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### Feed Adulteration

The Dominion Grain Commission, when in session in Toronto recently, heard from farmer representatives in regard to the spreading of noxious weed seeds, chiefly through western wheat screening being ground and sold for feed in Ontario. The seeds of noxious weeds are so small that they escape being ground, and eventually find their way into the ground in such a condition as to take root and grow.

The first speaker, Mr. G. A. Putnam, Supt. of Farmers' Institutes, stated that he had collected information by means of circular letters sent out to secretaries and friends of institutes. General objection had been made by farmers to screenings, which contained weed seeds that escaped being ground owing to their smallness. If refuse grain was to be allowed for sale the farmers wanted the seeds ground so as to pass an inspection that should be instituted; otherwise the weeds from the west would become a source of annoyance and loss to Ontario farmers. With reference to grading grain many farmers had complained that the millers used testers only when the wheat was

light, and when it was heavy they bought wheat without the use of the tester, the farmers being at a disadvantage in this. They thought the tester should contain at least half a bushel, instead of one or two quarts, as at present. Farmers thought the tester too small to test grain accurately. As to grading oats, farmers wanted a standard for Ontario separate from Quebec, instead of the oats of both provinces being graded together.

Mr. J. W. Clark, Cainsville, lecturer of the Farmers' Institute, said that bran, shorts and mixed chop were adulterated to an alarming extent with noxious weed seeds, such as mustard and false flax, which were not ground up by the millers, and also with ground oat hulls that were devoid of any food value. He produced samples from Ontario mills, and said that the adulteration would result in curtailing the hog-raising industry if persisted in. It cost farmers from \$3 to \$7 per 100 pounds to feed hogs at present prices; bran \$15 a ton and shorts \$20 a ton. Shorts and mill feed were chiefly used for hog feed.

The detection was difficult to ascertain. The law, if it covered the case, should be enforced for the farmers' protection. Screenings should be sold as screenings, not mixed with bran or shorts. Mr. Clark said he was sorry to state that many Ontario farmers sold grain that was not cleaned, their excuse being that help was short. As to the grain tester, he thought farmers were at a disadvantage with it in the millers' hands.

Mr. W. S. Fraser, Bradford, Farmers' Institute lecturer, corroborated Mr. Clark's statements about weed seed and other adulteration of mill feed. He said that the worm seed mustard, which was a recent arrival in Ontario, was so objectionable to hogs that they would not put their noses into chop containing it.

### Prince Edward Island

On Oct. 7 a terrific gale set in, which blew down trees, wires, fences, apples, etc. Many trees fell across the roads, making it dangerous to travel. Since then the weather has been beautiful and farmers have had a grand time to dig potatoes and finish up their plowing. Up to Oct. 17 we have had very little frost. Potatoes are reported a poor crop. The markets have been well attended recently. On Oct. 16, eggs sold for 20c per dozen, and chickens sold for 50 to 60c per pair. A few weeks ago some little pigs were bought for \$2.00 a pair, as the market was overstocked.

There was a meeting of the cheese board on Oct. 12. All the cheese boarded except Kensington and Hillsboro was sold to R. E. Soillet at 12½c. A cable report showed the English market dull, Montreal 12½ to 13½c. Kingston 12½c.

On Oct. 10 a very disastrous fire occurred in Summerside. The burned district includes 30 buildings totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$225,000, with about \$75,000 insurance.

Dr. Standish, of Walkerton, Ont., who judged the horses at the Exhibition, is of the opinion that P.E.I. horses are splendid, and if carefully looked after will be a credit to the province.

The races at the fair were viewed by a large number of people. The weather was fine, with the exception of one wet day.

Mr. E. R. Elderkin President of the Machine Stock Breeders' Association attended the exhibition. He said that in horses, cattle, sheep and swine, there was a decided improvement over

other years and the Government is amply justified for the extra expenditure they have made this year. He believed that the advance in quality of the stock was in a measure due to the education of the stock raisers at the Winter Fair. This fair will be held from Dec. 3 to 6.

Many of our farmers are hauling oats to market. They are in good demand and sell for from 38 to 40c per bushel.

T. Curran, St. John's, Nfld., has been in the city in the interest of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co., for purchasing stock for breeding purposes. He has purchased a fine Clydesdale stallion from D. J. Harrison, Georgetown, some pigs from C. Crockett, Union Road, and some heavy horses for the Louis Miller Co., N.S. A. R.

### The Combination Sale

A combination sale of Clydesdale fillies and Shorthorn cattle, the property of J. W. Imness, Geo. McLary, J. A. Lattimer and H. K. Fairbairn, was held at Woodstock on Oct. 25th. The fillies sold very well, though the average was not as high as J. R. Johnson's, whose sale was held the same day. The 19 head sold for \$5,445, an average of nearly \$287 each. The filly Nell of Plumblund, foaled June, 1902, was bought by Hon. Mr. Monteith for \$310. The highest prices were \$605, paid by Mr. Shafner, Maplewood, for Miss Carnegie, foaled May, 1904, and \$600 paid by J. Lindsay, Brookdale, Ont., for Farm Lass, foaled 1904. Dr. J. D. O'Neill, London, Ont., was the buyer.

The Shorthorns sold at low prices. The quality and breeding was good and the offering should have brought more money to the contributors. Thos. Ingram, Guelph, and Geo. Jackson, Port Perry, were the auctioneers.

### Gossip

The herd of Hereford cattle which Mr. Henry Reed, Mimosa, Ont., advertises in the breeders' directory this issue comprise eight head of very fine animals. The aged bull is one of Hunter's breeding, and is giving a good account of himself with Mr. Reed. Included in the herd are two bull calves of very good quality.

At the Erin show on Oct. 19th there was a good turnout of horses. The display of fruit was also very good. Owing to wet weather the society will be behind financially this year.

Among the breeders of Angus cattle in the Erin district are J. W. Burt, Caningsby, and Alex. McKinnon, Hillsburg, Ont.

These many friends will be pleased to learn that Graham & Renfrew's string of Clydesdale and Hackney horses were in no way injured in the recent fire on Toronto Exhibition grounds. Since the exhibition last September they have kept a number of their horses in the stables on the grounds. The fire, however, did not reach them, being in another part of the grounds.

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