

ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER



R. H. McELROY, M.L.A., DISCUSSES THE STANDARDIZATION OF FARM IMPLEMENTS

Mr. McElroy as a similar measure to the one advocated by Mr. Wilson. Most people can recall the difficulties and expense which were encountered when

been lost in Ontario thru a lack of standardization in farm implements."
He recalled his early business expended due to the conclusion that the farmer, and the opinion of Mr. McElroy, and the ropairs for his plements. The plow points were manufacturer changed his early business expended and the repairs for the farmer, the profess of the big middleman, who has such that for a record? Working Capital impaired. The other hand, the output meeting of the big middleman, who has such the structure of the profess of materials and the ropairs of the profess of materials and the ropairs of the big middleman, who has such the other hand, the output meeting of the liferance of a pig being concerned the farmer. The plow points were manufacturer changed his designation of the food products and when the farmer of all was concerned the farmer of a pig being concerned the farmer of the opinion of Wr. McElroy. The farmer of the prices of the big middleman, who has such that the farmer of the prices of the big middleman, who has such that the farmer of the prices of the big middleman, who has such that the farmer of

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as a dealer in agricultural implements and in farming as well as parliament-duce his overhead cost and greatly duce his overhead cost and greatly decrease his selling expense. He was also of the opinion that the farmer would buy more implements were the implements standardized. The farmer would buy more implements were the implements standardized. The farmer would feel assured that it would re-duce his overhead cost and greatly decrease his selling expense. He was also of the opinion that the farmer would buy more implements were the implement which he was considering buying would be reliable and useful otherwise it

expense which were encountered when children were forced, thru circumstances, to change schools before the text books were standardized in Ontario. The child found that the headmaster of the new school had his own views on how to teach Augebra or Latin or English grammar as the case might be. The child was told to procure certain books designated as the proper ones for study by the new schoolmaster.

statement that "millions of dollars had been lost in Ontario thru a lack of standardization in farm implements." proved by the government expert commission the inventor would receive the standardization in farm implements."

It is the duty of the government to protect the farmer from being victimfrom standardization under government supervision," stated Mr. McElroy.
Overhead expenses would be cut 50 per from experimenting on the farmer, cent., and the cost to the farmer be reduced 20 to 25 per cent. in his opin- the world's great need of the pro-

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TOO MANY AGENTS

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate"; in these days of drastic government action, I think something might be done to improve our system of agencies of farm machinery. In our local village, which might be taken as a fair average, there are seven different agents all ready to accept an order for any machine, wagon or farm implement and, of course, pocket a good commission for doing so. Now this system at a time when every man is needed looks to me to be wrong and wasteful, to say the least. Could not one man, with possibly a helper at busy seasons, do all this work and give better service to farmers, besides releasing a number of men, many of whom are farmers to engage in useful work.

Government action would be necessary because the manufacturers would try to protect their agents, but I think the idea would be of advantage to both farmers and manufacturers, and result in better service, and cheaper machinery, because an agent would handle much more business and could do it much more reasonably. Let's hear from some one else on this subject. Lambton Co., Ont.

WHAT GENEROSITIES **GROW IN GARDENS!**

(Christian Science Monitor.) A garden deepens your sense of friendliness with the whole green earth, and is, moreover, a great pronoter of good-fellowship with humankind; the friendships that you make over your garden have sweetness and enduring roots. What generosities grow in gardens! What interchange of blossom and fragrance! Old friends bring you bulbs and roots, so that you something of them growing green beside you; new friends come, bearing gifts of seed and stalk. I try vainly to tell off on my fingers the thoughts of others that have taken root and blossomed within me: one gave me blue iris; one yellow pansies, ... One hepaticas for the thicket; another, lilies of the valley and columbine; another, violets, blue and white. The sweet, old-fashioned pinks, the older-fashioned thyme, the dancing completed the enjoyable prodeepest red hollyhocks, came from the most lovely little old lady my world Friends steal in has ever known. with trowels and plant for us. come home dragging a market basket filled to overflowing by the autuma generosity of a neighbor; rich in hollyhock plants, lilies, dahlies, chrysanthemums... Back of each blosanthemums... Back of each blosanthemums...

