

"forty bushels of fruit in favorable years, and orchards 500 bushels per acre!" I am glad to quote this, because I find some who doubt my statement concerning a grand old Greening tree, over 100 years of age, from which my father gathered fifteen barrels of No. 1 apples, and, in one exceptional season, twenty barrels.

Surely, if by up-to-date methods we can grow No. 1 Greenings, there is no more profitable industry open to the Canadian farmer.

6. The Newton Pippin.—I cannot speak so confidently about this noble old apple, because I have not been growing it in my own orchard, but we all know it from seeing it at our fairs, and we find it quoted as bringing the very highest prices in the British market. We know the very high quality of the flesh, its excellent shipping qualities, and the productiveness of the tree, and that apple-growers in Ontario have avoided planting it because of its being very subject to scab. But a change seems to be approaching, for the Norfolk County apple-growers have been showing beautiful samples of this apple, both at Simcoe and at Toronto, and encourage us to believe that even this variety can be produced to perfection in our most-favored apple districts.

LINUS WOOLVERTON.

THE FARM BULLETIN.

Nemo Too Easily Satisfied.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Now, how would it do if we were to give Mrs. Hopkins a breathing spell, and go after that husband of Nemo's, and any more like him.

Just think of any woman toiling all week, and then being satisfied with 25 cents a week to spend as she pleases. Why, it is outrageous. I thought she must have surely made a mistake, and meant \$2.50 at least.

We have a few such men up here in Middlesex County, but only a few. Most of the farmers' wives get all the money from the eggs and butter sold, and sometimes the husband gets enough to buy a ten-cent plug of tobacco a week, and most of them feel cheap about asking for that.

A woman who does not have her share, must be quite a lot to blame herself. That hired-girl feeling (without wages) is not the way any wife should feel. How much better it is when husband and wife are partners in every sense of the word, both working for the same object, consulting each other, and sharing as each one requires. When this is the case, the husband does not carry all the money in his pocket, and the wife does not have to ask for it. He leaves his purse in the house, and the wife is at liberty to take what she pleases. Of course, some women are so extravagant, and have such millionaire ideas, that a fortune would soon vanish; but most women, especially farmers' wives, are prudent and saving.

"Nemo" is too easily satisfied, and does not place the proper value upon herself. If she would tell that hubby in a nice quiet way that she thinks she is entitled to a certain amount of money, when she has worked for it, and just how she feels about it, it might open his eyes. Probably he thinks that, as long as she gets what she needs, she has no use for any funds outside of that.

I hope he will enjoy reading all the nice things the readers of "The Farmer's Advocate" will have to say of him. MAZELE.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

Corn Planting in Essex.

Corn-planting commenced about May 9th, and has now (May 16th) become quite general. Should present weather conditions prevail for another week, farmers will be well ahead with planting. Prices paid for hogs, and greater demand for this most valuable cereal are encouraging corn-growers to increase the acreage planted.

Quite severe frosts visited this section during the past week. For four nights in succession the mercury indicated several degrees of hard weather. Crops on low-lying ground have suffered considerably. Fruits, and especially strawberries, must have been extensively injured. As yet, there is no means whereby the extent of injury can be ascertained. Apple and cherry blossoms have assumed a browned and wilted appearance. Peach-growers, owing largely to the fact that their orchards are situated on the higher lands, maintain an optimistic spirit. Early tomatoes, potatoes and tobacco plants were in many sections cut down, even in the hotbeds.

Rain and warm weather is much desired to overcome the effects of chill received. A. E.

At the bean growers' convention at Ridgetown, May 14th, P. H. Bowyer, M. P. P. for East Kent, and P. W. Hodgetts, Department of Agriculture, Toronto, were publicly thanked for their efforts in bringing the wishes of the bean farmers for recognition and assistance to the attention of the Provincial Government.

More About Bell Service.

