

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

To Editor QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

When we ask the question "What is manuring" many of our practical farmers smile, but it is a positive and well known fact that large sums of money are wasted every year through improper manuring, and distinctly shows us that the correct answer to this question is of the greatest importance to Canadian farmers. In order to manure correctly and successfully, we have to keep in view the fact that all kinds of plants require phosphoric acid, nitrogen, potash, lime and magnesia. All plants do not require these in equal proportions, but require them in different proportions, and we must see that these are in our soils and available in sufficient quantities at the time the plant is ready to assimilate them. We must not lose sight of the fact that most soils contain sufficient potash, and that by growing leguminous plants—such as clover, vetches, etc., we can get our soils stocked with nitrogen from nature's unlimited store, which costs us nothing. For the complete development of plants they require, as a rule, manuring with phosphoric acid. Why? Need I say, when all the higher agricultural authorities of the world agree that the most important factor in farming is to have our lands well supplied with phosphoric acid for the production of good harvests. The yield of our crops is in proportion to the amount of phosphoric acid applied. All lands that are (in a sense) sour in character and not producing as they should will have to have phosphoric acid added to them to help and bring them to their height of production. The reason I particularly mention phosphoric acid more than any of the other elements that are essential to good harvests is that all crops require and remove considerable quantities of this constituent from our soils, which is used for the construction of the bone of the animals and people of our Dominion, our soils containing very small quantities of this constituent. If we get a good phosphoric manure, that is suitable to supplement farmyard manure, and its activity continues for three or four years with proper use, we can get increased and satisfactory returns for a comparatively small outlay on our farms. The products of our farms will not only be increased in quantity but in quality as well. Considering the outlook for our Canadian products in Great Britain, does it not stand us in mind to produce the very best quality of farm products we can? In the matter of creamy butter, why is it that the Danish article has commanded a much higher price in Great Britain than has ours? My answer is—that in the production of the Danish article the requirements of the cow were studied thoroughly, so that she might produce the quality as well as the quantity. We have got to consider this matter in all branches of farming. We have got to feed the animals on our farms the very best of food, food that is rich in flesh forming constituents, fatty matter and phosphoric acid. We have got to feed our soils with good food the same as our animals. We have got to study the requirements of our soils from a practical as well as scientific standpoint, and after we have so done, put our ideas into practice and thereby make our soils produce to their utmost and not only have the quantity but the quality as well. Many of our farmers apply manure and fish of various kinds, not considering why they are doing it. The butter trade of our Dominion can be developed to an almost unlimited extent with Great Britain if we will but study the requirements of the dairy. The Canadian apple trade can be largely increased with Great Britain if we but study the requirements of the orchard. We must not lose sight of the fact that apple trees have requirements that have to be attended to in order to make them produce the best fruit. They need to be fed with proper food, and one of the principal elements necessary for this is phosphoric acid, in which most of our soils is deficient. This is essential to produce the quality, color, flavor, fineness of grain and size. This applies to all kinds of fruit. The caring for fruit trees and the fertilizing of them cannot be carried on in a careless way. We must supply them with phosphoric acid to insure a good harvest. An extensive trade can also be done with Great Britain in poultry. At present the bulk of the poultry comes from France and Ireland to supply the English market. Why not divert this trade to this Canada of ours? It is the same in this branch as the rest. We have got to adopt a proper system of feeding and preparing the poultry for market. They require food rich in flesh forming constituents and fatty matter. We most of us consider our farm-yard manure the principal manure. It contains phosphoric acid potash and nitrogen. They act mechanically, I may say, distributing the elements or properties equally and gradually, and at the same time produce humus in our soil. We find farm yard manures containing the constituents necessary to plant growth present in minute quantities, but not in such proportions as required by the plants. I do not wish to underestimate the value of farm-yard manures in any way, or without seeking to do so displace it from the position of the principal manure, but I do

