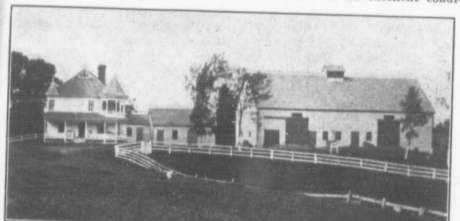


Rural Mail Conventions

Since the inauguration of Rural Mail Delivery in the rural districts throughout the Dominion, the Post Office Department has included in the system a scheme by which each box holder may now have all the facilities afforded by the post office without his having to leave home and drive to the nearest post office. All Rural Mail couriers are now carrying supplies of post card and postage stamps for the convenience of their patrons and each rural box holder is supplied with a stock of blank forms of application for money orders and postal notes which forms may be placed in a box, collected by the courier and the money order or postal note, as the case may be, delivered by the courier the following day.

Rural couriers are authorized and required to accept for registration, all classes of mailable matter which may be tendered to them on any trip. A

of the subsoil, and its capacity of producing large yields of exceptionally nutritious feed for farm stock combine to place this crop as one of the most important which can be grown for its possession a combination of characteristics which is not found in any other farm crop. Alfalfa starts its growth early in the spring, which continues throughout the summer and even late into the autumn. Under favorable conditions it produces two or three crops per annum, and thrives for several years without the necessity of re-seeding. The feed is relished by practically all kinds of farm stock. It can be fed in a green or in a dry condition, and can be converted into silage, and in a few instances can be pastured at certain times. In at least some localities over Ontario the second crop in the season is allowed to ripen for seed production to good advantage. Alfalfa is a particularly suitable for use in a long rotation, and leaves the soil in an excellent condition



If Fine Buildings are an Evidence of Prosperity, then this Farmer has it

All of the farm steadings of Nova Scotia, one looking as that of Mr. Ben McNutt of Colechester Co., here illustrated. But within a radius of three miles of the farm are dozens of splendid farm buildings; further evidence of the prepossessions of dairying, in which the farmers of this district

registry receipt is issued for each letter or parcel at the time it is accepted for registration by the courier who in turn obtains a receipt from the postmaster when depositing the registered article in the distributing post office. The same principle of receipt registered article intended for delivery to a box holder and it will be seen that the transmission of registered mail matter to or from the rural box holder is as reliable as if he came to the post office for it. If there be any necessary forms of application for money orders or postal notes, application should be made for the same to the distributing office of the route.

Variety an Important Factor in Determining Value of Grain Seed

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vine. It is a white oval potato, which produces a large percentage of marketable tubers. In 1912, when the rot was so prevalent throughout Ontario, the Davies' Warrior was one of the three varieties of potatoes which was the least subject to the attacks of the rot. We expect to distribute this variety again this spring in connection with our cooperative experiments, and believe that before long it will be grown extensively throughout Ontario.

HARBOY ALFALFA

Alfalfa is now being grown successfully in nearly all counties of Ontario, and we believe that it will be grown much more extensively when people realize the great value of this crop, and will use the proper methods for its cultivation. It is being recognized more and more as a most valuable crop for Ontario. Its perennial character of growth, its power of making use of the free nitrogen of the atmosphere, and of the fertilizing elements

tion for the growing of other farm crops. In order, however, to make alfalfa grow successfully, it is important to sow the right kind of seed on suitable soil, and to employ the best methods of cultivation.

At the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph during the past 15 years we have obtained an average of three cuttings per annum, giving a yield of a little over 20 tons of green crop per acre, of 4.8 tons of hay per acre per annum. We have had many experiments under way during the past 15 years, and have now about 150 plots of alfalfa, besides many rows of individual plants in our plant breeding nurseries. We find there is a wonderful difference in the hardness of the various varieties. The Ontario variegated alfalfa has in every case given us excellent results, while the common alfalfa from the Western States has in every case proven unsuitable at Guelph.

Surf's sufficient has been stated to show that variety, as it is applied to the five crops here referred to, is very important, and that the farmer should pay particular attention in securing the very best kinds in every instance.

Young things—colts, calves, etc., need the kinds of feeds that build up bone and muscle, that is, feeds rich in protein.

Over in New York State, plots of alfalfa were sown in different localities and it was found that where inoculation was not practised, and in a lime applied, two out of every five plots were successful. Where the seed was inoculated, three out of five were turned out well, and an application of lime applied, four out of five yielded good crops.—Prof. C. A. Zevits, O. A. C., Guelph.

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