

In York county is using sweet clover this year for the first time. Quite a portion of his land is what is generally known as blow sand and he decided to try sweet clover on it. He harvested his first crop of it this season and told me that he had 10 large loads from three and one-half acres. He was very much pleased with the experiment as it was a hard matter to get other crops to grow upon this particular field. As soon as the sweet clover was harvested, he plowed the land and sowed corn. This corn was at the time of my visit about two feet high and although sown as late as July 1st, promised to give quite a large amount of good succulent feed for the autumn. This seemed to me to be an example of intensive farming upon land that heretofore had been counted as almost useless.

The Winter's Feed Supply.

One thing very noticeable to one interested in agriculture, who travels

about from place to place, either upon the railway trains or country roads, is the number of hay stacks to be seen. I counted as many as three large hay stacks upon a 100-acre farm in Ontario county a week ago. It is the common practice with farmers to put a part of the annual hay crop in the barn and to stack the rest. When one sees as many as three hay stacks in the fields on a 100-acre farm, it is good evidence that there will be no shortage of that kind of feed during the coming winter.

When we ask ourselves the reason for this bumper crop, we at once think of the very growthy spring season which we had this year, but I do not think that all the credit is due to the conditions of growth. Land that was seeded a year ago, produced a wonderful growth by autumn and came through the winter in good shape. The prospects for a good catch this year are very bright, especially if we get good growing

weather from now on. In discussing clover one of the good farmers of York county was heard to say that in general farm practice, when we have a season giving us a good crop of clover, it is usually followed by one or two good crops of grain. A heavy clover crop leaves the land in a condition for producing a heavy yield of the crop that follows it.

Red Clover Seed.

The clover fields that were cut early in the season are producing quite an abundant second crop and many fields are to be seen covered with the characteristic purple blossoms of the clover at the present time. What are the prospects for a seed crop? In answer to this question, everyone is aware that the weather has much to do with the clover crop. The hot, dry weather of the last few weeks, would not appear to be very favorable for a large crop of clover seed. Our bee men, however, tell us that the bees have been very active

and that the honey crop is a good one. Consequently we may expect to reap a fairly good yield of red clover seed this year.

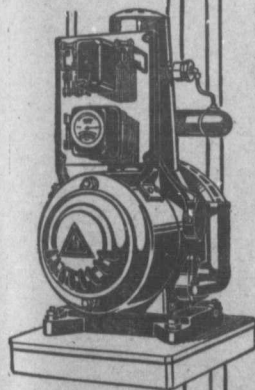
Preparedness.

This is a word which has come into quite common use in many countries during the last year or so. I saw a very striking example of preparedness upon the roadside of the main artery of York county, known as Yonge street. Those who have travelled over this road know that for many miles north of Toronto, the county has what is known as a "good road" or more technically speaking, a macadamized one. At short distances along this road are to be found piles of crushed stone. This crushed stone is kept there for the purpose of keeping the road repaired. When ever a hole is worn in the road, workmen are despatched to fill it in with this stone and the cementing mixture which they use on the finishing coat.

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