

# FARMER'S LIVE STOCK

## THE QUESTION OF WEEDS.

The weed evil is a question of small proportions on the Canadian farm. It is becoming a common saying that sooner or later the government will have to assume a more active interference in the cultivation of our lands.

Travel anywhere thru the country and towns of Ontario, and the tourist will be struck with the numbers of noxious weeds that have gone to seed on the roadsides and at the doors of the farmers and townsmen. Burdock, chickweed, mustard, bog weed, couch grass, wild oats and other pests run rampant in many places. The complacency with which many people view these intruders, shows that there is a lack of appreciation of the dangers that are latent in them. Already many farms in this province are well high unproductive because of these. Others produce such a poor sample of grain that they are a non-paying proposition and their goods a menace in the markets of commerce. The Seed Control Act has revealed a pile of bad weed seeds in the samples of clover submitted from the farms of Ontario. Almost any sample obtainable has a few weed seeds, while others are so full of bad seeds that dealers cannot handle them at all.

Some people go so far as to suggest that the government minister of agriculture should enact legislation providing for inspectors to enter upon and destroy weeds found upon the farms where the owners have not taken the pains to kill, and the placing the cost of so doing as a first charge upon the land. Certainly it does not seem far distant when some drastic measures will be needed to cope with the evils.

Ontario is not the worst offender. The North Western wheat lands are big disseminators of noxious weeds. They spread to Ontario in millfeeds and thru transportation agencies. It is reported this year that many farms in Manitoba are producing low yields of wheat and first class yields of weeds.

Better agriculture is the watchword in the battle with weeds. Where weeds grow luxuriant, useful grains cannot grow, and with this better husbandry of the soil will come the double reward of better crops and fewer pests in the vegetable line.

Every Ontario farmer should see to it that all that every bad weed found upon his farm or on his adjacent roadside be gathered and burned before the crop of seeds and lodged in a fertile earth.

In the publication of the book on weeds, the Dominion minister of agriculture deserves credit to recognize the chance for the people to recognize the true insidious character of the common parasites of our fields and gardens.

## FEED SELLS HIGH.

Wilson's Sale at Green River. See Cheap Cattle and Dear Fodder.

That farmers will pay big prices for fodder and all animals that can bring some returns, and that they hesitate to buy cattle and horses that bring no returns till next year, was abundantly evident at Fred Wilson's auction sale at Green River on Tuesday last. By dint of his good advertising he had one of the best crops of livestock for sale in the province for some time. Auctioneer T. Poucher conducted it and did well with the various articles.

"Never before in ten years," said T. Poucher, "have I sold roots in the field at such figures. Rows 30 rods long sold for seventy cents, whereas the average prices here have been about 30 cents."

Good milk cows also sell well. One Shorthorn grade milker about 12 years old, weighing 1,200 lbs., with a good udder, was sold for \$1,150. Another cow, sold for \$1,100. The Shorthorns have been milking all summer and sold for good prices. Horses, apparently have not ceased to interest the farmers, as they seem willing to pay good figures for good animals, while unsuitable ones, that will be a drain on farm feeding this winter, do not find ready bidders.

Mr. Wilson is a young man of great energy and his leaving the farm ranks is to be deplored. He assumes charge of a mercantile business in Toronto next week.

## HORSE MARKET.

There is no demand, east or west, or anywhere, for horses, in the leading feature of the Toronto Horse Market. The only demand comes from the local trade. Prices that farmers are asking preclude dealers from buying in order to make returns to themselves.

Common horses, such as the farmer wants to get rid of, are unsaleable, and the good ones, such as the dealers want, are too high priced in the farm stables for them to touch.

Prices are unchanged from last week's figures. Heavy draughts, 1500 lbs. Medium weights, 1200 lbs. Expressers, from \$100 to \$150. Second-hand drivers and workers \$40 to \$70.

## FARM CALENDAR.

Shorthorn Fair, Oct. 10, 11. Canadian Dairy Show, Oct. 10-16. Woodbridge Fair, Oct. 16-17. Bradford Fair, Oct. 15-16. Ontario Co. Plovering Match, Nov. 5. Fruit, Flower and Honey Show at Toronto, Nov. 10-16.

Leg Broken Playing Rugby. Hugh Crawford, aged 13, son of Mr. Crawford of Lower Avenue, had his leg broken in a football game at St. Andrew's College yesterday. He was taken home in Ellis' ambulance.

## The Farmstead.

The frost is on the pumpkin.

Fall wheat is generally looking well. Do not get in a panic over the feed question.

Shall we have cheaper grains in the spring?

The Fruit, Flower and Honey Show has its prize lists issued.

Now is the time for skill in farm economics and for the weeding out of poor animals.

The Grange is a force in the States. Will the new accession to its ranks make it better here?