som I see the friendly face of the Nor do our lesser comrades lack welcome here. Little toads hop in and out among the green stalks, pausand out among the green stalks, pausing sometimes to have their stroked with a straw; squirrels chatter in neighborly fashion from the trees; we are not altogether inhospitable to that uninvited guest, our neighbor's quacking hen, which renders us a rough version of The Lotus Eaters at hot noontides. Bumble-bees visit foxglove and rose; hummingbirds and butterflies are there; and sold at Brighton for \$112.35.

day by day the honeysuckle pastures the village honey bees.—Margaret

RICHMOND HILL BRANCH **ENJOYS GOOD PROGRAM**

Farmers' Club Presents Addresses to Retiring Members, Discusses Co-operation and Holds Dance.

On Thursday last the Richmond Hill branch of the United Farmers' of Ontario held an enjoyable social evening, the occasion being the presentation of an address to three retiring members, Charles and Wm. Palmer and Arthur Boyle. The presentation was made by Chairman Clubine, Jas. McLean and W. G. Van

Addresses by Mr. Clubine and W. E. Burnaby on the need and advantages of further co-operation be-tween the farmer and the storekeeper were listened to with interest by the gatherings. Songs, refreshments and

WALKERTON.

Pletsch Bros. shipped the biggest car of flour on Monday that has probably ever gone out of Walkerton, and as they received \$4800 for it, also the biggest priced car. The shipment is bound for St. John en route to Britain. During the past week the Walker-ton bakers advanced the price of bread

PORTLAW.

John Haney of Portlaw sold a 570-pound hog for \$98.40. BRIGHTON

A pig weighing 725 pounds

Old Story Modernized.

Declares That Both Farmer and Manufacturer Would Benefit
From Standardizing the Production and Simplifying the
Marketing System——Says Millions of Dollars
Would Be Saved to Ontario

Considerable interest has been accused by the publication of the inaccused by the publication of the inthe goods of the firm for which they
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anywhere than that which surrounds Newmarket and for this reason the Newmarket and for this reason the attendance of farmers with an abundant supply of farm produce should be far in excess of the number now attending and the Express-Herald believes that a very decided increase, will be noticed if the market is remodeled and made modern in every respect.

There will be two home garden contests in York County during the

books designated as the proper ones for study by the new schoolmaster. The extra cost for the necessary equipment would be from ten to twenty dollars. This confusion and unnecessary expense was done away with by act of parliament, and since Ontario has shown the way other provinces have followed suit.

Mr. McElroy made the deliberate statement that "millions of dollars had"

over the true incentive of giving service rather than of amassing gain for an individual corporation would be more clearly in evidence were destructive competition displaced by the farm the coming season. Enrollent with the farm the coming season. Enrollent with Mr. Stecklent manufacturing of the highest known design of standard farm implements.

"Inventive genius also would be protected and encouraged by the assurance that should the invention be approved by the government expert com-

WALKERTON.

The county highways committee consisting of Supt. D. Izzard of Port Elgin, Chairman C. E. Whicher of Lion's Head, and Reeves Case of Teeswater and D. A. McDonald of Kinloss, met in Walkerton on Tuesday and purchased a tractor and road grader for the county at a total cost of \$2,000, preparatory to commencing their season's program for improving

DUNKELD.

R. J. Clancy's auction sale, which was held on Tuesday of last week, was probably the largest ever held in

The sap has commenced running in this vicinity and a good flow is anticipated, the maples on tap ranging in number all the way from the old back yard shade provider to several hundred of the commoner variety.

FLESHERTON.

W. R. Simmons, 4th line, had a very successful sale last week conducted by fertile eggs and dead germs. D. McPhail. John Runstadtler, of Toronto, has purchased the produce business at in shallow Flesherton formerly conducted by the

late M. Scully.

Christian Raymer, who for some years has conducted a fruit and vegetable farm on South street, Aylmer, has sold his household effects, implements, stock, etc., by auction and expects to move at once to Strafford-

SPARTA.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Laur moved from the farm on which they have resided for a number of years on the 9th concession of Malahide, to the farm they recently purchased just

HOPEVILLE.

