

us spend less time in work, and more in thought and useful reading. We will then live brighter, happier lives, and be more contented with the lot and the environment in which we are placed.

A Labor Saver

While calling recently at the farm owned by Mr. J. Campbell, Peterboro Co., Ont., a representative of The Dairyman and Farming World was surprised to see such a well-made litter carrier installed in the stables throughout his barn. Mr. Campbell constructed the whole outfit himself. He has over 220 feet of track. The contrivance was installed at a cost of only \$24, leaving labor out of consideration. The track leading into the barnyard is suspended from the plate of the barn. It extends about 25 feet into the yard and can be swung from one side to the other, thus giving a large space in which to drop the manure without extra handling. Posts in the yard, which are an objectionable feature of many litter carriers, are totally absent in this case.

In his earlier days Mr. Campbell was a wheelwright. This accounts for the splendid workmanship which is displayed in the construction of this litter carrier.

Ontario Crop Prospects

The crops as a whole this year in Ontario, according to Mr. T. E. Raynor, of the Seed Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, will hardly come up to the average of other years. From Toronto west, they will be above the average. Between Toronto and Kingston they will be a little below the average and from Kingston east, considerably below the average.

During the past few weeks Mr. Raynor has had occasion to visit almost all parts of Ontario. An editorial representative of The Dairyman and Farming World met Mr. Raynor recently in Brockville. The day before he had been in Russell county and the following day he visited Prince Edward county.

Speaking on crop conditions Mr. Raynor said: "As regards hay, the new seeding, especially in the central counties of middle Ontario, as well as in Simcoe, Ontario, Victoria and parts of Peterboro and Northumberland counties, was badly injured last year by a drought. In some places old grass meadows seemed to be affected by a late frost last spring and this, followed by the dry spell in June and July, retarded the hay crop, more particularly in the Ottawa Valley. Notwithstanding all these drawbacks the hay crop of the province may be considered to be an average one, that, for the most part was housed in excellent condition."

FALL WHEAT

"Fall wheat will average about 25 bushels to the acre. There seemed to be scarcely a blank field in the whole producing area. Threshing results in July, in Western Ontario, showed that some fall wheat averaged 30 to 40 bushels to the acre."

"The barley crop on the whole will be below the average. Very few good stands were noticed anywhere. The reason was attributed for the most part, to the late spring and to the frosts as well as to the condition of the soil at time of planting."

OATS

"There is considerable variation in the oat crop. On the whole, it may be considered to be above the average. In parts of Wellington and Gray counties, where they had more frequent showers than in some other sections, the rusted badly. On some of the heavy clay soils that were not sufficiently drained, in the eastern part of the province, they were very short

and thin, on the ground, but since the recent rains they have improved and seem to be filling well and promise to turn out a fair crop."

PEAS

"This year's pea crop was the largest sown in years, and at first it was very promising. In central Ontario, recent reports show that an insect known as the pea aphid or pea aphid has practically destroyed the crop. Late peas were most affected, the early sown being a very fair crop."

HOED CROPS

"Since the recent rains hoed crops have been making remarkable progress. Owing to weak germinating seed and to some extent to the rough condition of the soil at the time of planting, followed almost immediately by a dry spell, corn and roots came up unevenly which gives a patchy appearance to some fields. The prospects are that there will be good all-round returns for all the hoed crops excepting possibly potatoes. Early varieties of potatoes failed to set well and late varieties have suffered badly from blight."

BUCKWHEAT

"Buckwheat may be considered to be one of our best cleaning crops. It was largely sown in central and in Eastern Ontario and is looking well."

SMALL SEEDS

"Of the small seeds, alsike appears to be a good average but the prospects for red clover are not nearly so bright. Most of the clover seed producing districts this year skirt the great lakes. The interior portions of Ontario, where large quantities are generally produced, as previously stated, were badly affected by the drought last year so that hundreds of acres were ploughed up last spring. It is reported that the crop in the United States is a very fair one this year which may help to even up the situation, but taking the bare condition of the market this spring and the limited local supply this year, it would seem to point to high prices prevailing again next spring."

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