Some weeks ago, an article solicited by us, upon a friend's suggestion, from H. J. Davis, of Oxford County, was published in "The Farmer's Advocate," describing the features of an advantageous arrangement for rural service made by Mr. Davis with the Bell Company. Some statements made in the communication were criticised by a correspondent using the nom de plume "Ruraler." Mr. Davis, in turn, takes exception to some statements made by "Ruraler." Extreme pressure of space has prevented us giving earlier attention to his letter, which reached us early in May. Following is Mr. Davis' representation of the case:

"Ruraler" claims that we pay 25 cents for use of his system, when we just pay 20 cents, and if you were to consult all the farmers surrounding Woodstock served by the Bell system, you would not find one dissatisfied subscriber; and when you meet neighbors and men of integrity, condemning the way the Independent system is managed, one cannot agree with "Ruraler" that things are as rosy as he paints them. When I also inform him that subscribers of his system have come to me, asking to be taken on my line; but as I am not in the telephone business after my own line was built, I have had to refuse them. But when "Ruraler" no doubt is a heavy shareholder in his line, he does not like opposition which gives free service to a city of 10,000 inhabitants (also seven other private lines), and he also knows full well if the 10-cent rate with the City of Woodstock was reduced, the system would pay but very little dividends, whereas the Bell subscribers are assured of their dividends by the price being \$5, instead of \$10, yearly. The large amount of information asked for from different parts of the country, concerning the Bell system of rural telephony, which I have cheerfully answered these last two years, makes one think that when the country becomes fully awakened to this privilege, it will probably increase not only the profit, but the value of the farms of Ontario. And as a worker for the benefit of my brother farmers, have for this reason replied to the arguments (if he made any) of "Ruraler," and would advise them to build their own lines, and thereby have the right independent system, managed by, as he says, "the ancient and honorable Bell system," and not by the country doctor.

New Fair Rules.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Fairs Association in Toronto, last winter, a change was made in the method of electing members of the executive. Instead of being selected without special reference to locality, the suggestion of J. Lockie Wilson, that the Province be divided into twelve districts, from each of which one director was to be chosen, was carried out.

In line with this action, District No. 7, which comprises the Counties of Haldimand, Lincoln, Welland and Wentworth, held a meeting of delegates from the twenty-four Fair Boards of that district in Dunville, last month. Informal discussions on local fair-board troubles, rules and management, occupied the afternoon, and many helpful hints were given and received. Superintendent J. Lockie Wilson, who was present, believed the district movement would revive interest in fairs. Fair dates for the whole district could be arranged at such meetings.

A uniform scale for horses of the different classes was agreed upon to be recommended to district fair boards:

Draft Horses, 1,600 pounds and over; Agricultural, 1,400 to 1,600 pounds; General-purpose, 1,200 to 1,400 pounds; Carriage, over 15½ hands; Roadster, 15½ hands and under.

Other suggestions, such as that every fair should have parade of prize animals, that hall exhibits should be of current year's manufacture, and that school-children's parades be encouraged, were put forth and discussed.

District conferences, such as No. 7 has held, would undoubtedly tend to greater harmony of action among fair boards, and to improved methods of management.

Norfolk and Oxford Notes.

The heavy rain during last week was a welcome visitor to the fields of Western Ontario. Spring-sown grain and old meadows were especially needing it, and it freshened up the already flourishing fields of winter wheat, and new clover and alfalfa in Oxford and Norfolk Counties. Occasional wheat fields, or portions, show a yellowish appearance, as though blighted, but is supposed to be the effect of dry, cold weather. On the lighter land the spring-sown grain has a good even stand, but the continued cold weather and frosty nights checked growth. The famous apple orchards of Norfolk are in luxuriant bloom, presaging an abundant crop, that may need thinning. Pear, plum and peach trees were, as a rule, heavily covered with bloom, but a good many of the latter suffered some from frost, and the early,

heavy bloom on the Simcoe district strawberry plantations was almost entirely killed, which will lessen the supply, and tend to enhance prices. The up-to-date apple orchards have been well sprayed and tilled, and present a splendid appearance. The cheese factories are in operation, with a fair supply of milk.

