

## Inquiries and Answers

Readers of the paper are invited to submit questions on any phase of agriculture.

### Council Responsible for Drainage Water

Can the council turn a creek from its natural course and leave it to run on to my garden, and flooding the road in to my farm. The creek crosses the road on a side hill and they claim they have the right to cut a ditch along the side of the road which will let the creek off by another course. The creek was doing no harm to anybody while running in its natural channel but at present it damages me as stated above.

If they turn it into the ditch along side of the road, there will be two culverts to make. Can I compel the council to make these culverts in order that I can get out and into my farm or will I have to build them myself? This by way is not a legal road but it has been used for about 20 years. It is only 33 feet wide and is not in a proper place. Owing to a river, it was impossible to place it otherwise—Subscriber, Ontario Co.

A Municipal Council is responsible for damages caused by its diverting a water course from its natural channel. The council may, however, in the public interest, divert a water-course, but in such case the Municipal Council must provide sufficient facilities for carrying off the water by providing necessary culverts, but they are not entitled to cut off from access to the highway, without making proper provision for your having access thereto.

### The Hired Man's Holidays

How many holidays is a man hired by the year entitled to and when are they?—Y. York Co.

A man hired by the year is entitled to the following holidays: Sundays, New Years, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas, Dominion Day, Victoria Day (24th of May) and Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day; but domestic servants may be required to do such work as may be necessary on the Lord's Day.

### Advice Regarding Telephone Poles

A number of farmers in this district intend to erect poles for telephone system. We have had permission from the township council. Do we need permission from the Government as well? After we have erected said poles and put our wires thereon, can any person or company string wires on said poles without our company's consent? These poles to be erected on a public road?—O. E.

If you have permission from the township council, you do not need permission from the Government. Persons or companies could not string wires on your poles without your company's consent.

### Chickens in an Orchard

Is there any danger in keeping chickens in an orchard that has been sprayed? Would fowls keep down the pests without need of spraying?—A. T. Hants Co., N. S.

Chickens can be kept in a sprayed orchard without injury, and they will help to keep down certain pests, such as curculio. They will not keep down all the insect pests, and of course can have no effect whatever upon fungous diseases, such as apple scab, bitter rot, and so forth. Keep the fowls in the orchard, and it will help both you and the chickens and the trees—but you will still need to spray the fruit.

### Legal Advice re Saw Logs

I own a saw mill. The public bring logs to the mill and I cut them into lumber of whatever they want. They pay me by the thousand feet. I have a saw mill, to which the public bring their trade and I saw it to their order, charging them

by the thousand. To whom do the slabs belong, the owner of the logs or to me? Some of my customers claim the slabs as theirs, others leave them with me. Naturally, I think the slabs belong to me but am not sure where to draw the line. Could you advise me regarding this matter?—A. W. Digby Co., N. S.

Where the owner of logs engages a saw-miller to saw up all the mill-logs is entitled to is the contract price, and everything produced from the log belongs to the owner of the log, including slabs.

If the miller desires to keep the slabs, he should make a special contract with each log-owner, or post a notice conspicuously in his mill to that effect, and draw the attention of customers to same.

### Liberal Feeding

Perhaps the greatest error most dairymen make is feeding too little. I have always been considered a good feeder. Some have considered me rather extravagant; however, this has not changed my practice in feeding. Since five of my pure-bred Ayrshires have been entered in the Record of Performance, all of them obtaining good records of merit, I am more than ever convinced that liberal feeding, and regularity, is the only successful way to handle dairy cows.

Daisy Queen, a Friesian, was cut appears in this issue, commenced her record January 1st, 1907. She was fed four times a day while in the stable, her food consisting of ensilage, roots, bran, oat-chop, and oil cake, with a liberal sprinkling of salt over each feed. She was also given what hay she would consume. Water was always before her. It is better to divide the grain into several feeds than to feed too much at once. When on good pasture I find my cows will not take much grain. I always want to know what each cow is receiving, and have no guess work about it. It is an important thing to feed regularly, at the same time each day; also to be regular in milking. The milk from this heifer alone returned me \$100 from the cheese factory last year. Another matured cow brought me \$132 for her product. I will milk fifty cows this year and am aiming at making my herd average \$100 each.

I am weighing each cow's milk daily and I intend to look after all my cows the same as I did the few that were getting a record for last year. It pays to provide plenty of exercise for the cows. If you have not pasture, provide something else. Make the cows yield enough milk to pay for their feed and give the owner a large profit.

E. K. Cohoon,  
Middlesex Co., Ont.

The Potato Crop in Canada—The Dominion Offices of the Potash Syndicate, Temple Building, Toronto, have a very interesting and instructive pamphlet entitled "The Potato Crop in Canada." This bulletin is for free distribution. Any of our readers wishing to obtain a copy should write to the Potash Syndicate. This firm will please to send a copy to all who apply for it.

Farmers sold a lot of cattle early in the winter and in most places fed out longer later than usual. This has conserved the feed supply and no more will need to be bought this spring than usual.—T. Corduke, East Algoma, Ont.

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