The Veterinary College opens on the 17th inst. Dr. Andrew Smith says that the year will have a good supply of students, notwithstanding the three-year term.

All ripe weeds on or near the farm should be cut and burned. No successful farmer can allow these robbers in broad daylight to get in their mischievous work.

It is absolutely essential to the dairy farmer that he know which of his cows are paying. Some undoubtedly are not, and these poor ones should be weeded out.

The thrifty farmer's wife has her supply of pickles laid by against the winter demands. Frost on Tuesday evening put a finish on all the green vines exposed.

The apple crop in the Niagara district is well up to the average, although it looks like a steady decline in the quantity raised. This is not to be wondered at since the ravages of the San Jose scale have made big inroads, and also the farmer there can make better use of his land under small fruits.

P. L. Green, miller and farmer, Greenwood, Ontario, sowed the Alberta Red wheat two years ago and he finds that it produces in Ontario a very desirable milling wheat. He says that it is ahead of the western-grown. Last week he threshed on his farm and the grain that left the sheaf at 1 o'clock was eaten in biscuits for tea that evening. The baker pronounced the flour as extra good.

An interesting idea as to how farmers and country people are living is exemplified by George Parker of Dunwich. He has a general store, from which business he has been absent for several years. He says he sells ten cigars now to one in previous days. It is the same with candles, bananas and other luxuries which our people could well dispense with if hard times were knocking at the country doors.

Ontario farmers could well use more sheep on their farms. In many places in the province there are sheep that are not being used. They are high, but they have been high for some time. Nevertheless there are a few animals on the farm that pay as well. They can be safely pastured on any land without fear of injury to the soil, as they leave far more than they take away. Their presence also is one of the big aids towards the solution of the weed problem. Almost any plant is eaten by these omnivorous creatures. A good gun and a vigorous warfare will do away with the dog nuisance where that is the offending point.

The fact that some farmers have sold their dairy cows at \$10, seems to point to a needless panic in the breasts of some farmers. It is a serious matter to sacrifice a herd of milk cows that a man has taken years to gather together. The scare is perhaps overdone, but it is evident that prices are a checkerboard when one marks the good and bad yielding places there. The agencies of distribution were more perfect. There is no need of a panic.

Three carloads of purebred cattle are to be shipped into Old Mexico next month under the auspices of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association for show and sale. The breeders' Gazette. Two carloads will be shown and sold at Chihuahua and one carload at the City of Mexico. In the latter consignment will be four heifers presented by the American association to the government agricultural experimental farm near Mexico City. This is in addition to the show and sale to be made by the Texas Shorthorn Breeders' Association at Torreon, in which has appropriated \$1000. This looks like good missionary work.

The National Corn Exposition is being held in Chicago. This, together with the National Dairy Show, which meets there from the 10th to 19th, will make an interesting fortnight in the west.



## THE MUCH-ADMIRRED SHORTHORN.

The above cut was taken at Markham Fair by The World artist just as the judging was going on. This is the first prize yearling bull, and is said to be a typical animal of this celebrated breed of cattle. At every fair ground the exhibit of Shorthorns always had a crowd of admirers.

John Miller, jr., of Ashburn, Ontario County, is seen in the act of making the animal assume a better standing position.

windy city. Dairying has become so great a factor in Canadian farm methods that it looks very favorable for the welcome that will greet the National Dairy Show, which will meet in Toronto on Tuesday at no very distant date.

"As a dual-purpose animal there is no breed that equals the Shorthorn," says a writer in The Breeder's Gazette. "I believe there are just as good dairy Shorthorns in the United States today as in England. Let the breeders of them come out and tell us what they are doing. The milk record of Bright Eyes of Springlake, from Feb. 25, 1907, to July 22, is 1966.5 pounds, with an average butter-fat test of 4 per cent. This cow when in good flesh is a very fine beef animal. I sold her to the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station. Her dam, Bess, has repeatedly given over 10,000 pounds of milk in a year."

This looks like good things from the Shorthorn-breed, and does not warrant the assertion that she is not a milk cow. The best cows have an average of 10,000 pounds of milk in a year, and many declare, are from Shorthorn blood.

## FARM WEEDS.

Farm Weeds is the title of an attractive work recently issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. A colored cover, illustrating the common farm burdock at once claims the attention and explains the mission of the work. It has been prepared under the direction of Mr. Geo. H. Clark, seed commissioner, by Dr. James Fletcher of the Central Experimental Farm, whose authorship at once speaks a perfect treatise on the subject. Together with this article appear about 60 colored plates, illustrative of the perfect plant, its flowers, root system and seeds.

