

PROFIT IN FLAX CROP

Demand for Aeroplane Wings Stimulates Production.

BOYS WILL AID THE FARMERS

Seasonable Hints for the Fruit-grower and Agriculturalist—Information About the Work That Has Been Done to Secure Lads to Aid Production.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

FLAX fibre is absolutely necessary for the construction of aeroplane wings. Yet because of Russia's defection, Great Britain has not now more fibre on hand than is sufficient to keep the mills running one and a half days a week. To further complicate matters the flax seed crop in Ireland was seriously near a failure last year. These vital facts were disclosed recently at a meeting in Toronto, of the Agricultural Section of the Organization of Resources Committee of Ontario, called to discuss the flax situation. Evidence was also given regarding what Ontario already had done to relieve the shortage. In 1917 thirty-three flax mills were operated, 6,000 acres were planted and 2,600,000 pounds of fibre and 45,000 bushels of seed were produced. Our flax business last year had a total value of \$2,000,000. Moreover, the seed produced will accomplish a vital mission abroad, as a large part of it has been shipped to Ireland to meet the great seed deficiency there.

8,000 Acres at Least This Year.

Already flax growers are planning an 8,000-acre production, at least, for this year. Each of the mills are in the market for all the straw and seed that can be secured and good prices are assured the grower. The arrangements made in the past have, for the most part, provided for the leasing of flax land by the mills at a rental of from \$10 to \$15 an acre. The grower ploughed the land, prepared the seed bed and hauled the crop to the mill—except where the mill operator supplied the seed, often did the seeding, and harvested the crop. The flax was pulled by hand and the workers were housed in the fields in tents. Their transportation was paid by the mill company and they received \$15 an acre for pulling. It took a first-class puller three days to finish an acre. As the workers prepared their own meals, the growers were in no way inconvenienced by having them on their farms.

Flax a Highly Profitable Crop.

While this system is still followed almost entirely, farmers may very profitably grow flax, doing all the work and selling the crop outright to the mills. Any acre of good flax will produce some nine bushels of seed and two tons of straw. The seed sells now for from \$7 to \$9 a bushel, while the price of straw will be dependent upon quality. In case labor conditions prevent the pulling of flax the crop may be harvested with a binder, the seed sold at a remunerative price, and the straw at about \$15 a ton.

Old sod land is preferred for flax and any soil which will produce a good crop of oats will be suitable. Wireworms and white grubs, so destructive to other crops, will not attack flax. The seed should be planted not later than May 10th and the crop is harvested during the middle of July; thus the soil is left in excellent condition for winter wheat. A thorough discing, without ploughing, is sufficient preparation for the wheat crop. The fear that flax is particularly hard on the land is unfounded, as it does not take more from it than any ordinary field crop.

Fifteen Thousand Boys for Ontario Farms.

In 1916 and 1917 the Department of Education made regulations which permitted students to leave school in April, provided that their term's work was satisfactory, for the purpose of engaging in farm work. If they spent three months or more on a farm, they were given their school standing without passing the customary promotion examinations.

When the students had responded to the Government's appeal and had volunteered in thousands for the work which they realized to be of such importance, there remained the problem of putting each individual applicant for work in touch with a farmer who desired assistance. This was accomplished through the Ontario Government System of Public Employment Bureau in cases where the students were unable to make their own arrangements. A minimum wage of \$15 per month was set, but the farmers soon realized the value of the students' labor, and offered as high as \$35 per month. The average wage paid was \$18.

It is expected that 15,000 boys between the ages of 14 and 19 will be available this spring for farm work in the province. The minimum wage this year will be \$15 per month, with board. It is hoped that every farmer who can make use of the services of a High School boy will make early application through the District Representative in order that he may not be disappointed. There are over 15,000 farmers in Ontario, and only 15,000 boys to go round, so the wise farmer will be the one who speaks quickly.—Dr. A. A. Riddell, Ontario Labor Bureau.

Get a Spray Calendar.

This is the time of year when spraying must command the attention of the fruit grower. Everyone should procure from the Department of Agriculture, a spray calendar in which directions are given for the spraying of all kinds of fruit trees and the preparation of the various insecticides and fungicides.—Ontario Agricultural College Notes.

Chantry

Mr. Lee Ripley and wife spent Sunday at Frank Seede's.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown have gone to Spee's Bay for a few days.

