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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

FARM HELP.

Has the Government an agency in Toronto through which farmers can procure help? If so, what is the address?

A. W. DeL.

Ans.—There is the Bureau of Colonization, Department of Agriculture, Toronto; also the Canadian Northern Railway Immigration Agent, Toronto, Ont. The name of the latter agent is Thos. Howell.

FRUIT-GROWING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1. I have about one-half an acre of fine gravelly land; forest trees seem to grow well on it. Do you think there would be any chance of success if I planted it to apple trees? If so, how would you cultivate it? It would be possible to plow it lightly. I may have to irrigate. What do you think of the Skinner overhead system, for apples, etc.? I use it for vegetables and strawberries.

2. Are there any vegetable-growers' societies in British Columbia or Alberta, and could you name some fruit-growers' societies in British Columbia?

MARKET GARDENER.

Ans.—1. If the fine gravelly land you describe is well above the river level and of fair depth, with sufficient clay in it to make it reasonably retentive of moisture, apple trees should do rather well. In the district of Golden, it is well to have a southern exposure. The shortness of the growing season prevents the commercial cultivation of the winter varieties of apples. The summer and fall kinds—such as Yellow Transparent, Duchess, and Wealthy, with the transcendent Crab, are likely to prove best. The McIntosh Red is also a hardy variety, which will mature reasonably well in suitable locations in that district. The land should be cleared at least for one year before planting. A crop of potatoes may be grown on it; or, better, it should be seeded to clover, and the crop plowed down in the fall, the trees to be planted in the following spring. The varieties mentioned could be planted about sixteen feet apart on the square system, and one-year-old whips to be used, cutting down to a height of eighteen inches above ground at the time of planting. In this district, the apple trees will grow well if given good cultivation for several years after planting, and at the end of the time may require some irrigation, preferably by the furrow system. In the meantime, the crops growing between the trees might well be irrigated by the Skinner system, if you have it installed.

2. There are no societies of vegetable-growers in British Columbia; that is, distinct from the Fruit-growers. The British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association is a Provincial organization in character, and deals with general conditions affecting both fruit and vegetables. There are now some fifteen local Fruit-growers' Associations operating in the Province, nine of them being commercial in character. A list of these can be furnished.

R. M. WINSLOW,
Horticulturist.

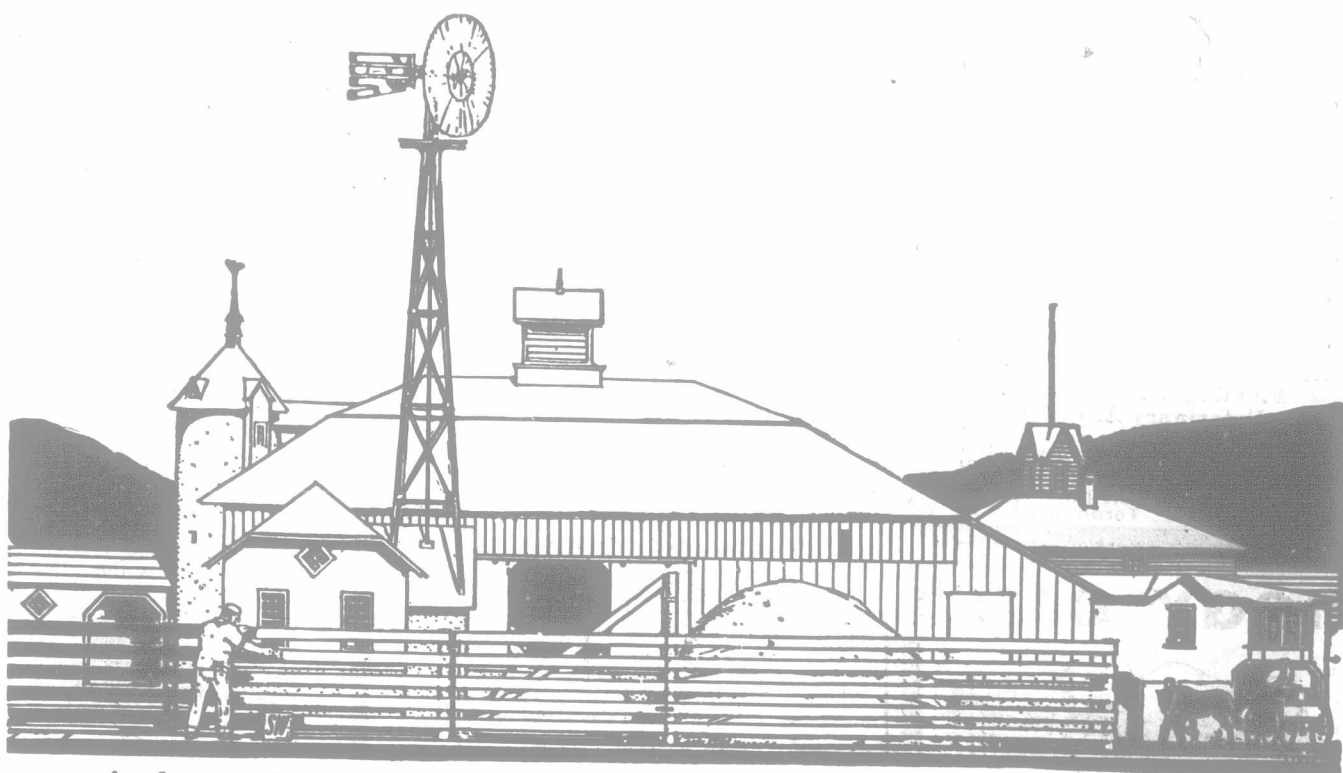
Veterinary.

CHRONIC INDIGESTION.

I have a light five-year-old stallion not used in stud. He has been ailing for some time. There seems to be a constant formation of gas in the bowels, and he becomes washy when driven. He is fed on oat straw, a little hay, oat chop, and a good-sized turnip daily. I gave him a ball, but it did not act.

W. J. G.

Ans.—This is chronic indigestion. Get his teeth dressed. Give him a purgative of 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger, follow up with 1 dram each of sulphate of iron, gentian and nux vomica, three times daily. Add to his drinking water one-fifth of its bulk of lime water, and feed on good hay, whole oats and bran. Do not give any raw roots.



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