Moreover these plates are done so well that the casual observer at once recognizes the plant that he has seen upon the roadside or farm. In too many instances the drawings and illustrations are so strained that no one recognizes even the common Canada thistle as it is portrayed. This work overcomes that and it is certainly the best thing of its kind that has ever appeared in Canada.

Another failing that bulletins upon this subject often have, is the sole use of the Latin name for the plants. While it is preferable, that everyone know and use these names, the fact remains that so many plants have local names that it is necessary to append in a short clear form. The type is large, and the matter well arranged. Thus the work will become an authority for farm and public libraries.

Thus in speaking of the common ragweed, he says that the injury is that "this weed is an impurity in the soil, small grains and grass seeds, the large spreading root crops of moisture and plant food and the free branching growing habit of the weed." While in the remedial work gets right at the matter: "Land badly infested can be cleaned by a regular system of short rotations, care being taken to cultivate immediately after harvest, and to mow down the fall growth on new seedings." The work is intended for farm and reference libraries and not for general distribution. Parties wishing this copy for farm reference will obtain any information by writing the department of agriculture at Ottawa.

## HOG PRICES.

Danish deliveries to the old country are heavier than they have been for some time and increasing weekly, says The Canadian Grocer. Last week they were about \$6,000; the week before, \$3,000. A prominent Canadian packer said recently: "The Danes are proud of their hog-raising business. We seem to be ashamed of ours. The Canadian farmers seem to have convinced themselves that there is an organized conspiracy of the packers to beat down prices and further their own interests at the expense of the farmers. And the situation is growing worse yearly. Instead of improving, The Danes expect to reach \$6,000 a week in their deliveries to England before the winter is out. I should be ashamed to say that the corresponding figures from Canada are likely to be."

LIEUT.-COL. STEVENSON NOW. OTTAWA, Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Major A. Stevenson is gazetted lieutenant-colonel and commander of the 57th Regiment, Peterboro Rangers, vice Col. J. W. Miller, who on completion of his period of tenure of command is transferred to the reserve list of officers.

## RICH IMMIGRANTS GO WEST

Over Painting by Agents in Great Britain Does Harm.

The minister of agriculture, Hon. Nelson Montefelt, who has recently returned from a trip to the old land where he took particular pains to inquire into the immigration question was approached by the World yesterday.

"I wanted to see," said he, "why it was that Ontario was getting so many people who come here without means. Here are numbers of people leave the British Isles for Canada, who have money, and somehow or other these are induced to go west. Consequently, we do not get this class in Ontario as we should. The cheap lands of the Northwest are well advertised and the possibility of a home for themselves easily induces these people. The minister also was of the opinion that the immigration agents paint too rosy pictures of Canada. In a great many cases, money has to be worked for here as well as elsewhere, although the country offers big opportunities to all without the hamperings that attach to the old land."

The minister took advantage of his trip to visit many of the big farms on the other side. He was particularly impressed with Collynie and Upper Perth, and found in Mr. Duffie a breeder of the first quality, as his reputation has long given him.

Farm Feeds in Ontario. Regarding the scarcity of farm feed in Ontario the minister was of the impression that the people in some parts have become unduly alarmed. "It is true," said he, "that there are sections in which there is a big shortage, but other places again are up to the average, and if the agencies of distribution were better there would be enough for all. There is no need of a panic."

The latter rains have materially improved fall pasturage and stock will thus go into the winter in better shape than was expected. Corn crops as well as roots have matured well and reports from many sections are very encouraging. Prices of Edward County seem to have suffered the most this season.

## AN ATTRACTIVE PRIZE LIST.

Over ten thousand dollars are offered in cash prizes at the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair to be held at Guelph, Dec. 8th to 13th, 1907.

The following are the different departments of the fair and the amount of prize money allotted to each: Beef cattle ..... \$1400.00 Dairy cattle ..... 1200.00 Sheep ..... 1500.00 Swine ..... 1450.00 Live poultry ..... 2350.00 Dressed poultry and special ..... 900.00 Seed ..... 550.00 Judging competition ..... 220.00 Total ..... \$10,020.00

There are classes and prizes for all the leading pure breeds and also for grades, crosses and dressed carcasses. In addition to the cash prizes there are a number of prizes consisting of valuable silver cups, medals, trophies and trophies for competition in the live stock, seed and poultry departments. These will be a valuable addition to the collection of the fair.

The special for the poultry department will be published in a separate list which will be ready for distribution about Nov. 10th. Poultry exhibitors who wish to have their exhibits in competition for these special prizes should send their contribution to A. P. Westcott, secretary, Toronto, before Oct. 15. The secretary will furnish prize lists and entry forms free of charge to any intending exhibitor.

## HAIL MULAI HAFIDI

Has Been Proclaimed Sultan in the South.