Mr. Thos. Dewell has purchased a Ford Car.

Master Clarence Seed has returned after spending a few days at Elgin.

A few of our men attended the I.O.O.F. service at Delta.

Miss Ida Knowlton spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. Davis.

Mrs. H. F. Knowlton is improving after having the gripe.

Mrs. A. Elliott attended the concert in Elgin on Friday night.

Philipsville

The farmers are hustling to get in their crops while this fine weather lasts.

Mrs. Arven Brown who is suffering from blood-poisoning is still very low.

Mrs. J. Lynn has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. Wood at Chantry.

Miss Snyder, of Verona, has returned home after a visit here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stevens, a daughter, on May 3rd.

W. J. Earl is again very ill at his home here.

W. J. Summers has drilled a new well at the factory. A long felt want as formerly the water had to be piped from a distance, which in winter weather, was very inconvenient.

Miss A. Alguire and Mrs. H. Putnam were recent visitors to Brockville.

M. A. Stevens and J. W. Summer paid a business visit to Brockville recently.

The auxiliary of the W.M.S. held its annual business meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Greenham. The officers elected for the coming year were: president, Mrs. Alfred Wilkows; 1st Vice, Mrs. A. E. Whitmore; 2nd Vice, Mrs. A. Greenham; Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. W. Acheson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. Putnam; Treas. Miss M. M. Earl; Supt. Systematic Giving, Mrs. Harmon Earl. Mrs. Thos. Moulton was chosen as delegate to the Branch meeting at Montreal.

Hard Island

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robeson of Hammond spent the week-end with relatives on the island.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robeson and son, of Gananoque, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kilborn, of Kingston, spent Sunday at Mr. L. M. Dunham's.

Mr. Wm. Hamblin and Master Donald visited at Mrs. R. Whaley's on Sunday.

Mrs. Ham Hazelton of Brockville visited her aunt, Mrs. R. Whaley a few days last week.

Mr. John Livingston has started the milk route for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Foley visited recently at David Young's.

Mr. Philip Yates has returned home from Brockville much improved in health.

Mrs. Fred Price, Lehigh Corners, is in the hospital at Brockville for treatment.

Mr. Herbert Johnston was taken to the Brockville hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Geo. E. Loucks had three horses get away from the field the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kilborn of Kingston are here to see his grandfather, Mr. Wm. Ennis, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pattenmore spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Morley Holmes.

Mr. R. P. Richards has his new house up and ready for the masons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kilborn have returned from their wedding trip.

Fire at Fairfield.

Monday afternoon of last week, before 5 o'clock, fire was discovered in the residence of Samuel D. Walker at Fairfield. Mr. Walker had lighted an oil stove to prepare some food and going out was engaged at chore work when the trouble was discovered. The flames were confined to the kitchen, and neighbors with pails of water secured from a well nearby, succeeded, after strenuous efforts, in saving the main portion of the building which is of frame. The contents of the kitchen were destroyed, and Mr. Walker on being apprised of the danger and going into the house had his clothes, moustache and eyebrows singed.

Farmers Sending Deputations.

In order that the Government may have a clear view of the agricultural situation, delegates from the townships are being sent to Ottawa to form a deputation to interview the Prime Minister. The farmers wish to be sure that the need of men is greater than the need of production and believe that the cancelling of all exemptions to men between the ages of 20 and 22 will seriously affect the work on the farms.

WAS KITCHENER'S OWN CITY

Khartoum Rebuilt by British Leader After It Had Been Sacked by Dervishes on Their Retreat.

A sentimental interest will always attach to Khartoum, for it is Kitchen's city. He fought his way to it up the Nile, to find the old town blasted, sacked and destroyed by the dervishes, writes a correspondent. He is said to have drawn the plans for the new Khartoum on the sand with his own hand, and the engineers set to work the same day to build it up. The streets and squares are laid out in the design of a monster Union Jack.

All that was only in 1893, but the new Khartoum is already a place of beauty and importance. There are many groves of noble trees, a feature only to be appreciated by the desert dweller, for the dervishes were not schooled in the refinements of modern warfare. They sacked the town on their retreat, but they failed to girdle the trees. They were only ignorant savages and they did their best, but thanks to their unfamiliarity with modern methods, Khartoum has some beautiful groves today. There are rose gardens, too, that were planted by the unfortunate Gordon himself.

