

ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER

CONDENSED INFORMATION FARMERS AND THEIR CLUBS

UNION.

William Clifford of Union has broken all records for having the most valuable load of tobacco shipped here. The one wagon load brought him a cheque for over \$1500.

Jason Malott has just completed his second large silo on his place here and both are now filled to the top with chopped corn and fodder.

Lester Malott has a gang of men with their chopping machines busy filling the large silo which he recently erected.

Angus McCharles will soon have his new hot house completed. It will be one of the most up-to-date in this district.

Many silos have been built in this district and almost all of them are filled to the top with the best quality of feed for live stock that has ever been grown here. Fall wheat never looked better at this time of the year and all the indications show that thousands of bushels will appear in the next harvest. Hundreds of potatoes are now being fed all the corn they can eat and one month will see many carloads sent to the markets with a price considered never heard of here before.

BRAMPTON.

The Oliver homestead consisting of 120 acres on the Centre road has been purchased by Mrs. T. A. Armstrong, line east, Toronto Twp. Sale was made by J. H. McCracken.

Mr. K. Giffen has sold his farm of 100 acres near Mayfield in two parts of one hundred each to T. Ingolby and J. Archibald.

Edmund Kennedy, third concession, has purchased Colborne Griffith's 60-acre farm situated on the third concession.

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WALKERTON.

W. J. McNally left Tuesday with a carload of horses for Port Arthur.

George Detler of Walkerton has bought the 150-acre farm of Geo. Johnston, 3 1/2 miles east of Belmore, in the Township of Howick, for \$7,000, and will take possession on March 1.

HARRISTON.

W. Murdoch, Farmerston, progressive agriculturist, purchased a thoroughbred Yorkshire sow at the O.A.G. stock sale last week.

Chas. H. Ward held a clearing sale of his live stock on Saturday, conducted by Messrs. McDachren and Young, and having leased the model farm, on shares, to Frank Leppington, he and Mrs. Ward intend to take a long-deferred holiday.

Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, Minto Township, who recently held a clearing sale of farm stock, etc., has purchased from Arthur Shannon the white brick house on Elora street, opposite W. Welch's.

Potatoes have taken a jump of 25 cents to 30 cents in this vicinity in the last fortnight, the result of many carloads being brought up to the cities before the weather gets too cold for shipping.

DELAWARE.

Hill Brothers and Messrs. Butcher and Leslie, threshers, are still very busy, having several more farmers to "thresh out."

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AN INTERESTING "CREEPER" MODEL TRACTOR



The above photograph illustrates a powerful type of tractor which, owing to the large bearing surface of its traction belt or track, is able to carry great weight and draw heavy loads without sinking into light soil. Owing to the length of its tread it can creep over obstacles and out of ruts which might offer serious resistance to a single wheel. A Canadian company has been organized, with offices in the Dominion Bank building at Toronto, and are negotiating for the establishing of a factory in an Ontario town. This photograph was taken at the demonstration on the Industrial Farm.

THE BLOCK SYSTEM OF MILK DELIVERY

New Zealand Minister Confers With Dairymen and City Officials.

PRODUCERS FAVOR IDEA

Proposal Includes the Establishment of Co-operative Milk Purchase Depot.

The minister of internal affairs (Hon. G. W. Russell) conferred with the mayor, the town clerk and members of the city council of Christchurch, N.Z., and also with a large number of dairymen on the subject of the proposals contained in the city council's bill for the introduction of the block system of milk delivery. The minister said that if the proposed schemes were to be carried out the only way to do it was for the council to take over the purchase and distribution of the milk. He could not see how the block system would work out, he thought.

Mr. McKellar pointed out that the dairymen, with one or two exceptions, were not in favor of the block system. At the time of the meeting the understanding was that it could be done at a conference between representatives of the council and of the dairymen. The mayor pointed out that the introduction of the block system would save \$5000 a week, equal to close on \$500 weekly.

Eliminate Waste Labor. H. Bliss, Jr., said the dairymen had fairly favorably accepted the scheme as being the best possible way of cutting out waste labor. To carry out the scheme properly would necessitate the establishment of a co-operative line of a depot where dairymen could dispose of any surplus milk or obtain milk to make up deficiencies.

A. W. Bennett, secretary of the matter, should be settled by a vote of the people. The minister said he was much obliged for the suggestion; it might be provided that the act should not come into operation until a referendum of the people had been taken. Evidently a minister of the crown in New Zealand when faced by a company of business men who know their requirements runs to cover under the referendum.

ABOUT CELERY. In its natural habitat celery is a boggy soil plant. It needs moisture. So the celery grower goes to the muck land for his soil. It is hard to drown out the plants.

Celery plants are easy to grow, but always do better when transplanted. If the amateur wants to be sure of his results he must set his plants in a trench about six inches deep. You can buy young celery plants for about fifty cents a hundred. They should be planted from eight to ten inches apart. Four hundred plants should be sufficient to furnish celery for a family of five during the winter.

The trench must be soaked and then soaked again. Pour in a pint of water every night. In the morning put in a little loose soil on top of the wet soil. Keep filling in until the sides are six to eight inches high. Then begin with the blanching boards—Country Gentlemen.

