



Rather Warm These Days

In fact too warm for one to do any more work than is absolutely necessary. Are we not right?

But still there you are taking your pail and stool and milking perhaps 6 or 8 or 10 cows, and at the same time running the risk of losing all by an unshaky "kick" on account of the flies.

And then when milking is over, skimming your milk with a hand to turn, hard to clean separator.

If the above describes your situation we have something interesting to say to you.

Can you guess what it cost one of Ontario's most progressive dairymen, Mr. Wm. Kaufmann, of Tavistock, to milk his 23 cows twice a day? Just 10c. And it took less than an hour at each milking too. That's one example of what our

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will do. And it's no exception either. And for simplicity, easy turning, easy cleaning, perfect skimming, speed in separating, etc., etc. our

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On the Farm--and in the Shop of the Implement Agent

MORE farm machinery will come into use in the next few weeks than at any other time of the year.

IT is the buying season for harvesting machinery.

YOUR agent will be busy these days making sales and filling orders.

GIVE him every assistance now that his prospects are prepared to buy.

HE will sell more--and easier--will make more money for himself and for your firm, if to his customers you continually suggest your line of goods.

BIG manufacturing firms find that it pays to advertise right through the Summer Season.

TAKE a tip from them. Try it in--

Farm and Dairy

The "Halibut" Plant

H. Percy Blanchard, Hants Co., N.S.

One will need to search very diligently in the botany book to find any particular vegetable growth that comes under the above name; and then, without success. But the books frequently omit things of consequence. Only lately, that mythical old lady was scanning the weekly paper, "Lisbon to this, Silas," she said, "J. B. Connolly has sold to the Dominion Government for \$35,000.00 his dredge plant. There now, if we could raise a few of them plants on this old farm, instead of calves and taters, we ought to make considerable."

But to his us back to our title. Only a few years ago, when the deep-sea sailors on the Grand Banks, fishing for cod fish, would pull up on their line a big, flapping flat-fish, weighing maybe 400 pounds; they would greet it with a curse; and after perhaps killing it for spite, would drop it back into the ocean. Now, the fish on this hooked flat-fish is welcomed with a hurrah; and when it is safe on board, up comes the anchor, and the vessel sails post haste for the nearest port, to dispose of its fortunate catch at 12 cents a pound. That once spoiled, but now valuable flatfish, is the halibut.

As this morning I was laboriously hand-weeding a strawberry patch that should have been cultivated last fall, and as all sorts of weeds, too numerous to mention, as the handbills say, came under my attention, to be consigned to the sun heat of oblivion, the thought came to me, which of these despised weeds will some day be valued foodstuff to the future farmer?

Barring a bit of clover and a stray sprig of couch grass, here was, among many, the industrious chick-weed. What of it? Could it be as it were, domesticated, and used as a mulch instead of stragglers in a strawberry bed? We might seed it down shortly before berry time. Its moderate growth would protect the fruit from the earth dirt. Then by some colloidal spray later, that would kill the chick-weed and unharmed the berry plant, a dead mulch would remain, totally covering the ground for the fall and winter time. Or, possibly, some of these other vigorous enemies of the hoe; and apparently they are legion, will some day be cultivated as a quick-growing soiling crop. Some experiments might be made at any rate, to determine if we really are growing a Halibut Plant.

He Hates the Country

R. McArthur, Bruce Co., Ont.
"I just hate to go back to the country, even over night!"

This remark was brought out forcefully and evidently expressed the speaker's true sentiments. He is a successful business man who was raised on the farm. In his early twenties he accepted a position in the city, though he still went back to the farm frequently and was well in touch with happenings around the old place. Gradually his visits became fewer. When in Toronto recently I dropped in at his office. I asked him why he did not see more of him at home.

He then made the forceful point that I have quoted.

"Why do you object to the country?" I asked.

"To my surprise he only had objection--lack of convenience at the home. "I go there," said "and see my mother slaving away with the most out-of-date equipment. About seven or eight times a week it is stormy or fine, she runs across a windswept yard to the water for household requirements that home men made as compared as is my city boarding house, running water and bathroom. I have fewer objections to work visits."

ONE OF SEVERAL COMPLAINTS My friend's point was well taken and it was not the first time we have heard similar sentiments expressed by country bred boys living in the city. But this is a new inheritance the country boys. The very fact that there are occasional farm homes in almost every community that are just as excellent as the best city home, and that we can have in the country some advantages as are considered necessary in the city. I fear, however, that the well-equipped home is the exception.

The trouble, I believe, is that home is the only department of a farm that is absolutely unproductive so far as the production of dollars and cents is concerned. In the great spending department for this reason many of us prefer to expend our surplus revenues in improving departments that will further add to our income. We get that in so doing we are making ourselves money-making machines and are neglecting the things of life without which we have no excuse for our existence. If, when we are buying a spreader, we would remember the price would not call for a hot fire or when establishing modern conveniences in our stables we would remember the modern conveniences as in the home, and would act as though there would be a few stray boys in the city who would hate to go back to the country, for over night."

Items of Interest

July 1st being Dominion Day, we are making it Maple Day. A containing a sample of maple syrup will be served to every patron of railway dining cars operated in Canada, steamship lines operated by railways, also the largest number. There will be a goodly number to London, England, and France.

The second year of stallion experiment in Ontario is drawing to a close and as was to be expected the experiment is more complete than in 1913. Last year at the close of season, July 31, there had been roled, 2,760 stallions, up to June 30, this year, 2,924 of these had received their certificates, and 750 which were not enrolled last year had now received their certificates, making total enrollment date of 3,004. From this it will be seen that 536 horses which were roled last year either are not of business in the province this year or are breaking the law. The number of these have been 536, leave the province, while a small number have died, and a number of grades have reported. The business was so poor that they taken their horses off the road castrated them which is a very sign for the future of the horse industry. There are no doubt a few horse owners who have renewed their certificates through enrolment lake registration is Stud-book, was for life. As only good for one year, the new should be made at once.



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