

FACTS ABOUT SYDNEY BASIC SLAG

As gleaned by an Ontario Editor while touring Nova Scotia.

In "Farm & Dairy" of August 28th, 1919, there appears an article written by one of their editors entitled "The Marshlands of the Maritimes." Coming into contact with users in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick we could not help being impressed with the important role Sydney Basic Slag plays in their routine. In talking to Mr. Arthur Dickie, prominent Holstein breeder of Lower Truro, he was informed that "We have manured our marshes but usually we get excellent crops with 500 to 800 lbs. Slag per acre." He finds that where the fertilizer is used the cattle do better on the pasture and in the future he is planning to top dress his marsh pasture with Basic Slag.

Again he mentions that the heaviest application of fertilizer to marshes of which he heard was made by J. W. Noyes of Maccan. "I have ten acres of marsh on which I applied one ton of Basic Slag per acre at a cost of \$22 per ton." Mr. Noyes told me "It seemed like a lot of money to put into commercial fertilizer for one acre and that to grow hay, but I will get my money back in the extra hay this first year. I haven't cut it yet but it is so thick on the ground that it will all have to be thrown over behind the mower."

Further on he states that the Agricultural College at Truro has about 60 acres of marsh in connection with their farms and that he consulted Prof. Trueman as to the method of cultivation they follow. "We plow our marshes about every five years and re-seed with timothy, alsike and red clover, using 400 to 500 lbs. Basic Slag per acre." He told me "we get great crops, in fact, all we can cut, the next year after grain." I asked Prof. Trueman for his opinion as to the advisability of liming the marsh. "I can't see any great results from lime alone," he told me. "In Slag the lime and Phosphorus are applied in combination and this seems to give the right results."

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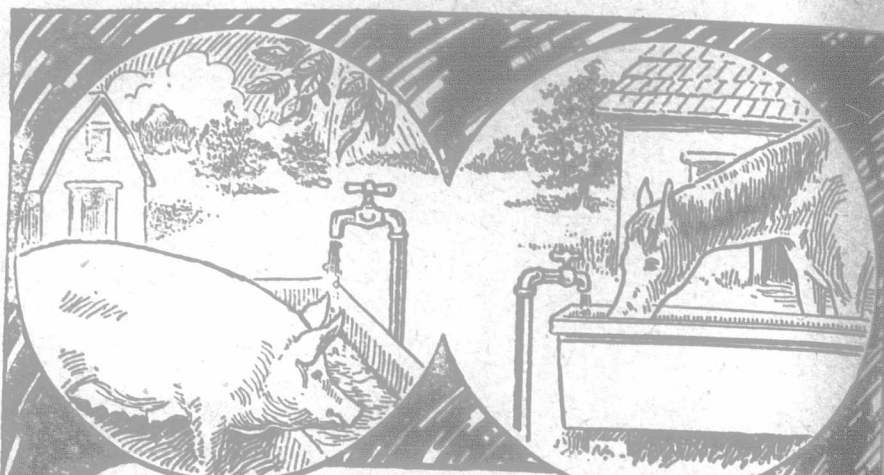
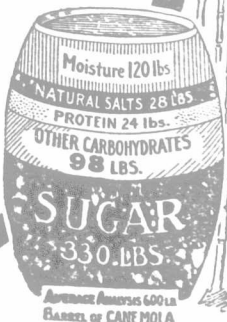
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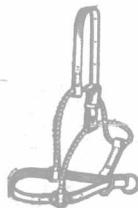


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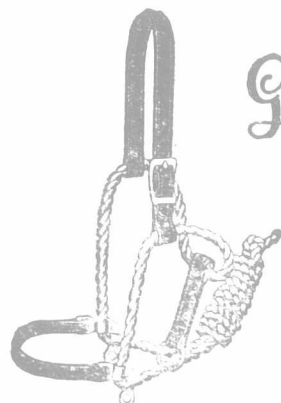
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