

THE FARM.

Clippings from the Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal.

Farming in Foreign Lands.

Selling cattle by their live weight does yet give satisfaction to buyers in some parts of England and Scotland, as it is an innovation that does not allow of the balance always in the buyer's favor.

New Zealand enjoyed "a fine open winter" this year, from June to September, with little frost, and no snow except upon the mountains. Plowing continued the greater part of the winter, while American farmers were sweltering under the blazing sun of summer.

A new fiber plant, said to equal jute, has been discovered growing abundantly on the shores of the Caspian sea. The plant possesses a beautiful fiber, soft and elastic, with glossy texture, strong and pliable, and can be dyed without injury. The Russian name of the plant is "Kanol."

The new pleuro-pneumonia law of the British Parliament provides for a thorough system of inspection, isolation of suspected animals, and slaughter of infected ones, with fair compensation to the owners. The sum of \$800,000 was appropriated to cover expenses incurred under the law.

Denmark is dotted all over with butter factories, all turning out butter of the finest and most uniform quality. Highly educated experts act as teachers and consulting dairymen, being employed by the various factories to correct any faults and keep up the quality of the butter produced.

A devastating moth known by the local name of "the nun," or "gypsy" moth, has appeared in terribly destructive numbers in Germany. Many of the forests of Bavaria were stripped of leafage, and in the city of Munich the pest came in such masses that the hydrants were turned on to keep them away.

Prof. Kedzie of the Michigan Agricultural College, before the State Dairy Convention, said, "The most economical general manure for the farm is stable manure. It is a complete manure, containing all the elements necessary for plant growth, and in the most available form. Special and commercial fertilizers may be used to supplement barn-yard manure, but they only hold a secondary position."

Fertilizing Apple Orchards.

Dr. Reynolds writes to the American Agriculturist showing the necessity of thoroughly enriching the ground about apple trees in order to grow fine fruit. He points out that the common method of placing manure on the surface of unploughed ground was of little benefit to the trees, because the roots of the grass absorbed most of the nutriment, and very little of it ever reached the roots of the trees. The only plan without ploughing would be to thoroughly mulch the whole surface of the ground that the grass would be destroyed, and then the fertilizers could have some effect upon the apple trees. Of course no one would think of seeding down a young orchard, it is therefore only an orchard that has reached bearing age that is under consideration. The great difficulty, in our opinion, in carrying out the doctor's plan of mulching, is to find material enough, unless for a very small orchard. When an orchard covers ten acres, or fifty acres of ground, it would be simply out of the question to provide much sufficient to keep down the grass. In such cases, the only possible plan we can see to keep the orchard as it should be kept, is by frequent cultivation. At Maplehurst, where we have about one hundred acres of orchard to care for, we plough up in parts, working up one part for two or three years, until the trees have reached a vigorous state as a result of both cultivation and manure; and then seed it down to clover for two or three years, while another portion is undergoing the same treatment.

The question of fertilizers for the garden and orchard is one of the most perplexing that faces the ambitious fruit grower. Stable manure is perhaps the best of all for general application, but what farmer ever has any to spare for his apple orchard? He never has enough for his field crops, on which so much of his labor is spent; how then could he spare any for his orchard, which shifts for itself? In most parts of the country, wood ashes may be had for a very little cost, and it is by this means alone that we have been able, so far, to solve this question. We find that by giving the trees which are being worked up, one half to a bushel each year during their turn of cultivation, the result will be evident for several years thereafter, and the fruit will be of larger quality and of better color.

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