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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Building Silo.

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Ans.—Between \$6.25 and \$6.30 per foot.

Wart on Mare.

I bought a young mare three years old a few days ago, and she has a wart on her eye; that is, around the eyelid outside, but it seems to extend inside a little at one corner. I have seen some cures through your columns, but I was afraid to use them on account of it being in so dangerous a place. **J. F.**

Ans.—If it has a restricted neck which you can get at, clip it off, or tie a fine cord around it. If this is not practicable, try applying castor oil twice daily for some time. This will sometimes remove them. If you can apply it without affecting the eye, put on a little butter of antimony with a feather. This will require care.

Alfalfa.

I have a field summer-fallowed last year upon which there is now a heavy crop of wheat. Do you think if it were plowed immediately after harvest, it could be sown with alfalfa with a fair chance of success? **J. N. K.**

Ans.—This, we believe, would be quite risky. It might be that you would get a good catch, but the season would need to be very favorable. You would require to plow and work the land well, as one of the most important considerations in growing alfalfa is to get the land clean before sowing it. On the whole, we would not care to risk it. We are sowing at Weldwood on summer-fallowed land, and alone early in July.

The Chickweeds.

W. H., Sebright, sends a weed for identification.

Ans.—There are more than a dozen different kinds of weeds in this country belonging to the chickweed group, several of which have been introduced from Europe. In the absence of complete specimens, exhibiting root, flower and seed-pod, some of them are difficult to distinguish. They are all low-growing, often spreading plants, with opposite leaves at enlarged joints of rather weak, herbaceous stems. The common garden chickweed is a well-known and quite typical example. The styles, sepals, and hairiness of **W. H.'s** specimen, agree with *Cerastium viscosum*, one of the mouse-ear chickweeds, but the leaves are longer than usual for that species. Although it is properly classed with the weeds, it cannot be called a pestilent one. **J. D.**

School Trusteeship.

1. At a school meeting on Dec. 31, 1913, there were five persons, say, A, B, C, D and E. A is the Secretary-Treasurer, and B the old trustee, C is the new trustee, D is the ratepayer, and E is a farmer's son—not a ratepayer. D moved that C be trustee for this term, and E seconded it. Can C qualify or not as trustee. A would not wait until the other trustees came, but called the meeting to order and had it over before they got there. Is this lawful or not? B wanted to wait for them.

2. Can a ratepayer qualify if he sells coal or wood to school trustees for term? **Ontario.**

Ans.—1. Judging from the foregoing statement, alone, it seems to us that C's election was not in substantial compliance with The Public Schools Act, and that, accordingly, it would have been in order for any ratepayer of the section to make complaint thereof to the Inspector. It would have then become his duty to investigate, and either confirm the election, or set it aside and appoint a time and place for a new election; but it is too late now for a complaint to be legally entertained by him. It should have been made—if at all—within 20 days after the election.

2. The statement of facts is not sufficient to warrant our answering this question. We would refer you for information on the point to Section 119, of the Public Schools Act (R. S. O., 1911, c. 263).



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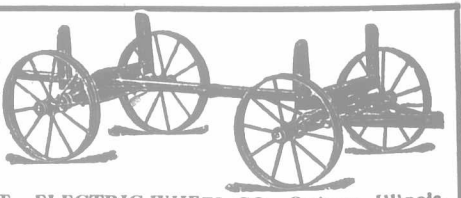
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