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EDITORIAL.

Cattle require salt.

Every farm has need of a workshop.

Now is a good time to breed the mare.

Harrow the corn once or twice as it comes up.

Our year of rain will be up the first week in July.

A good crop of buckwheat may be better than no crop at all.

It is better to have cultivated wet than never to have cultivated at all.

Boys, watch this paper! You will be the farmers in a few years, start right.

Chickens and lice or mites will not do well in the same coop. Either must die.

A clean stable is even more essential to clean milk in summer than in winter.

Fewer fences well kept up are cheaper and more valuable than many of the tumble-down variety.

Hay promises a big crop and it is not too late for corn, but it will require more work than usual.

If there is any daylight the average farmer doesn't use this year he would like to know how to save it.

If you have an automobile watch our automobile column, and let us help you with your car troubles.

Every farm workshop should be equipped with necessary tools and appliances, and these kept in place.

The great naval battle put an end to German hopes for "Der Tag" which it is said they had planned for June 1.

The only summer-fallow that is worth while is the clean summer-fallow. It will require cultivating weekly to keep it clean.

It will soon be time to make hay. If you have had any experience not outlined in an article in this issue tell us about it.

If you intend to build a silo read and save this issue. An article in it on the various types of silos will solve your problems.

It keeps the Kaiser busy setting new dates for the capture of such important places as Verdun, Paris, Calais and England.

A certain young farmer thought he had a fairly good herd of cows. When he applied the test of scales and Babcock he found that not a single individual was paying her way. He was a wise young farmer, and he replaced his cows.

He Has Done His "Bit."

Following upon the news, adverse at first but more favorable later, that a big naval battle had been fought in the North Sea, came the sad and shocking reports that Lord Kitchener, Minister of War, and idol of the British nation had perished when the cruiser Hampshire was torpedoed off the Orkneys and while on the way to Russia. These are strenuous times. Truly war is Hell. The nation's big men go down just as bravely and heroically as do the men in the ranks. And through it all the nation stands firm. Right must eventually prevail and militarism must be vanquished by democracy. There is one thing about Britons, losses, defeats and catastrophes cannot discourage a people with such ideals. The allies' cause must prevail, but it is time that all realized that this fight is a world war—a fight to a finish and all the resources of the Empire and of all the allies are necessary if an early victory and peace are to be procured. Kitchener, in life, gave his best to his country. Then he gave his life for his country. Every Britisher may well ask himself whether or not he is giving his best for his country and whether he is willing and ready, if need be, to give his life for the cause. This is war. Canada is in this war. We sometimes wonder whether all realize it. While the nation mourns the loss of men it must and will set about boldly to accomplish its task. Kitchener, the man with the iron will, the man who in a few months raised over five million men for the fight, perhaps the greatest army organizer Britain ever knew is gone but his work well begun will go on until success crowns the effort. What a pity the great soldier could not have lived to see the day.

More Silos for More Corn.

It has been a late, wet and backward spring. Seeding has been delayed to an almost unprecedentedly late date. The cereals sown so late are not in a favorable position to go on and produce heavy yields. Farmers, from experience, know that late sowing generally means short crops. Consequently much of the wet land was left for summer-fallow, for buckwheat or for hoed crop, mainly corn. Ontario farmers must have feed for their stock next winter. Hay promises a big crop, but hay alone will not suffice. Good clover or alfalfa hay and corn silage make an ideal combination, only improved by the addition of a few roots. It is not too late to sow roots. It is not too late to plant corn, if the fall season is at all favorable. A subscriber stated in this office a few days ago that he had seen dent corn mature in Middlesex County, Ontario, when planted June 22. Last year we cut our corn at Weldwood Sept. 28. If corn is planted June 20 and frosts allow it to grow until Sept. 28 it has 100 days to mature, and some of the earlier varieties will mature in less time, and most varieties will make good silage when allowed to grow ninety days or more. Plant more corn.

All this leads up to what we wish to emphasize—more silos. If you increase the corn acreage some place will be necessary in which to store the feed. The silo is the cheapest, the handiest and the best place. There is a type of silo to suit any conditions. Big silos, little silos, wood silos, cement silos, steel silos, brick silos, special stave silos, and special block silos are illustrated and described in this issue. If you contemplate building a silo you will surely find something to help you in this week's special article. If you have any questions to ask about silos, ask us. This is the farmer's paper, and his questions are always welcome. You need a silo if you haven't one. If you have one you might require another.

Canada's Future Leaders.

Boys and girls are the most valuable crop the farm produces. Would that the farm could hold more of those who drift from country to city! The boy who takes an interest in farming and farm practice is soon a young farmer, and all such boys have ideas which other boys would like to get, seeing that they have so much in common. The boys are sometimes called young farmers, junior farmers, etc., and are the most valuable asset of Canadian agriculture. The young farmer sees life in a different light from that of the teaching of older men. He is more progressive, and while he respects father's knowledge, gained by long and wide experience, he likes to experiment, to try things on a different basis, to find out for himself. The hope of agriculture lies in the achievements of these young men. It is only fair, then, in view of the importance of their work that they should have a national medium in which to express their views and to explain their experimental work. Sometimes they feel backward about writing for the press when they know that their articles are likely to be sandwiched in between matter prepared by older and more experienced men, and so often do not give the public generally, and other boys in particular the benefit of their ideas based on the results of their work. To make it easy for the boys and young men we are arranging to give them a special department in the regular farm reading columns. All other departments will be continued as usual, but for the young farmers we will have a column of special interest each week. We want the farm boys and young men to get interested in this department. This is your department. Tell us about your experiences. We are going out after much of this class of information. Send in what you can. What one boy can do another can try, and by persevering effort can accomplish. Boys and young men, you are the future farmers and leaders. Canada needs your ideas and your help. Canada will need you in the future. Prepare yourselves. Look for your special department in this and every future issue.

Honk! Honk! Read the Automobile Department!

The advance of time makes changes necessary in every line of business. Fifty years ago "The Farmer's Advocate" was the leading agricultural paper in the Dominion. It still holds the premier position. Why? Because it has kept abreast of the times. Farming is carried on differently now from what was called good practice fifty years ago. While the basic principles of good agriculture are practically the same the methods and machinery for carrying out the work are vastly different. Conditions change. "The Farmer's Advocate" changes, and while these changes are made gradually, as with agricultural practice, they are always for the better, for it is our aim to help our readers to advance their own interests and the agricultural industry of the great Dominion. When the first issue of "The Farmer's Advocate" left the press most farmers walked, rode on horseback or in buckboard wherever they desired to go. To-day all have covered carriages, many of which require no horses for locomotion. It is for the owners of this latter luxury and necessity that we are pleased to announce that we purpose publishing, commencing this week, a special department of our paper devoted to automobiles and farm motors. An expert will give each week seasonable advice re car difficulties and how to avoid them. He will tell how a car should be used and handled. Will explain the use of parts, and will help you keep your car 100 per cent. efficient.