TANGIER, Oct. 10.—The power of Mulai Hafidi, who has been proclaimed sultan in the south, has been greatly strengthened in the northern part of Morocco by the declaration of the ulemas, or holy men, at Fez, that he has been legal and moral right to the throne since the death of the sultan of Fez. This, coupled with the approach of Mulai Hafidi's army upon Fez, argues a speedy capitulation of the northern capital.

## LUMBER FIRM IN EAST.

Ottawa Men Do Not Look for Fall in Prices.

OTTAWA, Oct. 10.—(Special.)—There is little prospect that the drop in the wholesale price of lumber in the west will affect the east, at least this is the opinion of lumber-dealers in Ottawa. They believe that the drop in the west is due to nothing else than the competition between wholesale manufacturers in Canada and the United States.

## COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS.

Latest Suggestion is Appointment of Three Men.

The latest suggestion in local educational circles is that, following the motion of Trustee James Simpson, to give members of the board of education a \$300 salary, a commission of three men may be appointed with good salaries, and who will devote all their time and energy to looking after educational matters. Trustee Parkinson is in favor of the move.

## BIG RINK FOR STRATFORD.

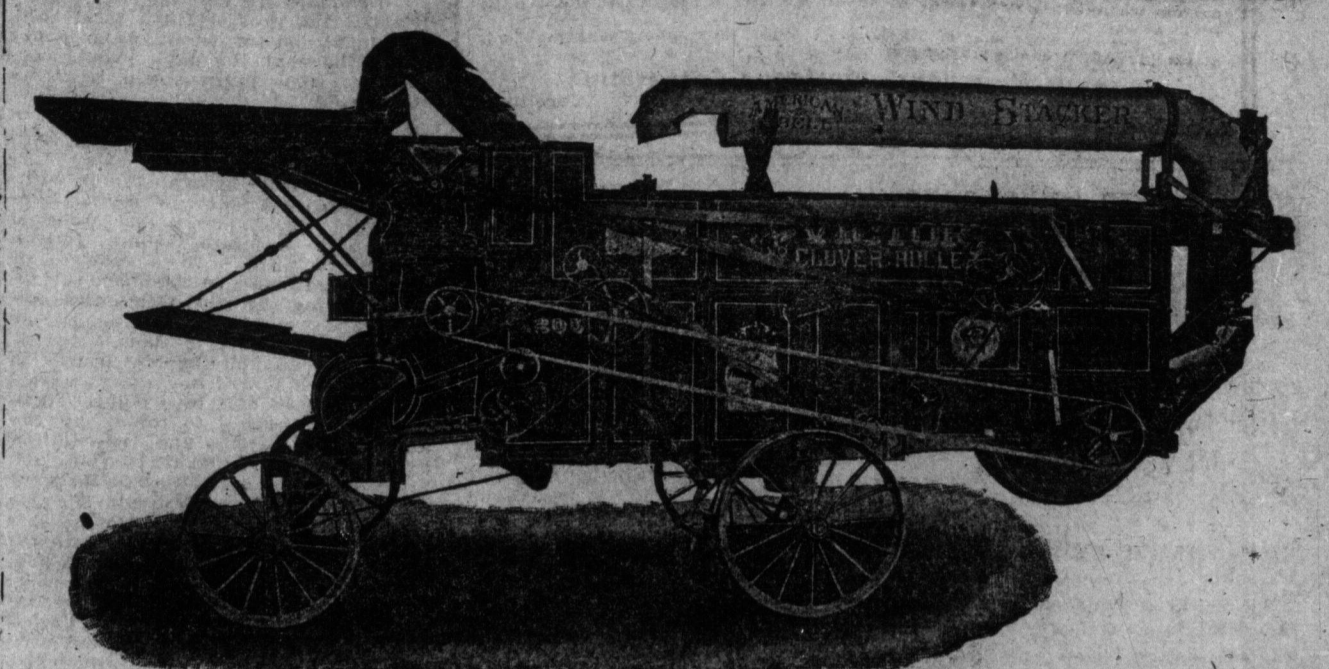
Local Capitalists Taking Hold of the Project.

STRATFORD, Oct. 10.—(Special.)—A company is being formed here for the purpose of building a gigantic skating and hockey rink. A number of local capitalists are behind the scheme, and expect to have the rink completed by New Year's. It will be up-to-date in every particular, and providing means for seating several thousand people. The rink will be located on Cobourg-street, in the heart of the city.

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LONDON, Oct. 9.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The British Dairy Farmers' Association is to be circulated with reference to holding a dairy conference in Canada in 1908.

## LARGE INCREASE AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 10.—Statistics compiled at the city hall show that the increase in the real estate valuation in Montreal has increased by \$16,000,000 over the previous year.

## Letter for J. W.

There is a letter in this office for "J. W." who wrote asking for information about Cuba.



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