say, however, that they are insufficient even when used abundantly, and that it is an absolute necessity to use artificial aides where the importance of high and profitable farming is recognized. Harvests may be improved and doubled in quantity for many years when we use a good phosphatic manure. We must have a good phosphatic heart in our soils to guarantee production. We have had many kinds of artificial manures offered us, which have been claimed to supply this great want, but they have been found not up to their standard of guarantee. It has been fully demonstrated by eminent agricultural scientists that we have a great manurial agent at hand in the form of Thomas-Phosphate Powder. A true phosphate, if used properly, will give us a good phosphatic heart in our soils. It will restore the phosphoric acid to our lands, which has been used, and is being used, for the construction and formation of bone. It will supply all the requirements necessary to the growth of vegetation. It has been well named "Common Sense Manure" and "The Farmer's Friend." It is of the highest and of the most vital importance to stock and dairy farmers. It supplies that which is essential to cheaper and better production, of which I have already spoken at considerable length. In conclusion I will say that no satisfactory crops can be obtained from soils deficient in phosphoric acid, and that the Thomas-Phosphate can supply this deficiency. It is the quickest, surest, most productive and most lasting phosphatic manure known to practical agriculturists throughout the world to-day. It permanently improves our land at a trifling cost; it replaces the phosphoric acid (the most important element in all plant growth); it surpasses all other phosphoric manures and carries our crops through to a satisfactory termination. Thus Thomas-Phosphate combines the means of obtaining larger and better crops at a trifling cost.

Yours truly, A. J. A. L. Ridgetown, Ont., Dec. 1st, 1898.

Shannon Settlement. Dec. 5.—The people of this place have secured the services of the Rev. David Patterson as their pastor for the coming year. Much credit is due the young ladies of this place for the interest they have taken in procuring the means for repairing and getting firm for the church. We are sorry to report that Mr. H. McCready is growing worse, that dread disease cancer, is the cause of his sickness. Messrs. Alex Webster and Harry McKay have gone with a crew of men to commence lumber operation in Kars. There is a young man at Mr. Geo. B. Jones, Kars, who has been ill for some time and who has not tasted food for fifty-three days, except some drink. Mr. Manfred J. Jones came from St. John to Hampton on the 3rd inst, and walked from Hampton to Shannon in two hours and a half. What is the matter with that? Mr. L. H. Huggard our much respected teacher for the past three terms, is going to leave for Carleton county, the first of next term. He will be very much missed in the place. Mr. Whitfield Jones, son of Mr. J. A. Jones, has returned home. Mr. Geo. Lunn, is the guest of Mr. J. A. Jones. The many friends of Mr. A. M. McCready will be glad to hear that he is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, on Sunday, 4th inst. We are glad to say that Miss Manie McCready is able to be around again.

Hampstead. Dec. 2.—The tug Mildred went up by here yesterday afternoon towing three woodboats. George L. Slipp, of St. John, came up on her and got out here last night when she was on her way back, he intends spending the winter here. Willie Cameron, of Evandale, shot a deer yesterday. His antlers measured eighteen inches. The river to-day has no more signs of freezing over than it did two months ago. Mr. Mayes Case, of Wickham in putting a crowd of colored men in the woods on what is known as the Wetmore Estate now owned by Henry Walton, to cut him three hundred cords of wood. Wilford VanWart intends getting out some cord wood this winter. Dec. 3.—Mrs. Wilford VanWart is quite sick with congestion of the lungs, she has been confined to her bed for two or three days. Last night was the first ice that was made in the river here. Dec. 6.—The steamboat owners got frightened two soon this fall, as there has been nothing to hinder them from running as yet, it looks more like April than December to see the river open and as free from ice as it is. John W. Slipp is quite sick. The King of Liniments. Having gained an enviable reputation in Great Britain as the King of Anodyne Liniments, Dr. Cook has introduced his liniment in Canada. For Rheumatism and all diseases where a cooling anodyne is required, there is no liniment equal to Cook's. Sold by all country dealers, 25 cents. Don't have any other.

Brookvale.

Dec. 3.—As it has been some time since there has been any news from this place in the GAZETTE, I will just drop a few notes to let the public know how affairs stand with us. Active preparations are being made for the lumber woods by nearly every farmer in the place, some having already gone in viz. Messrs. Mallin & Wilson, who will do a large business, on the Miller Brook and South Branch. These enterprising gentlemen are taking advantage of the present snow to do a portion of their portaging, which usually has to be done on wheels taking considerable time and incurring expense. Some of our local sports who have spent the greater part of the fall in the woods report game very plentiful and we think it is likely to continue so, they so far having bagged nothing. Mr. J. F. Small has been making quite extensive repairs on his buildings this fall, having remodelled his barn; and put an addition to his house. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd have our congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Mr. John Ryder of Willow Dale paid this place a flying visit last week, on his way to Sussex, Watertown and elsewhere. He reports a boom in his business.

