Talks With Peterboro County Farmers

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World,—As requested by you, I have been visiting the homes of farmers in the west and north end of Smith township. The general outlook in this section is excellent, the rain late having improved the crops to a great extent

There is every indication that there There is every indication that there will be an extraordinary good yield of fall wheat; spring wheat also is showing well. There has been a surprisingly good catch of clover all through the county. On several farms preparations are already being made for cutting. Timothy is likely to be above the average yield, plenty of far-

above the average yield, plenty of far-mers expecting to get in over a ton and a half an acre, the recent rain-fall having helped it on. All roots, with the exception of mangels, will be above the average. The mangels, in some instances, will have to, be plowed up as they have to be plowed up, as they are making a poor showing. Farmers generally are slaughtering bull calves as there is no money in raising year at present prices, but there is a ten-dency among them to raise more heifer calves this season than before. Taken altogether there is every prom-

SILOS BECOMING POPULAR

There is a growing feeling in favor of the building of silos. Mr. Thos. J. Cullen of Smith township, has just completed a fine new barn, 83 x dos compieces a nee new oarn, 53 x 46 x 35 high, on 7 ft. 6 in. concrete walls, 13 inches thick, and has room for 45 head of cattle. The building cast \$150, including a fine root house. Mr. Cullen's barn is stocked with up-to-date machinery. "I don't thick how the machinery. "I don't think that a farm is complete with ou a silo," said Mr. Cullen, "and l ou a silo," said Mr. Cullen, "and I intend building one as soon as possible. It will be 30 x 13 feet." Mr. Cullen has one of the most up-to-date farms in the county. Mr. W. J. Stillman, a neighbor of Mr. Cullen's, is also seriously thinking of building a silo. He intends making alterations and improvements to his barns, and, at the same time putting up a silo.
"I do not think that there is any-

thing so necessary on a dairy farm as a silo," said W. E. Stewart, of "I have one 14 x Smith township. feet, and I can cut enough corn to fill it in two days. I cannot see why silos are not more generally used, in view of the fact that tarmers by their use get so much better results from stock than when hay is fed." Mr. Stewars, who sells his milk in Peterboro, keeps 18 cows and 7 horses

ONE OF THE FIRST SILOS

Mr. James Stothart informed me that he built the second silo that was erected in the township. in use for 40 to 50 years, and, al-

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though made of wood is still in go condition. Mr. Stothart now has two silos, one 12 x 22 x 20 feet high, and another 15 feet square. "When I built my first silo," said Mr. Stothart, cement silos were unknown. Bo my silos are made of wood, and

iny silos are made of wood, and I would not do without them for any consideration. I have 26 pure-bred Holsteins, and although I fed them silage all winter, I still have five fect of silage in the bottom of each." I find a considerable number of the farmers in his section are subscribers for The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World. They are greatly pleased over the fact that the paper a few farmers not taking the paper gave me their subscriptions and many have promised to subscriptions and many have promised to subscriptions the first limited to the control of the contr hen their subscriptions for other apers run out. Those who have been taking the paper expressed their appreciation of the improvements that have been made in the paper this

This week I purpose visiting the farmers in the northern portions of Smith township.

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Keep the Old Boar

In all classes of animals, we have been too eager to get rid of the aged sires, and substitute in their place, immature sires, whose breeding abil-ity we do not know. This practice has been largely carried out in breed-ing hogs. A good, old boar, that has been tried, is worth keeping as long as he is vigorous, and will do service. One of the greatest mistakes in the hog business is that of continually One of the solution of the breeding from young and immature animals. Old boars it is true, are animals. They to manage. They sometimes hard to manage. They will break out of an ordinary pen, and an old, cross boar running at large is not to be desired.

If a hog proves to be a superior sire, we should keep him, even though it does require a little extra exertion. Many boars are made cross by their treatment. They may be shut up in treatment. They may be shut up in a small pen, without exercise, or placed near the sows, and not allow-ed outside, both of which conditions will make any boar cross, and the old er he is the crosser he may become the first thing to do is to provide a the surface. When left unplowed it will good-sized pen, for exercising in, likely be clean, for the weed seeds at with a sloping yard, a nice, cool shelter for summer, and a warm shed ed during a previous summer. Surface or small bouse for winter. Then ground should give a comparatively This will take knock his tusks out done easily enough by slipping a rope noose over his lower jaw, and backing him into a corner; with a pair of pinchers the tusks can be re-moved and a less dangerous animal will be the result. It is even possible to keep two or more boars in the same pen if their tusks have been re-

Green feed during the summer needs to be provided. Most men that keep old boars treat them even too well—at least they feed them too well —the result of which is that they become over fat and often times ster-ile. Avoid feeding too much of a fattening ration and see that the boar gets plenty of exercise and water.

To Produce Clean Seed

"If you would have clean seed, it "If you would have clean seed, it is necessary to sow clean seed," said T. G. Raynor, B. S. A., of the seed department, Ottawa, as he addressed the East Peterboro Farmers' Institute meeting recently. "The department at Ottawa is of great service to grow-ers of seed in that they will analyze samples of seed free of cost, and in



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much added expense per acre, not more than 50 cents at the most. It will invariably figure out that a per-son is considerably in pocket by buy-ing the best seeds, for then the seed ing the best seeds, for then the will likely be pure, as well as of high

"Having procured the seed, should be given a clean chance, such as a field that has been well cultivated the year previous. When sown on the year previous. When sown on root or corn ground, that has not been plowed since the crop was taken off, it should have the best of a chance. By plowing such ground, fresh weed seeds would be brought to the surface. When left unplowed it will likely be class? ground should give a comparatively clean crop, and any weeds that might come up would be so few as to permit of hand pulling. It is always advisable to practice hand weeding in the clover field. A large area can be gone over in a short time, and it will pay handsomely in the interest of the seed obtained from the seed obtained from the seed obtained it will pay to thresh it. To get a good crop of red clover seed we must have bumble bees. These bees have been getting scarcer as the years

have been getting scarcer as the years have gone by, and it might be well at the present time to encourage them by placing some refuse wool in boxes nailed up on feaces around the clover field, in which the bees could

nest.
Wherever possible, all clover fields should be pressed for the production of seed this year, as good prices are again more than likely to prevail. If your neighbors have a field which could be saved for seed, you will be doing them a kindness by encouraging them to devote it to the production of seed. tion of seed.

In caring for broad sows, we aim to samples of seed free of cost, and in give them plenty of exercise, by feed-this way a farmer may be sure as to line this way a farmer may be sure as to line them to be sowing. One should allow the price is a little higher. The extra Sows should have a warm drik beprice per bushel does not figure out fore farrowing.—Jos. Featherston.



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