

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

SCHOOL RATES.

1. Have public school trustees the right or power to set the rate of payment for children attending their school from a neighboring section?
2. If so, how much can they charge for each child?

Ontario.
Ans.—1. Yes.
2. The provisions of the Public Schools Act in respect of this matter are somewhat lengthy and elaborate, and we would refer you to the Act itself, Section 70 (Ontario Statutes of 1909, Chapter 89).

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

1. Is it lawful for a man to keep a drove of cattle without shelter, not even a straw stack, and exposed to all kinds of winter weather, and getting fed and watered but once a day?
2. If not, what proceedings can be taken?

Ontario.
Ans.—1. No.
2. Information may be laid before a justice of the peace, and upon conviction, before two justices, of the offence of cruel or unnecessary ill-treatment of the cattle, the party may be fined any amount not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisonment for three months, with or without hard labor, or subjected to both fine and imprisonment.

SEEDING ALFALFA WITH FALL WHEAT.

Is it advisable to seed fall wheat down with alfalfa? If so, what is the best time of year, and how treated?

W. J. H.
Ans.—Good catches of alfalfa, seeded with rye and fall wheat, have been reported to us, some few people claiming they had better success with autumn than spring nurse crop. As a rule, however, we believe better results have been obtained by seeding with a light nurse crop of barley, say four or five pecks per acre. When sown with wheat, it may either be sown on the frozen ground in early spring, or sown a little later when the ground is dry enough to permit of harrowing the seed in. Some recommend one way and some the other. We rather think we should prefer to take chances on the later sowing.

BINDWEED.

Advise how to get rid of and kill bindweed, or wild morning glory, as it seems extremely hard to kill. If you could give any particular information, it would be gratefully accepted by more than one.

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Ans.—You are quite right in saying bindweed is extremely hard to kill. Of all our vigorous perennials, it is about the most difficult to exhaust. It can be done, however, by thoroughness and perseverance. Here is a recipe which, if followed faithfully, will practically eradicate the worst patch. If it does not finish the job, it will so weaken the plants that a well-cultivated hoe crop the second year will complete the work. The recipe is this: Cultivate the patch every five days for a whole summer with some implement such as a disk harrow or broad-share cultivator, that will cut off every shoot below the surface. The first few weeks of cultivation may seem to be rewarded only by a more vigorous growth of the weed, but about July or August it will begin to weaken, and eventually the rootstocks will be exhausted. If the field is badly infested, it will be advisable to summer-fallow. If not so badly infested, it may possibly serve to grow a hoed crop, though in this connection it must be remembered that frequent hoeing and pulling of the weed will be necessary to prevent its growing close to the plants and twining up around the stalks of corn or whatever the crop may be. Unless this hard-work be done faithfully, the benefit of the cultivation will be largely lost. On the whole, summer-fallowing is to be recommended in most cases. We know by experience that it will avail. We have never tried eradicating a bad piece of intertillage of growing crops. We must add that small patches of bindweed may be smothered out by tar paper carefully weighted down at the edges.

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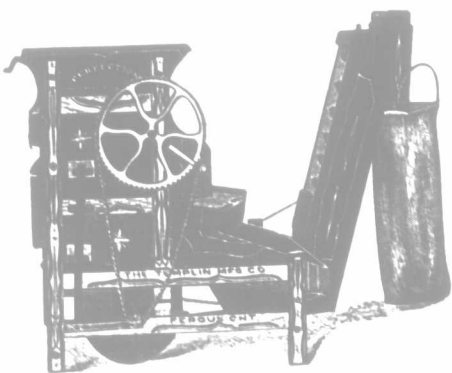
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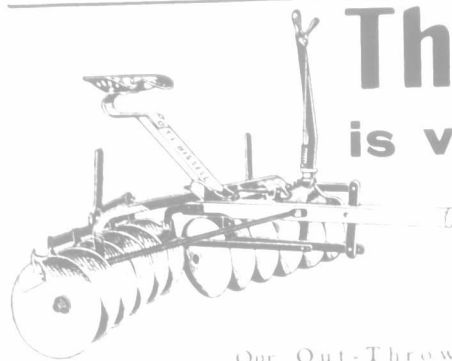
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