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# THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

# Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

## Horse Tail Weed.

What is the best method to follow to clean a field of the weed known as horse tail? A. M. Ans .- This weed usually grows on low-lying land that has every indication of being sour. The use of lime and underdrains are the two means of combating it. When conditions are right cultivation will have more effect.

#### Ensiling Clover.

Could you give me information regarding the ensiling of clover? A. S. Ans .- Fresh-cut clover has been satisfactorily kept in a silo. It is put in much the same way as corn, but possibly requires more thorough tramping as it does not settle together as readily. When weather is unfavorable for the curing of clover it might be advisable to ensile it. If carefully put in the silo it makes good feed, although the digestible nutrients decrease somewhat from that of green clover.

## Killing Sumachs.

Will you kindly tell me through the columns of your valuable paper ho to kill sumachs? A. E. H. how Ans .- The only way we know is to keep them cut down to ground level. It might pay you in a wet year like this to take a team and chain and pull out all you could by the roots. We have seen such trees fairly well ex-terminated by pulling, when the land is very wet or just as the frost is coming out.

# Difficulty in Churning.

I have a cow that freshened May 15. I cannot make butter with the cream, although the cream is treated the same as the other cows' cream. The cows have salt before them all the time and good pasture. After churning over half an hour it comes to a thick cheesy cream, and adding cold water does not do any good. MRS. F. S. R. Ans .-- It is sometimes difficult to ascertain the cause of trouble. Cream which foams badly is usually poor and contains a gas-producing ferment. If skimmed with a separator, shift the cream screw to skim a richer cream. Get the churning temperature right Fill the churn only one-third full. If the cream foams, add a handful of salt and a little water, at 70 or 80 degrees F. If this does not settle the foam, remove part of the cream and raise the tempera-ture ten degrees. Heating all the cream to 185 degrees F and then cooling to churning temperature will sometimes remedy the trouble.

## Canadian Seed Growers Meet.

The annual meeting of the Canadiar Seed Growers' Association for the yea 1915-16 was held in the Canadian Building, Ottawa, Ont., June 16th. Among others, there were present the President, Dr. J. s. W. Robertson; Dr. C. A. Zavitz, oh, Ont.; Professor Jame MacDonald College, Que.; Mr. Savoie, Secretary of Agriculture for Quebec; Professor M. Cumming, Truro, N. S.; J. B. Daggett, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick; W. T. Macoun, Ottawa; G. H. Clark, Seed Commissioner, Ottawa; W. J Black, Economic and Development Com mission, Ottawa; and the Secretary L. H. Newman, Owing to the war situation the meeting this year dealt chiefly with business matters, there being no papers nor ad-dresses presented. The reports submitted by the Board of Directors and by the Secretary indicate that substantial pregress has been made by the Associatio during the past year. The membership has increased, as has also the extent of the influence exerted throughout the Dr. Ja- W. Robertson was re-elected Dr. Jac W. Kopertson was received President as was also L. H. Newman as 'scretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors consists of 19 members and is composed of prominent authorities chosed from each of the provinces.



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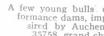


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