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TWO FARMERS PROVED THEMSELVES ORATORS

Showed Themselves Masters of the English Language and Exhibited Courtesy Under Fire.

At the luncheon given on Thursday by the United Farmers of Ontario to Food Controller Hanna and representative newspaper and farm magazine editors a really notable example of the ability of farmers to present their side of the case was given. The command of the English language exhibited by W. C. Goode and E. C. Drury was a delight to any admirer of good speaking. These farmers exhibited a reserve of strength and power of expression quite remarkable.

When Mr. Drury was violently interrupted while speaking to the meeting with words to the effect that the farmers' difficulties were caused by their insistence upon the law of supply and demand he quietly turned upon the interrupter and stated that the cause of the difficulties was not the law of supply and demand but interference with that law. It was a point well taken and both Mr. Drury and Mr. Goode are to be congratulated upon the intelligence they displayed in the face of somewhat uncalled for opposition.

GEORGETOWN.

The department of agriculture supplied Halton farmers this year with seed for the experimental growing of hemp. The experiment has proved a success. Samples between eight and nine feet in height are on exhibit at the elements & Co.'s hardware store, and there were others at the fair here last week. Hemp is grown extensively and successfully in New Zealand and a man who has been there says he never saw any which approached the Halton samples in height, four or five feet being about the limit. —Georgetown Herald.

KENNICOTT.

Louis P. Longway has sold his 70-acre farm, lot 16, concession 13, Logan, to Edward Longway for \$5500, and intends to retire and go to Stratford to live. The farmers are busy plowing and getting in the turnip crop.

THE FEEDING AND HOUSING OF SWINE

Dominion Government Experts Claim Expensive Piggery is Not Necessary.

SINGLE BOARD CABIN

Hog Breeders Will Secure Authoritative Information by Reading Pamphlet.

On account of the high value of concentrated foods suitable for swine feeding it is important that the foods that are used be so combined as to produce the maximum of results. The question of housing also enters largely into the profitable production of pork. To encourage farmers to raise as many hogs as possible, and to make the most money therefrom, the department of agriculture at Ottawa has issued Pamphlet No. 22 on the "Feeding and Housing of Swine." This pamphlet, which may be obtained free at the publications branch, department of agriculture, Ottawa, deals also with the questions of breeding and care of the animals at different ages and at different seasons of the year. This pamphlet is prepared by Professor G. E. Day, in charge of the bacon production campaign, Dominion Department of Agriculture; E. S. Archibald, Dominion Animal Husbandman, and his assistant, G. B. Rothwell.

Mr. Archibald, after much experimental work, lays down the principle that an expensive piggery is unnecessary. Brood sows may be kept under most circumstances, even in the winter season, in a single board hog cabin. This pamphlet gives specifications and plans not only of a large piggery, but of a cheap and portable cabin.

Meat Shortage Critical Quick Action Needed

"Since the war the live stock herds in Europe have decreased by 115,000,000 head. No one can say to what extent the breach of the Italian front was made possible by food shortage. France requires increased supplies unless the women and children are to suffer from hunger. The Allies look to Canada and the United States to save the situation which to-day is grave. We must and will save it. The demand for meat and the fact of depletion of European herds is a guarantee of high prices. Steps have been taken to assure fair treatment to the producers."

W. J. HANNA,
Food Controller of Canada.

Mr. Hanna is working in co-operation with the Food Controllers of Great Britain and the United States. He, more than any other man in Canada, knows the needs of the Allies. His statement shows the seriousness of the meat situation. The question is: How can the shortage best be met?

The speediest way to relieve the critical situation is to greatly increase the production of hogs.

Swine, on account of being prolific and growing to marketable size rapidly, will produce meat more quickly than any other kind of livestock, because 1,500 pounds of dressed meat is a

moderate estimate of what can be produced from one sow in one year. As it is a huge quantity of meat that is needed, and needed speedily, the Allies look to the hog raisers of Canada and the United States to meet the situation.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Departments of the Provincial Governments are co-operating to secure the interest and action of the Canadian hog raisers. The Food Controller states that steps have been taken to assure fair treatment to the producers. This will be explained in a further advertisement. The point the Government wants to impress to-day is to

Save the Young Sows

Great Britain has almost doubled her imports of bacon and hams since the war, importing over one billion pounds since last year. There has been no increase in the production of Canadian hogs to meet this situation. The killings in Denmark have decreased 40%. The receipts of hogs at Stock Yards in the United States for the eight months ending August 31st, 1917, show a decrease of 2,765,006 compared with the same period in 1916, while the month of September, 1917 (the latest month for which figures are available) shows the great decrease of 859,830

compared with September of 1916. These figures emphasize the pressing need for a great increase in the production of hogs and indicate a safe and profitable market.

The enormous consumption of the Allied Armies is sufficient to steady and maintain the bacon market at a high level. The British Army ration calls for one-quarter of a pound of bacon per man per day. Multiply this by millions of fighters and some idea is given of the need for increased production.

The fighters, and the women and children of Britain, France and Italy urgently need more meat. Canada can help supply it. Save the young sows.

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ENGLAND.

Mrs. Nellie M. McLeod, a telegram from her that she came to two months of the prohibition, the pieces of the United States of Great Britain. Chung said she had would accept the