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Old and New Ensilage.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly let me know, through the columns of your valuable paper or otherwise, answer to the following query:

I have about twenty tons of last year's ensilage in the bottom of my silo well preserved. Would it be safe to put in the new corn on top of it, or should I throw it out? SUBSCRIBER.

ANSWERED BY PROF. J. W. ROBERTSON.

If the ensilage of last year's crop be in a good state of preservation, it can be covered over with fresh material for ensilage, and will keep practically unchanged so long as the air is excluded. I have kept ensilage in that way, and it has been taken from the silo apparently as good as the new ensilage. I have known of instances where corn ensilage has been kept over for several years without spoiling.

The Manitoba Patrons of Industry are considering the advisability of placing a man at the Ft. William elevators to look after their interests in the wheat business during this season.

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ENLARGED! NEW FEATURES! NEW TYPE!

"Persevere and Succeed" has been the practical motto of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE since its inception, and now another important step in advance is to be made. In this progressive age, with its sudden and continuous changes in seeds, stock, implements and other important matters pertaining to the welfare of the farmers, the necessity is felt for the more frequent communication of information on topics of vital interest affecting agriculture. This want the ADVOCATE will shortly supply. On and after the first of January next the FARMER'S ADVOCATE AND HOME MAGAZINE will be published twice a month, without any increase to subscribers. The paper will be enlarged, giving more reading each month than at present. The best talent in America, capable of writing on stock, dairy, agriculture and kindred topics, have been engaged as contributors for 1893. Each issue will contain original and valuable illustrations, and new features will be introduced.

The ADVOCATE has long been recognized as the leading agricultural paper in Canada. This progressive move in pushing it more than ever to the front is one that will be hailed with pleasure by its readers. During the past year it has added more subscribers to its list from the different provinces in Canada, the United States and Europe, than in any similar period of its past history, which is tangible evidence of its growth and continuance in public favor.

We want agents to canvas in every section. To good men we will give most liberal terms, either commission or salary. Permanent employment, when desired, will be given to suitable persons, either male or female. Our readers who cannot take up the work, but know a reliable person who can, will confer a favor by sending the name and address of such an one.

We will continue to give valuable subscription prizes as heretofore.

Farmers' sons and daughters can earn good wages by canvassing for us during the fall and winter months.

We ask each old subscriber to send us at least one new name. The larger our subscription list the better paper we can afford to publish. During the next year we wish to make the ADVOCATE more valuable than ever before.

Lighter Hogs Wanted.

To the Editor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE:
SIR,—We have not troubled you with any articles on live hogs of late, have been too busy taking them in and converting them into bacon for the English market, but we would like now to say a few words regarding the trade for the past few months and give some advice to farmers for the future.

We think we can truthfully say that nothing in which the farmer has engaged of late has been more profitable than hog raising and feeding, especially to those who have studied the wants of the consumers. Those who have disregarded this and kept them till they were too heavy and fat, have no doubt been disappointed, but this is always the case with those who do not keep up with the times. For what reason we do not know, but we have had more heavy, fat hogs delivered than ever before, and our average weight since the 1st April is greatly in excess of former years. This has been a source of loss to us, though we have discriminated against these heavy weights, but to nothing like the extent we have been mulched in England.

We wish to impress on your readers the increasing necessity of turning off their hogs reasonably well fatted and weighing 160 to 200 lbs. alive. This course will insure the highest price to the farmer, the same to the pork packer, and satisfaction to the consumer. This can readily be done twice a year if farmers will lay themselves out for it.

Our agents in England are becoming more imperative in their demands for long, lean sides of bacon, and they impress upon us the necessity of urging the farmers to use the Improved Large Yorkshire boars. On this point we wish to say that while we consider the cross just mentioned the best adapted to make the choicest bacon for the English or any market, we also think very highly of the Tamworth cross. We have had a few of these and are very well pleased with them. We give the preference to the Yorkshires, but would most strongly advise the breeders and feeders to use one or the other. The Berkshire and Poland China men used to cast it in our teeth that we were interested in the Yorkshires as breeders. This was quite true, but did not in the least affect the value of our recommendation; we are no longer interested, except as pork packers, and are certain that we are advocating the interest of the feeders as well as our own.

Any sensible man must see that the nearer he can come to the wants of the consumer the better price he will obtain, and as to those who cannot see that, we will not waste time on them; we expect they are that class who do not read your valuable periodical.

As to the future, we think there is every probability of a good demand and fair prices, but they will not be as high as they were during the summer. Bacon has already declined, and will be much lower, as is always the case in the fall and winter, and farmers and dealers must expect a corresponding decline here.

Canadian bacon is very favorably known in England; this has largely come about through the increased number of hogs available for export.

As it is the early bird that takes the worm, so with the farmer who had his hogs ready for sale in July, while he who disregards the signs of the times will have to take the lower figures.

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