

SWINE DEPARTMENT

Our readers are invited to ask questions in regard to swine. These will be answered in this department. You are also invited to offer helpful suggestions or relate experiences through these columns.

Some Comments on Hog Prices

Wm. L. Folkingham, Grey Co., Ont.
Quite a number of prominent hog raisers are going out of business in our neighborhood. There is a decided tendency to raise less hogs since there is nothing in raising hogs at present prices. Everything the hog eats means money, and we find that by feeding less hogs and more cattle, we have less work and more profit.

Our packers and dealers are mostly to blame for the shrinkage in the number of hogs. As soon as hogs become scarce they raise the price to a fair value and farmers rush into the business, only to find that they are only just ready to enter to the trade, when down goes the price and we are feeding a lot of hogs at a loss. If the packers would keep prices more steady, it would be better for all concerned. The uneven price has caused most of our largest hog raisers to become disgusted with the business and quit.

I am very sorry to have to write in this strain, as the decline in the hog business means a lot to us. We raise pure bred Yorkshires, and have some of the very best strains that can be bought in the country. Often in a spring we have had 30 to 40 sows come for service. This spring we have not had 10. This is proof sufficient to us that hogs are becoming scarce.

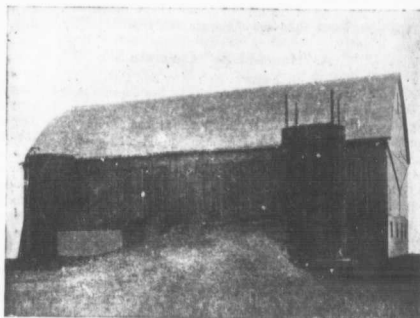
A TYPICAL CASE

If our packers want the Canadian farmers to raise hogs, they must pay

a fair price, pay it all the time, and not cull our hogs as they do at present. They have juggled the prices up and down to suit themselves. For instance, a farmer has a bunch ready for market. He is watching the prices. The dealer comes, and tells him that

the business and goes into something more steady, and more to be depended on. And who can blame him? I cannot.

We are apt to scold at combines and monopoly. Of them all, the worst are the hog and poultry packers, for they



Substantial Structures Built for Business and Return on Investment

Note the businesslike "air" about these buildings on Mr. W. H. Banks' farm, Ontario Co., Ont.

the price for the week is down 30 cts. to 50 cts. The farmer refuses to take the price, and keeps on his hogs a couple of weeks. The hogs are getting heavier, and Mr. Farmer knows he is losing money. The dealer comes again, and is able to offer 10 cts. to 15 cts. more. So off they go to market, only to find that they are to be cull, because they are over weight. If this practice is fair, we cannot see it.

Our farmer becomes disgusted at

are driving a lucrative business at the expense of the farmers. In this part of the country we are longing for reciprocity, so that we may ship our stuff over the line, or rather, so that our packers will have to compete with the United States men.

I think Farm and Dairy a most excellent farm journal. I frequently recommend it and show it to farmers. We wish it every success.—Theo. Hall, Huron Co., Ont.

Alfalfa Pasture for Hogs

Henry Coates, one of the most successful hog raisers of Kansas, claims that hogs on alfalfa pasturage fed on a small grain ration, will do better than those fed on full feed of grain in dry lots. Mr. Coates says:

"Twenty-five years of pasturing hogs of all ages on alfalfa has proved to me conclusively that a fourth to a half grain ration while they are on such pasture will produce greater growth per day than when they are kept in dry lots and fed on full rations of corn. Hogs will maintain a reasonable growth, but not fast enough for market on alfalfa pasture alone, therefore it is better to feed them with some grain while running on green alfalfa in order to make them profitable."

"If it is desired to full feed hogs they will make a rapid fattening growth from increasing the grain ration while they are on the pasture and with this grain and alfalfa combination, the meat will be nearly as firm as that of the hogs kept in dry lot and fed on nothing but grain. I find no distinction on the market between alfalfa fed swine and those purely grain fed and they sell price and price alike. The general opinion of the alfalfa fed hog is equal to that of those maintained on any other feed and they are prolific."

Kill the Weeds.—Plow at once and give the weed seeds a chance to germinate before the cold weather and to be killed by frost. Plow about two inches deep, harrow and disc the land. It will conserve soil moisture as well as destroy weeds. Plow again later in the fall, and cover the weed not killed by frost. It is important to encourage the germination of weed seeds now.

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After the harvest very quick and abundant rain comes too dry a in September, as much as the season of the dry and in lumps or it plow it at all. would be necessary until spring. year's crops will from the start.

It is important treated so as to possible amount can be done only over the surface to stable as soon a grain is cut. Ev without be received will prove profitable the land in good for plowing. This features of success semi-arid regions loved with much tions. When the and lose it is ne to prevent loss of abate in the soil absorb any rain th

Will Seed Crop

I have a piece of stand. This is its fi have cut in some a go for seed this stand to take n and it will; other R. W. Durham Co.

The alfalfa plant will not be injured ordinary course of taking a crop of apple trees by p apples.

The belief, that in some quarters, alfalfa would be a crop of seed is, is founded on experience in this country, plant being ally disappears until seed has been tal has then fulfilled its pleted its life histor

Eradication of

What system would eradicate stink weed, al-tried. French weed?

The stink weed is often designated names: French weed, banded cross, and found very plentiful Vines of Quebec, Mac sections of Canada, infestation extends and eastern sections of the River districts of t

This weed is easily practically without the leaves are made their absence. Th very noticeable fr plant is two or th high. They are, of first, and when rip, bright straw color. The flower of t and of a white col seeds from June until shoots the winter. the next spring, whi to grow in the spring for winter. Becau any is the product weed is very difficu every precaution po taken to prevent it the farm.

AMPLE REWARDS FOR LITTLE LABOR

FARM AND DAIRY'S LIBERAL PREMIUM OFFERS

DURING the next few weeks while our campaign is under way to increase the circulation of Farm and Dairy to 10,500 by October 15, we are making some unusually liberal premium offers. For instance, instead of asking for Nine new subscriptions to win a pure-bred young pig,

A PURE-BRED PIG FOR ONLY SIX NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

More complete details of this offer are given elsewhere in this issue. We will also give

A PAIR OF PURE-BRED FOWL FOR ONLY THREE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Premiums that hitherto we have offered for Two new subscriptions, we now offer for only One. Here are some of our great offers:

FOR ONLY ONE NEW SUBSCRIPTION

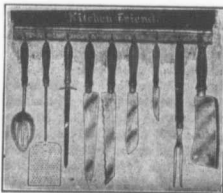
WE WILL GIVE

- A Buck Saw.
- A Fountain Pen, 11 Kl. Gold Point (worth \$1.00)
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- Pruning Shears (Eleven-Inch).
- Books on Agriculture, Horticulture and Dairying (Your Choice of 40).
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- ANY FIVE PATTERNS Shown in Farm and Dairy
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- Combination Repair Outfit.
- Russell's Brunswick Carpet Sweeper.
- 12-Piece Toilet Set.
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- English Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set of 95 Pieces.
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FARM AND DAIRY, Peterboro, Ont.

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