

## Lawn for the Country

## Home Grounds

(By Magdalene Merritt.)

A smooth, green lawn is essential for the artistic arrangement of the home grounds. This lawn should properly belong in front of the house, but if that part already has hand-some shade trees then either side will do as well. The size should correspond with the amount taken up by trees and shrubbery, that is one-third in lawn. To make a new one, as early in spring as the ground can be worked, dig out every root, stump and twig, for if this is neglected some day you may get a broken lawn mower. If spots need filling use good, rich soil, that free from such perennial weeds as plantain, dandelion and burdock. After the leveling is finished spade deeply. If it is large enough to be plowed so much the easier, but always carry in mind the larger the lawn, the more care it will take in the future to keep it in order.

For fertilizer use fine poultry manure and wood ashes. Use a long-toothed garden rake to smooth the surface, carting off with a wheelbarrow all stones, hard lumps and trash as fast as it collects under the rake, again remembering the time when the mower will run over it, and that a very little twig will stop it. It must be made smooth; that means as fine and mellow as a garden bed. This takes time, but a lawn properly prepared will last a lifetime, and it pays to get it in perfect condition before sowing the seed, and good mixture prepared especially for lawns. A man who can sow clover and timothy can put it on, rather thick. After it is sown rake the entire surface evenly to cover the seed, being careful not to step on it after it is finished.

When the grass is high enough to be cut, it should be run over every week, leaving the clippings on to form a mulch and protect the roots from the sun. If the seed should not come up thick enough, I have found it a good plan to stop cutting August 1st and allow it to go to seed. The next year it will come up thick and heavy.

An American, viewing an English lawn for the first time, said to the owner: How did you manage to get such a magnificent lawn? The answer was, in the first place we plowed the land, got it in as good condition as we could, sowed the seed and then let it grow for 100 years or so. That is the secret. Get it in good condition at the start, take care of it, and it gets better with age.

I cannot refrain from telling the experience of a farmer's wife and daughter, friends of mine. The front yard of their old homestead was full of gnarled, knotty old plum trees with a few good shade and mountain ash trees whose beauty was entirely spoiled because of their surroundings. Between the yard and the road was a small old pasture. Along this was the lane leading to the house and barns beyond. Anything more ugly for a farm entrance could not well be imagined. The father would not consent to make a change because it had always been so. Whether he went away for the day, his wife and daughter would go out with an ax and cut down one of the plum trees, carefully removing all trace of their work.

They kept this up until they had them nearly all out before he began to take notice. Then, being a man of sense and noting the vast improvement already made, he went to work with a will, cut out all the trash that was still standing, removed the rickety old fences, banished the calves to another spot, and what a transformation! The broad, deep lawn open from the road, to the well kept beautiful, old-fashioned farmhouse, is green all summer with the richness of the old pastures. The few good trees are trimmed to correct proportions and show to perfection now that their incongruous neighbors are removed. With the few well placed scarlet geranium beds, and general trimness and care displayed in the care of the lawn, the home is now the show place on the road, where before it was not noticeable from any of their neighbors.

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## It Pays to Farm Right

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Most of the farmers in this place sell all the produce of their farms in its raw state and keep very little stock. They then buy and use commercial fertilizer in order to keep up the fertility of their farms, which in many cases is poorly done. It takes all that the farmer can make, besides his living, to pay his bills, thus leaving no margin of profit. That is the reason many young people are leaving the farms to follow lines of business.

What is causing all this trouble? It is poor management. What business if ever so good, being poorly managed, can prosper? Not any. So we farmers must learn to adopt a different system of farming, in which live stock, especially sheep should figure largely as they give the best returns of any product from the farm for the amount of capital and labor invested. This with a good three or four years of rotation of crops would soon improve the prosperity of the farmer and the fertility of the farm.

A great many people will not raise sheep for fear of having them killed by dogs, but under the present law which bears promise of being still more in favor of the sheep raiser in future, the risk can be greatly reduced if more effort be made by the people to live up to this statute and enforce it. For the benefit of many who do not know the law I will state it here, correct in every word:

"Dogs are personal property and subjects of larceny. Any person may kill any dog worrying sheep or giving tongue and terrifying sheep, or straying between sunset and sunrise on any farm where sheep are kept, unless muzzled or accompanied by owner or person in charge, or owned by occupant of next adjoining farm. After forty-eight hours' notice of such conduct the owner becomes liable to a fine of \$2.50 for each dog and a further fine of \$1.25 for each forty-eight hours thereafter until the dog is killed, for killing dogs guilty of such misconduct. Dogs may be killed found hunting moose or caribou."

So you see that a loaded rifle and a good aim would soon settle the dog question.

