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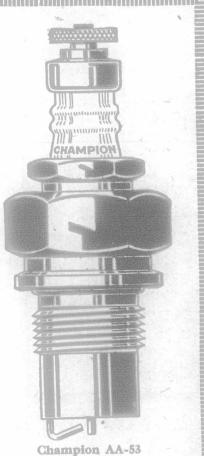
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Harvesting Sweet Clover Seed.

When should yellow-blossomed sweet clover be cut for seed? W. K.

Ans.—As a rule, harvesting for seed commences when about three-quarters of the seed pods become dark. Harvesting can be done with the binder, and further operations carried on the same as with grain crops. Handling should be avoided when the straw is very dry, as the seed will shell badly. The threshing and hulling, however, should be done when the straw is dry.

Boy Quits Work.

I hired a boy for nine months, starting March 8, and agreed to let him help his father when he needed him. He has been away about a week each month since he started, and now has left me for good. Can he claim his wages or part of them for the time he has put in? He has left me without help when I need it most.

Ans.—The boy can rightly claim his wages but he may not legally be entitled to them until the end of the time for which he was hired. You agreed to let him help his father when he wanted him, apparently without any stated time; the boy could now argue that his services were needed at home all the time. admit that it leaves you in an awkward position, but in no worse than scores of

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"Hints on the Flax Harvesting."

(Experimental Farms Note.)

Flax when grown for its fibre is always pulled and not cut as wheat, oats or linseed flax. The exact time to uproot or pull the crop so as to secure the greatest financial return from the fibre and seed combined varies according to the con-ditions of labor and climate. It is not possible, however, to have all the seeds fully matured and yet produce a first grade fibre. When growing the crop for fibre the seed should be considered a secondary product.

a secondary product.

The best yield of both fibre and seed may be obtained if the crop is pulled exactly in the middle of the period between the flowering and final ripening. When the stem is yellow and the leaves have fallen off, the crop may be considered as ready for harvesting. The easiest way for unskilled flax producers to determine when the flax is ripe, or ready for pulling, is to select a few seed bolls, crack them between the fingers and if the seed falls out easily without adhering to the shell, it is then ripe. adhering to the shell, it is then ripe.

Pulling. It is of great importance to keep the tips of the roots well butted when pulling, as this renders the subsequent handling of the flax much easier. Any soil that may adhere to the roots should be shaken off. The bundles should be tied loosely, should be uniform in size and of about eight inches in diameter. About as much flax as can be conveniently About as much flax as can be co caught between the hands should be pulled at a time, grasping it just below the seed bolls with the right hand, thumb downwards, left hand still lower and in the same position.

With unskilled labor great care should be taken to avoid pulling off the seed bolls, as this is likely to occur if the flax becomes entangled. Each handful as pulled should be laid flat on the ground and more flax placed on the top, until there is sufficient to form a bundle or sheaf. Short flax should, if at all possible, be kept separate from the long, otherwise it is detrimental to it when undergoing

the scutching process.
R. J. HUTCHINSON, Fibre Specialist.

In our recent report of the Aberdeen-Angus sale at Toronto we gave Heather Lady as being purchased by S. P. Forbes, of Ancaster. This cow was purchased by Mr. Forbes for Mrs. A. Dick-Lauder,