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Ontario Has a Banner Crop

WE hear a great deal these days about the big wheat crop of the West. Reports of 40 bushels per acre are common and a 100,000,000 bushel yield or more is the talk everywhere. But what about the East? Old Ontario, the banner province of the Dominion, is not behind in the race. Her farmers are not doing much talking or "counting their chickens before they are hatched." They are too busy harvesting one of the best all round grain crops in the history of Ontario and that is saying a good deal. Speaking of wheat, 30 to 40 bushels per acre of fine, plump, clean grain will be a common thing in the fall wheat sections of Western Ontario. Then there are the oat and barley crops, not to say anything of the pea crop, which promises a big return this year wherever grown. A hay crop, well up to the average and far exceeding it in a number of cases, has been gathered in good condition. Corn and roots too are far from being a failure. Indeed, unless all signs fail, these will give record returns in many cases. Though Quebec and the more eastern provinces will not rule high in yields, Ontario will take no second place in regard to general crop yields this year. Not only in grain yields, but also in fruit, dairy and live stock will the returns be above the average.

The West, therefore, is not the only part of the Dominion that can talk of big grain yields. Every Canadian takes a just pride in the prosperity of the great West, and trusts that big wheat yields will continue to be its portion in the years to come; at the same time the other parts of the Dominion must not be lost sight of. Ontario this year can boast of crop yields, the variety and extent of which are rarely equalled in any other country the world over. The farmers of Ontario should remember this when the temptation comes to sell out and cast in their lot with the thousands who are flocking to the fertile prairie lands of the West. Be very sure you can do better elsewhere before leaving a good farm in older Canada.

Will Benefit the Cattle Trade

The advent of the Cudahy Packing Co. of the United States, in the Canadian packing trade deserves more than passing notice. This firm have decided to establish a branch of their business at the Union Stock Yards, Toronto Junction. The Ontario license which it has received from the Ontario Government gives the company power to purchase and slaughter cattle, hogs and sheep, manufacture

and dispose of the products, etc. It is the intention of the company, we understand, to manufacture beef fluid extracts and other by-products.

The establishment of this industry, coupled with the large abattoirs now in course of erection by Messrs. Gunn Bros. and Levack, should give a strong impetus to the cattle trade of the Junction and incidentally that of the whole province. The more abattoirs and packing establishments we have the better prices for cattle and the other live stock required to keep these plants running. It looks, indeed, as if the time were not very far distant when we will have a dead meat trade on a large scale in spite of the inaction of governments and other powers.

Exhibition Number

On Sept. 1st the ninth annual exhibition number of THE FARMING WORLD will be issued. This number will be quite up to the standard of other years and full of good things for the agriculturist. The illustrations will be a special feature this year and we can promise something really good in this line. In that number we will begin a series of articles on "Agriculture in Ireland" specially written for THE FARMING WORLD by the Hon. John Dryden.

Parties desiring advertising space in that number should make application at once. Advertising copy should reach this office not later than August 25th. We shall be glad to mail copies of this special number free of charge to any friends of subscribers on receipt of name and address.

Inferior Stallions in Use

Some of the speakers who traveled over a large portion of Ontario during June and July, addressing Farmers' Institute meetings, report meeting a great many inferior stallions through the country which are serving mares at a fee of from \$5 to \$7 each. These stallions have no particular breeding, nor do they conform to any recognized type. They are nothing but "scrubs" and, of course, will leave scrub stock behind them. If a stallion is worth anything at all for breeding purposes, he should command more than a \$5 fee, and yet there are farmers with good types of mares who will breed to these cheap horses in preference to paying a reasonable fee for the services of a good stallion.

With this condition of affairs starting us in the face, it were a pity

that the commission, which we understand the Government will shortly appoint to look into the horse breeding industry of Ontario, had not been organized sufficiently to do some investigating during the breeding season. It is only during the breeding season that this class of stallions come out into the "open." They are rarely or never seen at the fall fairs, which the proposed commission or its representatives will probably visit to obtain information regarding the class of breeding animals in the country. The very poor ones will not be found in the showing. When the breeding season is over they will be kept at home and more than likely put to work before the plow.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Reports regarding the Ontario honey crop indicate a very poor return. Failure or less than quarter of a crop summarizes the situation in general terms. Many bee keepers report that they will have to buy feed to keep their bees through the winter.

According to the report of Dr. Macfarlane, Dominion Analyst, Canada's canned meat industries show up well. Out of 322 samples recently tested only four were found to give evidence of decomposition, thus showing considerable betterment over 1903. This is very satisfactory as far as it goes, and indicates at least a decent state of affairs in our packing houses.

The plan by which the Ontario Veterinary College will become part of the University of Toronto, though not made public, is said to be sufficiently advanced to assure of its being taken over in the fall of 1907. The present college premises will be leased by the Government until such times as a new building can be erected in Queen's Park.

Mr. Maurice Dernaurn, an agent of the French Government, is in Canada studying our labor and agricultural conditions. Among the places to be visited will be the Ontario Agricultural College. This is the second visitor from Europe who has visited Canada within the past week or two on the same errand. Verily Canada is in the world's eye just now.

A few years ago insects were introduced into California from Spain which have preyed upon the codling moth and destroyed it. The Ontario Department of Agriculture has kept a close tab on these tests and has now decided to introduce this parasite into Ontario. It is to be hoped the trial will be successful in doing away with wormy apples.