of Middleville has sold his farm to Harold Dodds.

**UXBRIDGE.**

Gordon Johnson had a splendid sale last week, everything bringing good prices. Cows sold up to \$140, his young black team (general purpose) went to his brother at Weston for \$150, a binder brought \$90, a set of scales (2500 capacity) \$48, and so on. Everybody is sorry that Mr. Johnson is leaving this part of the country. He will reside at Aurora.

### ARTHUR.

E. W. Brocklebank, A. R. McRitchie and H. J. Coit will be among the exhibitors of poultry at the Guelph Show this week. They shipped their birds last week.

The prize list for the North Well- ington Poultry and Pet Stock Show which will be held in the Arthur Town Hall on Dec. 12 and 13, have been printed and a copy may be obtained by applying to the secretary, E. W. Brocklebank.

Hunter returning from the north state that the old settlers predict an open winter. The bears which are very numerous, have not hibernated and the woods are literally full of chipmunks.

**ORONO.**

The Canning Co. have purchased the evaporator from C. J. Thornton, ex- M.P., and will employ a large num- ber of men to can pumpkins, potatoes, turnips, apples and everything the largest, if not the largest, factories of its kind in the Dominion.

This village has been head of the county for conventions of late, and a few days ago a hog convention as- sembled here to discuss ways and means to raise more hogs, but they say that will be an easy one for this burg.

**SUNDERLAND.**

The North Ontario Board of Agri- culture has arranged thru the pro- vincial department of agriculture for meetings at Sunderland on Wednes- day, Dec. 5, and Glanville on Thurs- day, Dec. 6. The afternoon meetings will be addressed by A. R. G. Smith of New Hamburg, on "Beef Cattle and Milking Shorthorns," and other sub- jects, and George Downey of Bolton on "Sheep on the Farm," "Figures in Producing Beef and Pork," etc. Miss Harriet Graydon of Streetville, gradu- ate nurse, will assist them at the evening meetings, her subjects being "Contagious Diseases," "Sick Room and Care of Invalids." The women's institute will hold an afternoon meet- ing. All who can attend will profit by doing so.

**PLYMPTON.**

The farm of 50 acres of lot 24, con- 14, which was recently sold by C. Anderson, was purchased by J. H. Fawcett, and not to Geo. Fawcett as was reported. The consideration was \$2400.

At Malcolm Cochrane's sale on the 21st ult. 135 head of cattle were sold, bringing in a total of \$10,050. Cows brought very high prices, one going at \$140, and 16 at an average of \$115. M. Sadler was the auctioneer, and dis- posed of the lot between 2 and 3 o'clock. At a sale held by Mr. Coch- rane 15 years ago 108 head of cattle were sold at a total of \$3200, the top price for any animal being \$45.

**CROMARTY.**

O. Walker has purchased a tractor plow, which will go a long way in helping production on his farm.

**MORRIS.**

Andrew Taylor has disposed of his farm on the fourth line of Morris to Joseph Miller of the village.

**WOMEN'S MOVEMENT A PROVEN SUCCESS**

Convention of Women's In- stitutes, in Toronto, Reveals Good Accomplished.

**DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITY**

Organization Has Laid Sure Foundation, Having Large Active Membership.

On Nov. 21, 22, 23 there was held in Toronto a convention of the women's institutes of Ontario. The importance of the work being carried on by these women's institutes throughout the province is recognized by those in touch with the movement, and it is practi- cally unknown to others, tho the whole province is benefiting thereby. It is just another example of the good work which is often accomplished un- seen and unheralded.

The general character of the activi- ties of this organization can readily be recognized by reading carefully the words of the "Institute ode" which is printed in another column of this page. The well-nigh universality of the movement as far as Ontario is concerned can also be speedily recog- nized when one is reminded that dur- ing the twelve months ending June, 1917, there were held 10,671 meetings with attendance of 365,390, being an average of 33. There are not many organizations that can produce such a record. The success of the institutes might be said to come from the demo- cratic ideals under which the various branches flourish, the able supervision of the superintendent, Geo. A. Put- nam, with the co-operation of the provincial government, and generally from the fact that it is an organiza- tion of women intent on developing themselves for the benefit of the com- munity in which they live.

