

Farm Problems

Any reader of The Guide who wishes an answer to any problem on the farm can have them answered in this column. These questions are valuable to all farmers, and should assist them to a more profitable return for their labors. All questions are answered without charge. Answers by the Correspondence School of Scientific Farming, Winnipeg.

RYE

Ques.—1. Is rye a suitable grain to feed to hogs?
2. Is the crop if cut green good hay?
3. Is there trouble from rye growing in the next crop?
F. B. A., Airdrie, Alta.

Ans. 1. Rye should only be used as a feed for hogs in a limited quantity. Rye should never be fed to brood sows.

2. Rye has been used for hay but it does not give as good results as either wheat or oats. It is not recommended as a hay crop.

3. Yes there is always some trouble from growing rye the following year as the grain scatters.

FEED FOR STALLIONS

Ques. 1.—Are raw potatoes good feed for horses, especially stallions?
2. What is the proper feed for stallions during the summer?
S. H., Belle Plaine.

Ans. 1. We cannot recommend the use of potatoes for horses, especially stallions. Steamed potatoes, especially, have to be used with care on account of the large quantity of starch contained in the cells, which in many cases cause serious trouble from colic.

2. The best ration we can suggest is three parts of oat chow and one part of bran by weight. Of this mixture it will be necessary to feed about one pound per hundred pounds live weight, or in the case of hard worked horses that are well exercised as high as one and a quarter pounds is sometimes fed; however, it will rarely be found necessary to feed as high as this. Cooked beets may be mashed up and fed two or three times a week, care being taken to see that the food cools off sufficiently before it is given. This may be given as an extra at night. Some roots, especially carrots, can be fed to good advantage two or three times a week. This ration is of course for a horse that has already been put in shape for the season's work.

CANNOT BORROW ON HOMESTEAD

Ques.—Can any one borrow money on their homestead before they get their patent for it?
C. J. A.

Ans.—No. An unpatented homestead cannot be made security for a loan.

EDUCATING WEED INSPECTORS

The Saskatchewan College of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture at Regina, contemplate holding Weed Inspectors' short courses during the season at the following places:—

Swift Current, May 27-28; Weyburn, May 29-30; Saskatoon, May 31, June 1; North Battleford, June 3-4; Wilkie, June 5-6; Rosetown, June 7-8; Regina, June 10-11; Yorkton, June 13-14; Prince Albert, June 17-18. At these courses will be dealt with the best methods of controlling weeds, identification of weeds and weed seeds and general discussions on the administration of the Noxious weed act. The fact is realized that an ounce of education is worth tons of law, and it is hoped that a great deal will be accomplished by enabling the local weed inspectors to come in touch with the most up-to-date methods of dealing with weeds. The department will pay the railway fare of all regularly appointed municipal weed inspectors to one of the courses nearest the home of the inspector. Immediately following the short courses the department will put into the field six district inspectors whose duty it will be to visit all outlying municipalities, unorganized territory now being settled up and to personally attend to any weed problems in his district that is beyond the scope of the local inspector. It is hoped that this fall we shall be able to put men in the field again to check up a few of our over-careless threshermen.

H. N. THOMPSON,
Weed and Seed Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

To make some nook of Creation a little fruitfuller, better; to make some human hearts a little wiser, manfuller, happier, more blessed, less accursed—it is work for a God.—Carlyle.

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OREGON CAMPAIGN

Election day is still far off, but Oregon, which with Wisconsin enjoys the distinction of having been one of the two states most advanced in putting into practice new schemes of legislation, is already in the throes of the contest over the adoption of a single tax. A single tax bill is to be submitted to the voters at the general election on petition of followers of Henry George, who are described as being found mostly among the labor unions, but including some of the rural radicals. It is predicted that as far as Oregon is concerned this question will overshadow all others. A dispatch from Portland to the New York Times describes with pathetic indignation from the conservative standpoint the "trickery" employed by the radicals in making it possible to submit this question to the people on referendum. A provision of the Oregon constitution had been repeatedly interpreted in the courts so as to bar application of the single tax. In the general election of 1910 various amendments were proposed to the constitution striking at this clause. Of these amendments the conservatives defeated two, but apparently overlooked a third, which did the business equally well, although indirectly, and which was adopted by a narrow margin. But the single taxers were fully aware that it opened the way for them, and they have been conducting a vigorous campaign for some months. The conservatives are now at work, and the farmers are being rallied on the claim that the single tax would bear heavily against them; but it is said that the plan is likely to be adopted in at least several counties, including the city of Portland. Wisconsin will have to look to its honors as a "laboratory for wise experimental legislation."—Springfield Republican.

HOME BANK DIVIDEND

Shareholders to get Seven in place of Six per cent Dividend

Home Bank has announced an advance in its dividend from six to seven per cent. This will be good news for many westerners. During the past few years a large number of grain growers have taken stock in this bank. Its share is not quite so well known as those of the majority of banks for the reason that they are not listed on any of the stock exchanges. It is a stock which investors might well look into. The reserve is \$425,000 or \$50,000 more than a year ago. It is noted also that the current loans show an increase of approximately \$1,000,000 more than at the end of March a year ago, and the call loans in Canada have decreased by approximately that amount. The paid up capital has increased during the course of the past twelve months by about \$37,000.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Budapest doctors report the case of a woman who has not slept for seven years. Frau Hejames, who is married and has a little girl of ten, began her long vigil one night when a gipsy woman attempted to kidnap the child. Since then she has not been able to go to sleep; neither has she had any inclination to do so. Yet she is in excellent health, and has never had a day's illness.