Reeve Hockridge is in Toronto on county business in connection with the good roads system. HAMPDEN.

to Mr. Horsburgh, who has taken pos-

Becker's imported thorobred mare. Noah Miller has purchased the Archibald farm and has taken possession. BLYTH'S CORNERS.

Abe Tuck's sale last week was a grand success, and as usual, high prices prevailed, particularly sheep, prices prevailed, particularly sheep, most of them bringing \$80 a pair, and some over that.

MELANCTHON.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Broughton have sold their farm in Melancthon and will pullets; so long as they are well mareside in Dundalk. reside in Dundalk.

WOOLWICH.

Cyrenius Ziegler has sold his 100. acre farm in Pilkington Township to J. T. Povey has rented his farm John W. Miller of Woolwich at a price near Metz to George Bailey for a fivearound \$4500.

Whether he is as well off as his grandfather is quite a question. There is, however, no question of the fact that he cannot take life as easily, or he would soon be entirely out of business. Downsview, March 21, 1918.

Rules for Incubator Efficiency. 1. Run the incubator a few days

before putting in the eggs. This often 2. Clean and disinfect the incubator

before starting each hatch. 3. Use good quality oil and keep the lamp clean. Use a new wick for

5. Beginning on the third day, turn the eggs twice daily, and cool once destruction of chess. daily until the eighteenth day. Cool

7. If the eggs show too much evaporation, supply moisture by putting in shallow pan of sand and keep moist. To find out how large the air

8. Do not interfere often with the eggs after the eighteenth day.
9. Darken the machine while the chicks are hatching. This keeps the chicks quiet and prevents them from picking at droppings.

10. Do not help any chicks out of

the shells; such are weak and should not be allowed to live. 11. Leave chicks in incubator twenty-four to thirty-six hours after completion of the hatch. 12. Keep careful record of pempera-

fertile eggs, dead germs, and strong SELECTING THE BREEDERS

The male to head the flock should be given a high producer, and if possible to know that his sisters are were the showing their ability to lay, all the John Henry and wife have left the old Fulton homestead and have moved to Durham. Mr. Henry sold his farm to Durham. Mr. Henry sold his farm with a rather short, stout beak, a bold, piercing eye, a skin that is soft and velvety to the touch, shanks with fine scales, and showing a certain amount of red pigment down the outer sides.

His mates should be vigorous females that have shown by egg production what they can do. If trap nests are not used—and they are not on most farms—band those pullets that start to lay first and select the breeding pens from them.

The ideal mating is a well-developed cockerel of the foregoing descrip-tion mated to young hens, but if enough hens of the desirable type are

not available, do not hesitate to use J. T. Povey has rented his farm

EXPERIMENTS IN

On December 14, 1843, at an auction to accumulate there was very little

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Filly Country people, familiar with the enormous prices paid at similar sales in this work and try the experiment outlined for the particular weed which is giving them particular weed of the experiments selected are

1. The use of rape in the destruc-

for eradicating perennial sow thistle.
3. The use of rape in the destruc-3. The use of rape in the destruc-ion of twitch grass.
4. A method of cultivation for the tion of twitch grass. destruction of twitch grass.

5. Method of cultivation for the era-ication of bladder campion or cow

destruction of Ox eye daisy. 8. A method of cultivation and cropping for the suppression of field bind-weed or wild morning glory (requires two years to complete).

and truly

possible the extraordinary increase in
the products of the soil and has
materially aided in the development eggs should be 102½ degrees the first week, 103 degrees the second week, and 103½ to 104 degrees the third week.

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10. A method of cultivation for the All who have any of these weeds

until the eggs feel cool to your eyelid. on their farm are invited to join with 6. Test the eggs on the seventh and of this work. By so doing they fourteenth days and remove all inweed experimented with and demonstrate to their own satisfaction the ef fectiveness of the method tried and at the same time their results will be of great value to others Full informacell should be during the hatch set a tion ean be obtained concerning these hen and compare the eggs before a strong light at intervals during the hatch.

experiments by writing to the director of co-operative weed experiments, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

EUPHRASIA.

