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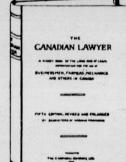
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# Your Questions Answered

### INCUBATOR HATCHED CHICKENS

Q .- Having been using an incubator for some years, I always have so many chicks dead in the shell, almost matured. Could you give me some information as to the cause and how to remedy it?

Answer by Prof. Herner, Manitoba Agricultural College:—

The reason your chicks die in the shell in the incubator is due to faulty incubation, or lack of vigor and vitality of the parent stock. Of course, there will always be some chicks die in the shell in any incubator, due to poor breeding stock, uneven temperature of incubator, over-heating or overcooling or shelling the eggs, but paying attention to these points will help to overcome some of the trouble. In addition to this, I would recommend using moisture in the incubator, even if it is non-moisture machine. Take a pan about one inch deep and put in one-half inch or so of sand and keep this wet thruout the entire hatching period. Place it in the bottom of the incubator below the egg tray, and locate it so as not to obstruct the ventilation of the incubator. Apart from this there is very little that can be done except breeding from only strong, vigorous and healthy stock. A good practice is to use hen-hatched males for breeding purposes each year, and in this way keep up the vigor and vitality of the breeding stock. It stands to reason that what keeps chicks from hatching will also influence those that do hatch, and in order to avoid the deteriorating influence of the continued use of the incubator on the stock it is well to cross

#### TROUBLESOME WEED

in this way.

Q .- We are in a very scrubby district, poplar and willow, and wherever the scrub is cleared off and broken up there always appears as the by magic (for you don't see it as long as the scrub is standing) a large and prolific weed. I think from the description I have read of it, it is "great willow" weed. I have scrub land broken and so badly infested with the weed that I have never yet had a crop on this land, the weeds always getting ahead of it. I have tried to see how deep the roots go in the ground, but have not found the exact depth. I have plowed light in the fall, thinking they would winter kill; have also plowed deep in spring and harrowed immediately, but still they are there. This fall I followed the hinder and where I came to these parameters and where I came to these parameters. binder and where I came to these particular places I cut the bands of the sheaves and laid them out thinly. When they became dry I burnt them, because they grow pods which contain an awful lot of seeds. They have pale red flowers for about fourteen inches from the top of the plant. The land is of a deep black nature, and from one to two feet in depth. Possibly some of your readers have had past experience with the same plant and if so I should be glad to hear of the most effective way of getting rid of this pest.

Sask. WEED HATER. A .- From the above description it is A.—From the above description it is difficult to exactly tell whether the weed referred to is the "great willow herb" or not. If possible, a mature specimen of the plant should be sent in so that exact identification can be made. However, if the field is infested with great willow herb, careful cultural methods will kept it under control. The plant is a deep-rooted perennial and is quite persistent. To control it careful summer-fallowing should be practiced. The land should be deep or shallow plowed, depending upon the nature of the soil, as soon as growth has been made in the summer. Subsequent cultivation should be given, with harrows, or if possible, a cultivator, so as to destroy all weeds as soon as they commence to grow and before they obtain a firm hold in the soil. Burning the matured plants is good practice when these have been allowed to grow, but it is far better to destroy them, if possible, in the early stages of their growth. The use of a duck-foot cultivator with teeth kept sharp in the control of perennials, such as this weed, which spread by means of

underground rootstocks cannot be too

strongly emphasized.

Ed. Note—We shall be glad to hear from any of our readers who have had experience in the control of great willow

### RENTER'S LEASE

Q.—The man that I am to rent from bought this farm a couple of years ago, and has paid one-third of the amount, the balance, I presume, is to be paid on crop payments. The land was sold for a fair price in the first place. I am to rent the place for three years and give one-third crop to the man that owns it now. Would the previous owner be entitled to any crops from the place during this time, providing the other fellow failed to make his payments on same? That is, could the pre-vious owner collect any more than the one-third of crop that I am to give the other man for his share? Is it necessary to draw up a contract with both of these men or just the man I rent the place from?

Alta. A .- If you are contemplating renting farm for three years, you should have lawyer draw lease. It may save you endless trouble later. We would advise you to see lawyer about the whole mat-

### HORSE SALE

Q.—A sold team of horses to B, guar-Q.—A sold team of norses to B, guaranteed, verbally, sound and healthy. Two weeks from date of purchase one of the horses took colic and later died. B paid on that team \$133 cash and the balance of \$417 as a promissory note. A misrepresented the team. B is not held the property of the balance but is willing. able to pay the balance, but is willing to give the horse back. What can A do while the note is only covering the horses?

Man.

A .- B has two remedies. He may sue for revision of the sale and return of money and note, or B may wait until sued on note and then counterclaim for breach of warranty. The danger of the latter course is that the note may get into the hands of an innocent party for value and then there is no defence to it. tho B would still have right to sue for damages for breach of warranty. To succeed in either action B would have to prove horse was not sound and healthy at date of sale.

## FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

Q.—Can a loan company foreclose on me this year. As the crop has been an entire failure, I have not been able to pay them anything on the interest.

Alta. —J.S.R.

A.—The loan company may take action on mortgage if they wish. Land must be first offered for sale. If sale does not realize as much as is against land, loan company takes land and you are foreclosed.

### PERMANENT PASTURE

Q.—Could you inform me what would be the best grass seed to sow for a permanent pasture? Our land is very heavy here. I have twenty acres to seed down which was well summerfallowed in 1914. What amount of seed would it require to the acre and could I raise wheat on the land as a nurse crop? If not, how would you advise me to seed it?

Idaleen, Sask.

Answer by Prof. T. J. Harrison, Manitoba Agricultural College:—

Thruout the drier districts in the West, Brome seems to be the only grass adapted to permanent pasture. It starts early in the spring, remains green late in the fall, and, due to its ex tensive root system, can withstand the dry weather during July and August. It has, however, two serious objections; first, it is difficult to eradicate when

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In this department of The Guide questions dealing with legal matters, farm problems, livestock, or anything relating to practical farmwork will be answered. It may not be possible to answer all of them for lack of space, but those of most general interest will be answered in the order in which they come. Those wishing replies to legal or other questions by mail must enclose \$1 in payment. Veterinary questions cannot be answered, as we have not the space available. No questions will be answered for subscribers whose subscriptions are in arrears.