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DIG TRENCHES TO STOP WORM

Radical Measures Taken To Stop Advance of Devastating Pest.

[By Staff Reporter.]

BRANTFORD, July 16.—That the plague of army worms which have invaded Brant County during the last few days has nearly run its course, was the opinion expressed to The Advertiser tonight by Mr. Fisher, assistant to the representative of the department of agriculture at Paris.

At present, Mr. Fisher said, the only part of the county affected, so far as he knew, was Burford Township, and he believed that the steps now being taken under the direction of the department's representatives for the destruction of the worm were proving effective.

Millions of them. The worst place, he said, is Cathcart in Burford Township, and there the worms are on the meadows and corn patches in billions. However, the farmers have dug trenches along which at intervals holes are sunk. The worms cannot pass the trench easily and proceed along its bed, falling into the holes, into which coal oil is poured and lighted.

"It looks as though the farmers have checked the worms," he continued. "They cannot cross the trenches and we have every hope that before long we shall be able to exterminate all of them."

No Eggs, Says Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher expressed the opinion that grossly exaggerated stories of the army worm invasion had been circulated. For instance, he declared, according to an expert from the Ontario Agricultural College, who at present is at Cathcart, there is no

Sheep at Alloway Lodge Stock Farm



truth in the story that the worm leaves eggs which hatch out whenever it goes. This expert says that the only breeding times are in June and again in the fall, so if that is correct there is no danger that the numbers of the worms may increase. On the other hand, evidences are not wanting that they are decreasing all the time.

So far as we can learn, the worm after it is hatched, lasts for about two or three weeks, so that it is almost time now for it to disappear.

Apparently they eat nothing but green stuff. In several parts of the township of Burford they have destroyed corn patches, eating the leaves and leaving just the stalks. So far, no grain has been attacked according to the experts, such of the grain as is ripe, at all events, is safe from attack.

In Brantford Township, farmers in Brantford Township fear that the worm may invade their territory, and at least one local man, T. J. Barton, a Brantford butcher, has suffered by their depredations, an acre patch of corn belonging to him having been destroyed at East Brantford, just outside the city, near Mohawk Park.

Mr. Barton first noticed a few worms on the patch on Monday night, but paid no particular attention to them. By today, however, they had stripped the patch almost clean, and Mr. Barton investigating, found that the worms had increased enormously in number and that they tallied with the description given of the army worm.

They are about an inch long and something like an apple tree, except that they have no hair on their bodies and are spotted.

Mr. Barton does not believe there is much danger of the insects spreading, as there is nothing beyond the cornpatch which offers them food.

Says Eggs Were Laid.

In one point, at least, he is not inclined to agree with Mr. Fisher, and that is as to the question of breeding. At any rate, practically every cornstalk on his patch is cov-

ered with what he declares to be eggs laid by the worms.

Mr. Schuyler, the agricultural department's representative at Paris, at present is at Cathcart supervising the work which is being carried on by the farmers with a view to exterminating the worms. The department has sent down another man also, but all that he or any of the others can do is to give advice as to the best methods of dealing with the pests, and so far the method already explained, of digging holes at intervals along a trench surrounding the scene of the worms' activities, seems to be the only effective one.

Two More Outbreaks in Oxford County.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, July 16.—Two more outbreaks of army worms were reported in Oxford County this afternoon, and another outbreak in Brant, and G. R. Green and R. G. Sutton, of the department of agriculture, accompanied by Prof. A. W. Baker, of the biology staff of the O. A. C., Guelph, were busy all day assisting

the farmers in stamping out the pest.

One outbreak occurred at Brighton, the farm of F. Hewitt. The worms appeared on a pasture that covers about six acres. Mr. Hewitt is keeping the worms pretty well in check, and has turned about fifty hogs into the field, and the hogs are eating them in thousands.

The other outbreak is on a ten-acre pasture field belonging to F. Costen, near Princeton. At this place besides destroying the pasture, three acres of corn have also been destroyed. At Costen's place, a large trench is being made around the field where the worms are, and at intervals deep holes are dug in the trench. The worms follow and fall into the holes, where they are easily dispatched.

Fresh Case in Burford. The fresh case in Brant County is at Falklands in Burford Township. R. Skyles, the Brant representative of agriculture, is assisting the farmers at this point.