The Blue Nile runs past the city; river gunboats helped Kitchen to encompass its fall. The White Nile is only a few miles away. These two great arteries of trade stretch their way southward into the unknown and northward flows the united river toward Cairo and the Mediterranean. The trade of the town is augmented by all manner of parties from the savage interior, and about Khartoum are native villagers built after the fashion of all the tribes of the Sudan. The people are drawn from all the ends of Africa, negroes and Arabs, and from Europe and Asia come Syrians, Greeks and Copts. The upper classes are Egyptians in commercial circles; in the political and administrative world the English, of course, are dominant. It is a strange and cosmopolitan city that has grown from the plan that Kitchen sketched on the sand, with the dead of the last day's fighting still unburied on the plain.

UNEARTHLY WAS THIS MUSIC

German Publication Reprimanded by Press Agent for Mistranslation of Adjective "Heavenly."

The censorship of foreign language publications by the post office department won't be at all offensive to one of the musical comedies which recently opened in New York. And if the censorship can extend to the point of gathering altogether a certain German periodical, then the press agent will be even stronger for the government.

His adroitness dates back to the hand-painted account of the opening of his play, which he wrote and sent out some twelve hours before the curtain was raised on the premiere. However, his description of the charms of the chorus, the plot, the scenery and the personnel of the audience didn't suffer on account of anything like that. On the question of the beauty of the music he was especially grandiloquent, and when he called up the German editorial offices the next morning he felt that his grievance was just. But there they told him he had used a part of his own copy, without changing a single word, merely translating it into German.

"Oh, you did!" raved the young press agent, and his voice instinctively told that he was tearing his hair. "I wrote that the music was heavenly—and your blaméd translation made it say that the 'music was unearthly!'"

Growth of Y. M. C. A.

In 1916 there were 2,757 Young Men's Christian associations in North America, with a total membership of 689,023. They owned 732 plants and buildings valued at \$83,263,469, and aggregate property, including real and personal, at over \$106,000,000. The local associations with 4,353 secretaries and other paid officers, showed an enrollment of 152,160 men and boys in Bible courses, and 82,358 others in educational courses. The total operating expenses for all the associations was \$15,812,250. New buildings costing all together more than \$6,000,000 were opened during the year, and by the end of the year \$8,900,000 had been pledged toward the erection of more than 40 additional buildings.

Dogs Saved Boy From Bear.

Two small pet dogs saved the life of their thirteen-year-old master, Bruno Westernman of St. Paul, when Teddy, a pet black bear, attacked the boy.

As the bear seized the boy the dogs gave battle and Teddy dropped the child and sought refuge in a near-by tree.

Carl, the sixteen-year-old brother, finally killed the bear with ten shots from a shotgun and a fusillade from a .22-caliber revolver. The brother retreated to the house to protect the mother, and from an upper window opened fire on Teddy, who had taken to a tree after he wounded Bruno and the dogs gave him battle.

Of Small Account.

"Over 2,000,000 iron crosses have been given out by the German authorities." We doubt if the German soldiers place any great value on these crosses. We recall a good-natured old German who spent the declining years of his life in Toledo. One day, with due modesty, he showed an iron cross he had won in the Franco-Prussian war. "You may have it," he said quietly. "It means nothing to me."—Toledo Blade.

Brockville Business College

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Miss Helen E. has been placed as stenographer and office assistant for A. G. Dobbie & Co., town.

Miss Clara Harrison of Morrisburg, who attended our college last year is now stenographer at The Rideau Club, Ottawa.

Miss Loretta Beehler has gone to Ottawa expecting to get an appointment in the Civil Service.

Miss Gladys Watter has been appointed to the stenographic staff of The National Manufacturing Co., town.

Miss Mabel Craig has been placed as stenographer and typist with the Jas. Smart Manfg. Co.

The following students and graduates have this week been offered positions in the different government departments at Ottawa at salaries from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month: Misses Helen Reilly, Ruby Bowen, Flossie Wilkins, Genevieve Shea, Reta M. Cook, Gertrude Wotherpoon, Mabel Craig, Kathleen Clarke, Anna O'Reilly, Blanche Whiting, Violet Close, Roselyn McKinnon, Beatrice McDaniel, Jeanette Cloutier, Wilma Shipman, Carrie Webb, Edna Whaley, Ethel Hill, Agnes Blair, Geraldine Brown and Violet Sheridan. The following is a copy of the letter each received: Dear Madam—Please report as soon as convenient at the office of The Civil Service Commission. Your salary will not be less than \$50.00 per month and not more than \$75.00 depending upon the report after a week's trial of the Department to which you may be assigned.