Scientific farming is what we want, the best is not too good and in order to acquire this art we must study and practice the ways of the prosperous up-to-date farmers. For instance, say Logan Bros., of Amherst Point, N. S. These men started business on small capital under ordinary favorable conditions and their aim being high they have accomplished much, the same as many others have done. We have many good farm papers such as the Maritime Farmer and Farmers' Advocate, which are great helps, giving us many good ideas for intelligent consideration. Then there are our agricultural institutions, with the people who have devoted their ability to find out and teach the most profitable way of farming and help us on the road to success. We are paying those people for their labor, why not receive the benefit of it? I have heard people run down big class farming and claim it to be a failure, bringing up, for example, some one who has tried it and failed for want of push and determination or who had spent too much money for Scotch. Such a person as that would fail at anything.

Don't condemn high class farming but do it to the best of your ability. You have sons growing to men with love for the farm in their hearts and the ambition to make a mark in the world. You should encourage them both at study and in business, aiding them in every possible way. And to the young men who intend to follow this work, I say acquire all the knowledge about it that you can at all times, also a knowledge of how to transact business and keep accounts properly. Then get married to a true-hearted girl, whose nature is in harmony with your own, and who will take an interest in your work and help you prosper. This with industry and determination to do well will surely bring success, helping you pluck many a thistle and plant many a flower.—Local Observer, in Windsor Tribune.

One result of the Anti-Tuberculosis Congress at Washington recently is that every country in the world is shortly to have a national board of health.

## MARITIME TURF RECORDS

MADE IN YEAR 1908

The Acadian Recorder's annual records of the season on the turf in the maritime provinces shows some grand performances during the past year, and particularly gratifying results among the trotters, with the record for the maritime provinces being lowered. Altogether there were 345 heats trotted or paced in the various seasons in 230 or better, and 121 of these were in 230 or faster, while 29 horses entered the 230 list, and 10 of them the 220 list. The following is a list of the best records:

## TROTTERS.

Fastest trotter—Estil Boy, b. r. by Potential, Chatham, N. S., Sept. 16, 2:16 1-4.  
Fastest stallion—Kallol, b. h. by Kremlin, Halifax, Sept. 4, 2:19 1-4.  
Fastest gelding—Estil Boy, b. g. by Potential, 2:16 1-4.  
Fastest mare—Lou Helen, b. m. by Parkwood, Summerside, Sept. 18, 2:21 1-4.  
Fastest green trotter—Anita, b. m. by Bonnie F., Chatham, Sept. 10, 2:21 3-4.  
Fastest provincial bred—Sleepy Jack, b. g. by Israel, Halifax, Sept. 2, 2:19 1-4.  
Fastest three-year-old—George Cresceus, ch. s. Halifax, Sept. 3, 2:27.  
Fastest four-year-old—Israel Tarte, b. g. by Brazilian, Halifax, Sept. 8, 2:25.

## PACERS.

Fastest pacer—Terrace Queen, b. m. by Valpeau, Halifax, Sept. 4, 2:14.  
Fastest stallion—Will-be-Sure, b. h. by Be Sure, Halifax, Sept. 8, 2:15 3-4.  
Fastest gelding—Buchanan, g. g. Taunton, Halifax, Sept. 3, 2:16 1-2.  
Fastest mare—Terrace Queen, b. m. by Valpeau, 2:14.  
Fastest green pacer—Dessie Patchen, blk. m. by The Patchen Boy, Halifax, Sept. 8, 2:15 1-2.  
Fastest provincial bred—Buchanan, g. g. by Taunton, Halifax, Sept. 8, 2:16 1-2.  
Fastest three-year-old—Lady Commodore, blk. m. by Commodore Ledyard, Halifax, Sept. 8, 2:35.  
Fastest four-year-old—Idle Moments (p.), b. m. by Ira Band, Moncton, N. B., Aug. 21, 2:21.

Terrace Queen, 2:06, owned by Chas. F. DeWitt, Bridgetown, is the owner of the provincial sur, in pacing the fast mile of the year, 2:14, and winning five of the seven free-for-alls in which she started, and second in one of the others. Her winnings were \$825. Simmassis, 2:08 1-2, owned by R. H. Edwards, Halifax, was her chief contender, but she was beaten in their first five meetings. The latter, however, afterwards won two free-for-alls, and her total winnings were \$750.

Estil Boy, owned by the Springfield stables, is the champion trotter who lowered the maritime provinces record, his own, to 2:16 1-4. He is a great campaigner, being within the money in 14 races this season, and winning \$1,080 in premiums. The Springfield stables also have the honors of having the fastest green horse of the season in Dessie Patchen, which came to the provinces and took a mark of 2:15 1-2 at Halifax. She won \$825 in eight races.

Anita, owned by R. A. Corbett.

