



A crackerjack of a Xmas present

Remember when you were a kid? The presents that were all shiny and bright, and that "worked!" Were't they the ones that you were proudest of?

Something for your room—something you could use all year—something like big people had in their rooms. The sensible presents appealed to you best when you were a kid. Think back a bit and see. Then think of Big Ben for those boys and girls.

Toys, of course, should never be displaced. It wouldn't be Christmas without them. But mix in useful things—things that develop pride and that make little people feel responsible. Give them presents to live up to and to live up with. Don't make the mistake

of thinking they don't feel the compliment.

Let one thing that meets the eye of your little boy and girl on Christmas Morning be that triple nickel-plated, jolly, handsome, pleasant looking, serviceable, and inspiring clock—BIG BEN. See if you don't hear them say: "Why! Isn't that a crackerjack?" Is that for me to use myself?

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What Farmers Ask Me

Perhaps no better means of arriving at the problems which are troubling the farmers every day can be found than that of publishing the questions and answers thereto which are dealt with at every experimental station throughout the West. Accordingly the following questions on widely different subjects should be of interest and of value to farmers in general. These questions were received and answered by G. H. Hutton, B.S.A., at Lacombe, Alta., and some of them may apply more particularly to the most Western of the Prairie Provinces. On the whole the advice given is applicable to Western farm conditions and it is hoped in a future issue to continue this feature, questions being included from others of the experimental stations throughout the West.

How Much Seed Per Acre?

Q.—In the works of Widstoe and Campbell, the sowing of from 25 to 40 pounds of wheat per acre is recommended for spring sowing on summer-fallow. The practice of most farmers in this neighborhood is to sow over 70 lbs. Will you kindly advise me what has been your experience as to the best quantity of wheat to sow in this district, especially regarding spring sowing on non-irrigable land that was broken and well worked up the previous summer?

Brooks—Alta.

A.—I would imagine that sowing one and a quarter bushels per acre of spring wheat would be much more nearly right than the use of only twenty-five to forty pounds as recommended in the work of Widstoe and Campbell.

We have a soil here that is more retentive of moisture than that at Brooks, and consequently one that will support heavier seeding. We have been experimenting with different quantities of seed per acre for several years and have found that where moisture is present in quantities usually found in well worked summer-fallow or on well worked breaking of the previous year, that three bushels per acre is not too much seed. Heavy seeding reduces the size of the berry, but increases yield up to a certain point and hastens maturity. This latter consideration is quite important to us here, more so I presume than with you, as no doubt with you on average seasons grain has plenty of time to ripen. The conditions for which the book referred to was written vary considerably from those prevailing even in Southern Alberta and I would suggest that you follow the practise as to quantity of seed which has been found best in your district.

Alfalfa Inoculation

Q.—Which is the best soil for inoculating an alfalfa field? Should I take it from the surface or from below? I have a small plot of alfalfa which has stood two seasons and I wish to sow several acres next spring. How much inoculating soil should be sown per acre? What quantity of seed per acre? Which variety in your experience is the best for this locality?

Sunbeam—Alta.

A.—The surface six inches of soil from your alfalfa field should be used for inoculating purposes, and since you have your own soil I would suggest that you sow from 200 to 300 lbs. per acre and harrow it thru before the alfalfa seed is sown. If sowing alfalfa broadcast use about twelve pounds per acre, securing a Turkestan variety.

Renting Contract

Q.—I would be glad to know what is the usual and fair custom in this country. I have a farm of 320 acres and wished to put some milch cows on, which would be owned by me, but run by another man on the farm. I wished him to take a proportion of the produce of the milk, or cream, or butter. I propose one-third of the produce to be retained for me and the man to take two-thirds for his share in looking after and feeding the cows, etc. I proposed taking all the calves for myself. Or is it customary to take only a proportion of the calves? So far as the agricultural portion of the farm goes, I propose giving him two-thirds of the grain, if he supplies the implements and power, etc., including threshing, but one-third if I supplied the implements and power, etc. Can you tell me if these are fair proportions?

Calgary, Alta.

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