

FARM MANAGEMENT

Notes on Tile Drains

Jas. Marshall, Wentworth Co., Ont. We have not been troubled much with deposit or silt getting into our tile drains, as the soil here is heavy clay. Where there is quicksand, there should be silt basins made in convenient places, with the bottom of the basin lower than the tile drains. These should be cleaned out regularly.

The larger crops on underdrained soil, and the reduced cost of working it, should fully repay any person for the cost of underdraining in three years. Besides, we have the pleasure and satisfaction of having the farm in first class shape.

I may also say that where farms are thoroughly drained, the manure and good soil will remain, to benefit the crops, while scarcely anything but clear water will run off the farm.

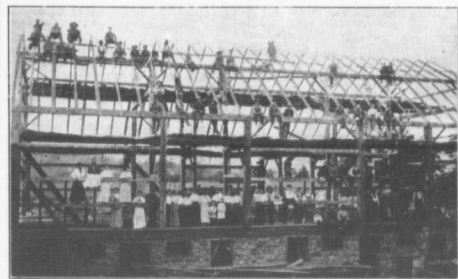
New Light on Plant Breeding

Scandinavia, comprising the three countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, has a reputation for pro-

ducing and using better seed than any of the other countries of the world. Scandinavian seed experts are recognized as the most expert plant breeders to-day. In order to discover the exact truth about Scandinavian methods of plant breeding, L. H. Newman, B.S.A., Secretary of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, recently spent nine months in those countries, and as a result of his visit to Europe we now have a new bulletin, "Plant Breeding in Scandinavia." Mr. Newman spent the most of his

First, and above all things, look to the maintaining and increasing of the fertility. If that is done, one need not worry much about the crop, for he will have a crop if anyone does, and often when others less solicitous on this question fail, or partially so, in a crop. Every crop grown on the farm is greatly aided by such a plan of rotation.

If we cannot grow clover and can grow alfalfa, that does not change the necessity of proper rotation. We must rotate even if we have to sacrifice a



What a Plesing Combination of Work and Fun is a Barn-Raising

The above illustration, taken on the farm of Mr. Ernest Fallis, Durham Co., Ont., will to many of us bring back many pleasing memories. We almost regret that the day of the barn raising, the logging bee and similar social functions is now passing away. In the past these bees held an important part in the social life of rural communities.

time at Svalof, in Sweden, the leading plant breeding station of the world.

Mr. Newman's investigations reveal the startling fact that principles of breeding that we in Canada, and in fact, in all America, have been led by certain writers to look upon as being recognized in Scandinavia, are not principles which are actually applied in plant breeding practice in that country. The great importance of these discoveries to students of plant breeding problems will easily be recognized. This new bulletin is for free distribution, but is intended primarily for the scientific reader. The influence which this bulletin will have on plant breeding practice in Canada will lead to far reaching results.

Rotation With Alfalfa

Many writers deprecate rotating with alfalfa on the ground that the alfalfa is too valuable a crop to be devoted to any such purpose. They say it is preposterous to think of plowing a fine alfalfa meadow down when it is producing \$50 worth of hay a year.

But rotate we must or down goes fertility, and that is worth more than any single crop. We must keep up the supply of humus, for it is in the humus that nitrogen content is found. Therefore, we believe that alfalfa soil should be plowed under once in five years at least. We prefer to let the fourth crop come to at least a foot growth. This will bring it well into October. Before plowing, spread 1,000 lbs. of raw ground phosphate rock and eight to 10 loads of manure, and plow the whole under. The action of the snow and frost is beneficial in fining the soil and the native fertility has been greatly reinforced by this action.

We notice that those who make it a regular practice to turn under the alfalfa once in five years, with possibly a good top dressing of farm manure on the alfalfa while it is in the meadow, always have good crops, providing that some time in that five years' course they give the land a good lining. The principle we follow is this:

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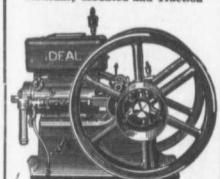
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