National Live-stock Record Board.

At the annual meeting of the Record Board, held in Toronto, on the 12th inst., there were present:

Representing Clydesdale Horse Association.—Robert Graham, Bedford Park, Ont.; Wm. Smith, Columbus, Ont.; John Bright, Myrtle Station, Ont.; J. A. Boag, Queensville, Ont.; Peter Christie, Manchester, Ont.

Canadian Hackney Horse Society.—Walter Renfrew, Bedford Park, Ont.

Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association.—Wm. A. Dryden, Brooklin, Ont.; Harry Smith, Exeter, Ont.; Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont.; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.; Peter White, Pembroke, Ont.; W. G. Pettit, Freeman, Ont.

Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association.—W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, Ont.

Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association.—R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, Ont.

Canadian Shire Horse Association.—John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont.

Canadian Pony Society.—W. J. Stark, Toronto, Ont.; A. E. Major, Whitevale, Ont.

French-Canadian Horse-breeders' Association.—J. A. Couture, Quebec, Que.

North American Galloway Association.—D. McCrae, Guelph, Ont.

Dominion Sheep-breeders' Association.—Jno. Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; R. H. Harding, Thornedale, Ont.

Dominion Swine-breeders' Association.—Joseph Featherstone, Streetsville, Ont.; J. E. Brethour, Burford, Ont.

Canadian Jersey Cattle Club.—L. J. C. Bull, Brampton, Ont.

Canadian Aberdeen-Angus Association.—James Bowman, Guelph, Ont.

A. P. Westervelt, Director of Live Stock, Ontario; Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Dominion Live-stock Commissioner; John W. Brant, Secretary.

The following is the Record Committee for 1910-1911: A. W. Smith, M. P., Maple Lodge (chairman); Robert Miller, Stouffville; Dr. J. A. Couture, Quebec, Que.; John Bright, Myrtle Station; W. J. Stark, Toronto; J. E. Brethour, Burford; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston; and Jno. W. Brant, Secretary.

The Live-stock Pedigree Act was discussed, and a committee was appointed to look into and suggest amendments.

The present customs regulations in reference to the free importation of pure-bred animals for breeding purposes was considered, a complaint having been made that certain Thoroughbred horses were being brought in contrary to the regulations, and sold by auction, presumably by persons not British subjects or domiciled in Canada. It was decided to ask for a thorough investigation by the Department of Customs.

The Record Committee met prior to the Record Board meeting, and, besides doing routine business, appointed E. J. Bartlett registrar of the Clydesdale Horse Association, and Chas. Murray, B. S. A., registrar for Hackneys, Shires, Percherons, Thoroughbreds, Ponies, Suffolk horses, and French Coach horses.

A. N. Dawson was appointed Assistant Accountant.

Cows on Wheels.

This week the Department of Agricultural Extension, Ohio State University, are running a special train over the Erie Railway, in the interests of milk production. At least a dozen stops will be made, and at each place there will be lectures and demonstrations, and dairy-cattle judging. The train carries cows of the Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein-Friesian breeds. Information and milk handed out while you wait.

In growth of trade of the principal countries of the world for forty years, comparison being based on figures for the years 1868 and 1908, Japan holds first place, the Argentine Republic second, and Canada third. Canada's per-capita total trade increase of 1908, as compared with 1868, was 73.89 per cent.

The most important commercial fertilizer used in Japan is bean oil cake, manufactured from soy beans. The oil is first extracted from the bean, and the waste is made into cakes weighing about 61 pounds. These are sold to farmers, who pulverize them before putting them on the land. Japan is a large user of fertilizers, and in 1908 imported over \$20,000,000 worth.