Yours truly,

Wm. Foran, Sec. C. S. Commission
Miss Benita Gaffney went to Ottawa this week to try a special examination and was successful in obtaining 70 p.c. in shorthand and 80 p.c. in typewriting. She was immediately placed in the head office of the Canadian Censor.

Miss Meta Wright has received word of her appointment as stenographer for The Consul General of The Argentine Republic.

Miss Florence Holliday has passed a special typewriting test and is now a typist in connection with War Loan work.

The following have been granted graduation from the college: Misses Mabel Craig, Flossie Wilkins, Eva Dillon and Evelyn Fox.

Those passing our 80 word per minute shorthand test this week are: Miss V. Sullivan from Gananoque, Miss Tilda Little from Plum Hollow, and Bennett Hall from North Augusta. Passed the 100 word test: Miss Matilda Fox, of town.

Miss Mary McIntomney from Arnprior enrolled this week.

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May 6.—The farmers are very busy with their spring work, and there seems to be a fairly good growth in the ground although the nights are so cold.

Mrs. N. Babcock of Arden, has spent the past few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Vanderburg. Mrs. Babcock was in Kingston for a few days where Dr. Third performed a serious operation on her foot, which is doing nicely.

Miss Amelia Fodey of Watertown, is making a visit to her mother and brother, Nelson, who has been very ill but who is now improving nicely. On Sunday there was service held at Mr. George Reed's in the afternoon at which a large number were present. Miss Mason was present, together with a lady missionary returned from China, who gave an interesting discourse on the work there.

Miss Ida Bradley of Escott, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley and little son, Borden, visited friends at Berryton on Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon a house owned by Wilbert Watson and occupied by Eldon Sersion, his wife and five little children, was burned down with all its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Sersion and the children had gone out for a walk and left no fire in the stove so the origin is unknown. Two chairs were all that was saved, and the needs of the family are great. Five years ago, a house standing on the same spot was burned.

Sand Bay

May 4.—Our farmers are very busy seeding, but rain is needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Dier have gone to Gananoque to live. We are sorry to lose them from our neighborhood.

The suckers have started to run in the creek, and are very plentiful.

Mr. James Greer of Lyn, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Lola Johnston, over Sunday.

Mrs. Vanderburg has returned home after nursing Mrs. Joe Lappan.

Mrs. Ross Leadbeater and three children and her brother Earl Slack start for Stoney Plain, Alta., on Monday May 6.

Our young men of this neighborhood have notice to appear in Brockville this week to go before the tribunal.

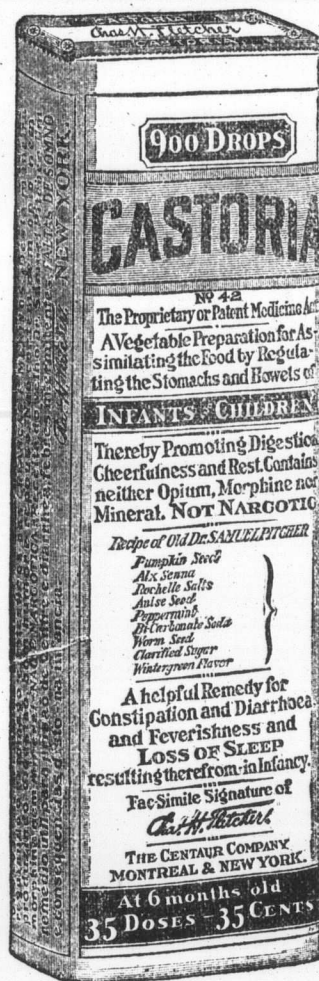
We had no church here on Sunday on account of the Odd Fellows service in Lansdowne Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ena Greer and brother, Forrest, spent Sunday at Mrs. Johnston's.

Mr. Joe Bevans, Long Point, is doing some building for Charles McDonald.

Troop Train Passes Through.

Monday morning a detachment of 202 soldiers passed through here to join the Engineers Depot at the Exhibition ground barracks at Brockville. They came over the C.N.R. from Vancouver. A special took the party from Forfar to Brockville.



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