## ON THE CARAQUET DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK.

Caraquet, N. B., Nov. 13.  
To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—In regard to a telegram that appeared in The Daily Telegraph dated the 12th instant, in which Dr. E. B. Fisher stated that the first notice he had of the outbreak of diphtheria in Caraquet was on the 11th instant. I must say that the first patient that came under my treatment was on August 26. I then wired Dr. J. C. Meahan, chairman of the local board of health, for anti-toxin and reported the case on the 27th. He sent me one box, saying that it was all he could get in Bathurst. A few days afterwards I wrote Dr. E. B. Fisher informing him of the epidemic and asking him to forward anti-toxin. Dr. Fisher did not answer my letter but the result was that Dr. Meahan sent me six boxes a few days after. Until the 13th instant I had to fight the disease alone and use my own anti-toxin, as the local board did not want to take any action.

F. X. COMEAU, M. D.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 16.—Up to this evening Dr. Fisher, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, says he has received no information or report from the local board of health, respecting the Caraquet diphtheria outbreak, although he has written telegraphed and telephoned.

Halifax, is not only the fastest green trotter of the year, but is province bred, and is a striking example of the improvement among trotting-breds in the provinces. She was placed in each of her five races and won \$300. The fastest trotting mare of the season is also province bred, Lou Helen, owned by John McPhee, Freetown, P. E. I., this season. Sleepy Jack, owned by P. P. Fraser, McEllan's Brook, N. S., is the fastest province bred gelding of the year, and his record of 2:21 1-4 is the fastest made by any trotting performer of the year, his previous record of 2:20 1-4 having been made as a pacer.

New Brunswick has the honor of having the fastest pacing stallion, Will-be-Sure, owned by Nat McNeill, River Louison, N. B., who reduced his record to 2:15 3-4. He was placed in ten races, winning \$675. Idle Moments, the pacing four-year-old, is owned by F. Duncanson, St. John. She was in nine races, and won \$720. Mr. Duncanson also owns the biggest money winner of the year in Laura Merrill, which in eleven races won \$1,260, while her mile at Sussex in 2:14 1-2 was the second fastest of the year.

The fastest pacing gelding of the year and the fastest mile by a horse bred in the maritime provinces was by Buchanan, owned by Thos. Killen, Halifax. He won five races, was within the money in 11 events, his winnings totalling \$1,045. But for the presence of the American horse's early in the season he would have had even more money to his credit.

Prince Edward Island makes a splendid showing in the record list. Kallol, the fastest trotting stallion, is owned by R. H. Stearns, Charlottetown, and entered the 230 list; Lou Helen, the fastest trotting mare, and the winner of a number of races, is owned by John McPhee, Freetown; George Cresceus, the great three-year-old, is owned in Charlottetown; Isargel Tarte, the champion four-year-old trotter, is the property of E. Crosby, Cape Traverse, and Lady Commodore, the three-year-old pacer, is owned by D. O'Brien, Charlottetown.

Fred Warren heads the list of winning drivers, \$4,105, divided among Estil Boy, \$1,080; Dessie Patchen, \$845; Wherlie, \$755; Blomidon, \$375; Miss Kadmos, \$237.50; Allie W., \$150; and Fleetfoot, \$62.50. Frank Boutlier comes next with \$3,050, including Buchanan, \$1,045; Simmassis, \$750; Orphan Girl, \$510; Major Wilkes, \$377; Anita, \$300, and Frank Power, \$75. Tommy Raymond had the best average winnings, as with three horses, Terrace Queen, Idle Moments and Laura Merrill, he won \$2,805.

Peter Carroll was, as usual, among the lead drivers, winning \$1,665 in premiums, with Peachera as his chief winner. While statistics are not always available from P. E. Island racing, J. P. Irving won about \$1,600 with Queen Marie as his leader. Among the other drivers who were prominent were J. L. Cox, Holmes, Cameron, D. Steele, Fraser, McGowan, McCoy, Stewart and Whalen.

The Americans during their few weeks at New Brunswick meets won \$2,150, Frank Hayden winning \$1,200, including \$600 with El Gato; Frank Fox, \$720, including Northern Spy \$120, driven by Frank Boutlier; E. Ireland, \$225, and Miller, \$45.

## DANGEROUS COAL OIL.

Winnipeg, Nov. 17.—The Attorney-General yesterday began an investigation of four oil companies doing business in Western Canada, as the result of fifteen deaths from oil explosions and the discovery that gasoline was mixed with illuminating oil. A commission may be sent to Oil City, Pa., where the companies secure their oil. An alleged combination in restraint of trade is also to be investigated. The charge is openly made that oils are shipped in here from the states adjacent to the line where the test will not permit its sale. Intense excitement prevails in Winnipeg, where a large quantity of oil so doctored has been traced to one particular firm.

Winnipeg, Nov. 16.—The only possible steps that the Manitoba Government can take with reference to the recent coal oil explosions which have caused so many deaths lately have been taken by Attorney-General Campbell, when he despatched a telegram this morning to the Minister of Inland Revenue, offering assistance and co-operation in ascertaining who the guilty parties are, and having them punished. Until an answer is received from Ottawa, the continuance of the investigation by the provincial government is at a standstill.

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