Success of the Movement. The women's institute movement has gathered such momentum and in- terest of the younger element has been aroused to such an extent that girls' institutes have been organized in many centres. Their activities have already included home gardening and canning courses and patriotic work in its various phases. The significance of the movement can therefore readily be seen, and the public generally will no doubt be better informed in the future on the importance of the in- stitutes of these women's institutes that has been possible from the pub- licity so far accorded them.

**THE WEST DURHAM REVIEW.**

The deer season has been one of the best in years, both as regards weather and results. Neither snow nor rain has fallen since the beginning of the month and most of the time there was frost enough to make it an easy matter to keep deer. Most of the parties from here had their number and were out several days be- fore the season ended.

**ELMVALE.**

In Ontario there are 176,000 farm- ers. Each one is asked to increase hog production so that there may be a million hogs more next spring than there are now. There is no doubt about a market and good prices. The prices offered last week by Elmvalle merchants for produce are as follows: Hens, live, 12c; hens, dressed, 20c; chickens, live, 12c; chickens, dressed, 20c; ducks, live, 15c; ducks, dressed, 16c; geese, live, 10c; geese dressed, 15c; turkeys, dressed, 25c; butter, 42c to 43c; eggs, 42c to 43c; potatoes, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

**WALKERTON.**

William Liefso, Jr., who recently re- turned from Redwin, Saskatchewan, has been spending the summer, sold his 100 acres on the 12th Brant last week to Harry Mauzer for \$4000 and will move next spring to Redwin, where he has bought a 160-acre farm. His brother, Fred Liefso, also sold his 150-acre farm on the 12th Brant to David Mauzer for \$10,000 and will go west in the spring.

All farmers interested in shipping their own hogs are requested to at- tend a meeting under the auspices of the farmers' club at the home of John Mielhausen on the evening of Dec. 4.

**MEADOWVALE.**

James Campbell of Meadowvale has purchased the Switzer farm in West Gara. We understand the price paid was \$5,600.

**MARVILLE.**

Alex. Carroll's sale last week proved very successful. All the stock and implements brought a high figure. The total proceeds amounted to \$3500.

**BOLTON.**

A meeting of farmers will be held in the basement of Castlederg church on Saturday evening, Dec. 8. A. Dick of Nashville will address the meet- ing in the interest of farmers' clubs.

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The Allied Armies require enormous supplies of bacon, the British Army ration allowing 1/2 pound per man per day. With the United States raising great armies, the demand for bacon will be still further increased. Where is the supply to come from?

## 32,425,000 Hogs Short

There is a shortage of 32,425,000 hogs in Europe. The hog population of the United States is 10% below normal. The number of hogs slaughtered in Canada in September, 1917, shows a decrease of nearly 27% compared with September, 1916. Despatches from Denmark state that the total prohibition of exports of pork products is anticipated in order to insure an adequate supply of meats and fats for the Danish population.

The situation is serious. The armies must be assured adequate supplies of bacon. A great increase in the production of hogs in the United States and Canada is a military necessity.

## Save the Young Sows

Young sows which are slaughtered now only produce about 150 pounds of meat per sow, whereas each of these sows, through her progeny, could produce at a moderate estimate 1,500 lbs. of meat within a twelve-month period.

The United States has committed itself to greatly increase its hog production. Canada will do her share. Every pound of pork that can be raised is urgently needed.

The Dominion Government and the Provin- cial Governments are co-operating to encourage greatly increased production in hogs and to safeguard the growers.

Already steps have been taken to control the spread in price between that received by the producer and that paid by the consumer. The grower is assured his fair share of the price paid by the consumer.

The Flour Mills are under a form of license and allowed a profit of 25 cents per barrel on the flour only—the bran and shorts will be sold at cost, and are to be free from adulteration.

The huge United States corn crop is under effective American control to prevent speculation and to insure none of it going to Germany. There will be an abundance of feed from this source as the 1917 crop is 600,000,000 bushels greater than last year's.

The buying of the meat for the Allies will all be done by the one Commission representing the Allies which will be an influence in stabilizing the market and preventing wide fluctuations in price.

The great shortage of hogs in Europe and the vast demands of the Allied armies for pork products indicate a bright future for the swine industry in Canada.

There is individual responsibility, and every man who can raise hogs should seriously consider the possibility of raising one or two extra litters in 1918.

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