

A Talk On Telephones!

For twenty-five years the "Bell" monopoly refused to supply the farmer with telephone service, and ridiculed his efforts to furnish himself with this utility. The monopoly spared no effort to discourage the building of rural lines, and placed every obstacle in the way of those farmers who were progressive enough to construct their own system.

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Iowa, which has a population approximating that of Ontario, has nearly twice as many telephones as there are in the whole Dominion of Canada, the majority of these being rural systems organized by the farmers themselves. When the "Bell" had a monopoly in Iowa, up to 1895, there was not a farm telephone in this State.

The Canadian Independent Telephone Association will help the farmers of Ontario to accomplish what has been done in Iowa, and will furnish all the necessary information to enable them to organize a company, or establish a system under the "Local Municipal Telephone System Act, 1908."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

CORN ON NEW LAND—FERTILIZER FOR MEADOW AND CORN.

1. Have some new land to break up this spring. What kind of corn suitable for seed corn would be best to plant, and would it be suitable for potatoes?

2. On a timothy field that was a very light crop of hay last year, what fertilizers, and how much, would be best, having no barnyard manure? Or, if I plowed it for North Dakota seed corn, what fertilizers would be best, how much, and when apply?

3. To plow new land first time, is there a better way than plowing six inches deep as soon as frost is out, harrow each day's plowing, and, eventually, disk or cultivate it?

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Ans.—1. This land should be excellent for either potatoes or corn, unless the land is very poorly drained, in which case the potatoes, especially if planted rather late, might continue growing tops until quite late, and not mature the tubers before they commence to rot. We are not clear as to what is meant by seed corn, whether it means corn for husking merely, or corn to be husked and sold for seeding purposes. Consult neighbors regarding varieties, read what has been published on the subject in this paper, and then select a kind which will mature well in your district.

2. You would probably see good results in the growth of hay on your timothy meadow from an application (per acre) of 150 pounds nitrate of soda, 350 pounds basic slag (or 300 pounds acid phosphate), and 100 pounds of either muriate or sulphate of potash. The potash and slag, or phosphate, should be mixed and applied as soon as the snow is off. The nitrate of soda should be kept until growth is just starting, and then applied in two dressings, the second two or three weeks later than the first. The basic slag would have been better applied last fall, as it is slowly available, and not subject to leaching. If you can get good unleached wood ashes, apply them at the rate of forty or fifty bushels per acre, instead of the slag and phosphate. If the land is to be prepared for corn, about the same fertilizers might be applied, using acid phosphate, however, as the source of phosphoric acid, in place of basic slag, as preferred for the meadow. Would advise putting on the phosphate and potash at once, and plowing only four or five inches deep, then, when planting the corn, give the first dressing of nitrate, which may be applied in hills, broadcasting the second about three weeks later.

3. The plan proposed would probably give good results. There is no hurry about the plowing.

GOSSIP.

An imperfect letter in the advertisement of Aberdeen-Angus cattle of John Lowe, Elora, Ont., apparently made the address read Flora. Correction has been made, of which parties interested will please make a note.

The Council of the Clydesdale Horse Society of Great Britain have decided to invest £1,000 in Canadian securities as a small acknowledgment of their indebtedness to the Dominion for the way in which the people here have patronized the Clydesdale breed. Out of a total of 1,349 animals exported last year, Canada took no fewer than 1,149.

The English Shire Horse Society is a very prosperous organization. During the past year, 1909, three hundred new members joined, and the membership now stands at 3,956. Each member pays a guinea a year, and the Society has a large revenue. Last year, it amounted to £2,923 from annual members alone. The total receipts exceeded the total expenditure by £1,658. The amount of invested capital held by the Society is £13,683. The exports last year were 677, as against 398 in 1908. More than one-half the total went to the United States.

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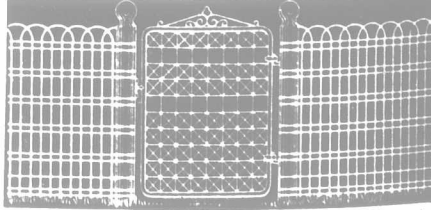
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