Lakeville Corner. Nov. 28.—We had a fall of snow of about four inches, yesterday. Mr. B. Chase is spending a few weeks with friends in this place. Maggie Thompson who has been very ill with the chicken-pox is now much better. Miss Georgie Randall, of Fredericton, spent Thanksgiving with her parents here. Mrs. John McKay had the misfortune to fall last week. She was hurt very badly and is now under the skillful treatment of Dr. Camp. Miss Sophia Chase of Gagetown has come to spend the winter with O. U. Lunn. Mr. James Niles moved to French Lake last week.

Remarkable Rescue. Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well, and now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Sold by all Druggists, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

Salmon Bay. Winter has come, but the weather is very mild for this time of year, and every body is on the move as much as possible about all that one can do is to move for the roads are in bad condition with mud. A couple of oomies thought they would have a Christmas dinner and went accordingly and helped themselves to 12 or 15 chickens out of Mr. Geo. Crawford's hen coop, but they came once too often and were captured themselves. One of our young girls made a dress for a girl in thirty five minutes. Who can beat that? Eldon Brown of Salmon River spent Friday with friends at the Bay. John Hodson of Chipman was at the Bay on Monday, hiring men for the woods. Queens county can come up with other places. Mr. A. Crawford has a cabbage that is as large as a pail. Hon. Mr. Blair says that the province and Canada are prosperous, and no wonder when potatoes are beginning to grow in young men's pockets. A young lady in harvest time, gave a young man a potato as a charm for a bone attack. His mother while brushing his clothes the other day found the potato in his pocket. It had grown four more potatoes and there was prospect for more. This is no fish story as his mother has the potatoes yet. Mrs. A. Crawford picked a bunch of flowers in her garden the first Dec. The school in this district is making good progress under the efficient management of Mr. Haux. We are beginning to dread the delay of our mails for all look eagerly for the GAZETTE. It is a welcome paper here and some think they can't do without it. So now a Merry Xmas to all GAZETTE subscribers.

COOK'S SURE COUGH CURE. South Cloness. Dec. 8.—We are having zero weather at present, but the roads are good, and hauling fine. A large number of our young men have gone away to work in the lumber-woods. John Petty, J. P., who has been awarded the contract of repairing our school house, has it about completed. The finest of the carpenter work was done by Mr. Harry McKee, of Coote Hill. Great credit is due Mr. Petty for the thorough manner in which he has had the work performed. The school house will now be neat and comfortable, and of a presentable appearance. No teacher has yet been secured for the ensuing term but several applications are under consideration.

Matrimonial rumors are thick here at present.

Miss Jennie Cooper is visiting relatives in St. John. TO CONSUMPTIVES. The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is irrefragable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address: REV. EDWARD A. WILSON, Brooklyn, New York.

Shirley. Dec. 8.—Winter has apparently succeeded in clothing the fields and forest in her white mantle, and there is now fairly good sleighing. Our resident sportsmen have been very successful around the neighborhood during these autumn months. Some of them informed your correspondent that they have shot seventy pairs of partridge. Many fine deer have also been captured. Miss Bella Scott seems to possess all the requisite qualities of a proficient taxidermist having very skillfully succeeded in mounting a doe which was shot by her brother William. Our daisy pedlar friends, formerly so prevalent, seem to have resigned the field in favor of furze cones, to whom we wish much success in their new vocation. The young men of this place have nearly all left for the lumber woods. Mr. Emery Lindsay is again among us, after being absent during the summer in St. John. The Angel of Death has visited our neighborhood, and removed from our midst, Mr. Richard Estey, an aged resident, who leaves a sorrowing widow, four sons and three daughters, to whom we extend our sympathy. He died at the residence of his son, Mr. Lemuel Estey, with whom he had resided for a short time. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. H. Dibble, Rector of St. John's church, Oranmore.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE. For "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halsted, commissioned by the government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low price. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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