Mr. Sutton, who fears that outbreaks are liable to occur all over the county, has requested that all the farmers in the county that have low pasture lands should keep a close watch and, if the worms appear, notify the department in order that they can be attended to at once. These fresh outbreaks make things look extremely serious, as the farmers have lost thousands of dollars already and are liable to lose a great deal more before the worms are completely stamped out. Mr. Green, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Baker are still out at Princeton doing everything possible to assist the farmers.

At Mr. Thompson's farm, in Burford, the worms have gone into the corn, and Mr. Thompson is cutting the grain and feeding it to his cattle.

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Selling sheep from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and as far south as the state of Texas, the fame of his prize Southdowns has spread all over the continent, and at the present time there are a score of breeders in the United States who advertise the McEwen strain of London, Canada, on their letterheads.

Twenty years ago, Col. McEwen started to breed Southdown sheep. He started with a few individuals until now he has one of the finest flocks of sheep on the American continent.

"Yes, we have a pretty fair flock, and are meeting with fair success," said Robert McEwen who has charge of Alloway Lodge Stock farm, while his father-in-law, buying up the winners of the Royal Show being held there at present. It is no trick to breed sheep in this climate. Western Ontario is the ideal spot of America to breed any kind of farm animals. We are close to the best markets and have excellent shipping facilities.

"They have had three droughts in as many years down in Kentucky, and they think they are living in God's country, while we have not known what the word really means. The climate in this district is ideal for keeping all classes of stock in good health."

Show Flock in the West. At present Colonel McEwen's youngest son is touring the Western provinces with a flock of show sheep. The flock is now in Winnipeg, and will show at all the big exhibitions in the West before returning East to the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, the latter end of August, where last year Alloway captured the championships for the best Southdown pen and ewe at the show, while at the Guelph winter fair (Col. McEwen won the famous Drummond cup, emblematic of the finest five lambs, owned and exhibited by an exhibitor.

"We have shipped most of our stuff to the states in the past," said Robert McEwen, when asked where they found the best market for their sheep. "But a gradual change is taking place. Slowly but surely the Canadian West is demanding more and better bred sheep, and our sales to the Western provinces are increasing wonderfully."

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waking up to this fact, according to Mr. McEwen who states that in the past couple of years the nucleus of many fine flocks have been started in the vicinity of Byron, and that the next few years will see a rapid increase in the development of the sheep industry.

Sheep are easy to keep, and are useful, if they do nothing else but keep the weeds down. Five to ten ewes will take charge of all the weeds on the farm, and a farmer can feed his sheep for the price of its wool every time leaving the mutton clear profit.

No Dead Losses Here. "There are no dead losses in this country," said Mr. McEwen, when asked about the bad years. "The stock over the border seems to be more susceptible to disease than the Ontario stuff, and, in consequence, the breeders of the United States are coming north for their stock. Do you know that in the last ten years two-thirds of the prize money won at the International Fat Stock Show at Chicago in the sheep classes has been won by the breeders of Western Ontario? It is

a fact, nevertheless, and I look to Western Ontario to produce many winners in the future."

In the past year Alloway Lodge has shipped sheep to the agricultural colleges of New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, North Dakota, and the O. A. C., as well as to the farms of Sir William Van Horne and other breeders of high-class sheep all over the country, especially in British Columbia, where there are several flocks of the McEwen strain.

Third of Farm in Pasture. Three years ago the colonel bought spend their infantile days is made up of 230 acres. One-third is used for pasture, while the rest of the farm is devoted to the growing of roots, corn and grain to keep the sheep and the herd of 4 pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle in food over the winter.

Six years ago Col. McEwen decided that there would be a demand for beef cattle in the near future, and laid his plans accordingly. Today, he possesses probably the best herd in Ontario, and

is introducing new and better blood into it every year.

Three years ago the colonel bought Blackbird Beverly, a first prize bull, at the Chicago International show, and last December, Kennard Ltd., of Stanley Pierce's Creston (Illinois) farm products, joined the herd at Alloway Lodge.

Demand for Beef Cattle. The present scarcity of beef has created an unprecedented demand for good stock along this line, and record prices are being obtained for beefy breeds, whose head the Aberdeen-Angus at present stands supreme, for cattle that breed have taken the grand championships of America at all international exhibitions held in Chicago, for the past ten years. Numerous inquiries have been received from prominent western breeders about Col. McEwen's strain of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and there is no doubt that a few years will see Western Ontario as famous for her cattle as she is at the present time for her sheep, fruit, vegetables and corn.

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