Wm. Ward of Euphrasia delivered a hog on Tuesday which brought him \$99.40, the highest amount yet paid at this shipping point for one hog.

MARKDALE. A week ago Tuesday was the largest delivery of live stock of any shipping day thus far this season in Markdale. Over eighteen thousand dollars was

ture readings, number of eggs set. in- paid that day.—Markdale Standard. GORING. The credit sale of Joseph Erskine of

Goring last Friday was a splendid success and figured up almost \$5000. Shepherdson and Paterson were the auctioneers.

John Traill has sold his farm in Pilkington Township to John Cingrick of Fergus, who gets possession April 1.

Samuel Phillips, an Artemesia Township farmer, sold a 640-pound hog to a Flesherton dealer for \$107.20.

FARM IMPLEMENTS REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS GEO. W. SMITH COMPANY Cor. Jarvis and Duke Sts., Torento

WALLER'S, 711 SPADINA

FURTHER STANDARDIZATION IMPRACTICAL SAYS PRESIDENT SAWYER-MASSEY COMPANY

R. Harmer Declares Farm Implement Manufacture Has Already Been Standardized as Far as Possible---Canadian Manufacturer is Confronted With an Abnormal Difficulty in the Matter of Distribution and the Necessity of Produc ion Previous to Knowledge

in the western United States. Here the investment in factory buildings, there were right and left hand plows warehouses and equipment has been being manufactured, and Mr. Harmer disproportionately large as compared telt that action would likely be taken whereby this situation would be simble avy nature of the product as well

opinion, however, that farm implements, generally speaking, were already standardized to such an extent that it would not be possible to impact the effect of all this is that the latio of capital to sales for many years prove upon the present system. He has been approximately two to one agreed with the statement of Mr. In other words, two million dollars of Findley, as published in The World of capital in form of capital stock, sur-March 18, to the effect that greater efficiency and service had been attained in the manufacture of farm implemillion dollars. As a consequence 20 ments than in any other line of manuments than in any other line of manufacture. The only way by which further standardization would be possible was for the government to take over the plants of the manufacturers. The plants of the manufacturers. The manufacturer of farm implements must have his machines in the ments must have his machines in the farmers' hands in time for the farmers' hands in time for the farmers'

the plants of the manufacturers. The cost of this would be prohibitive, and no practical benefits would result.

Difficulties of Distribution.

Distribution was one of the big problems of the Canadian manufacturer. Especially in western Canada the cost of transportation, warehousthe cost of transportation, warehousing, delivery and the providing of expert service to the customer living many miles away on the prairie was very high, and the manufacturer would welcome any information which would help him solve this difficult problem.

factories to Buffalo or some other American point and cease trying to

The difficulties with which the manufacturer has to contend are clear-

ion of Mr. Harmer. Farmer Financed by Manufacturer. These remarks are from a statement bell.

6. Spraying with iron sulphate to destroy inustard in cereal crops.

7. A method of cultivation for the destroy inustary of Overvo delivers of the National Implement and Vehicle Association of the United States: "This industry (implement) developed by American inventive genius during the past century has made

R. Harmer, president of the Sawyer-Massey Company, said that there were a few instances where certain farm implements might be standardized to advantage. He thought that rakes might be improved in this manner. He also mentioned an interesting case in the western United States. Here Here the investment in factory buildings, Mr. Harmer was strongly of the chines needed to neet the demands of

seasonal requirements. A delay of ten days or two weeks may cause the crops to be planted or harvested too late, and either cause the grain to be

placed the farmer in a more advantageous position in the purchase of farm implements than he was before the beginning of the war in 1914.

Orlando Cardinell of Limehouse has purchased a 100-acre farm in Esques-ing Township belonging to Angus

G. H. Switzer of Georgetown pur-chased 95 acres at Acton belonging to C. T. Bailey.
Wm. Wice of Nashville has pur
Wm. Translater Towns chased 100 acres in Trafalgar Town-ship belonging to J. S. Mason.

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