

One of the Veterans

As a type of farmer who has made good and who has been of distinct service to his community and to the country at large we may well look to Mr. Archibald Kennedy, a veteran stock breeder and farmer of Russell Co., Ont. Archibald Kennedy, Vernon, Ont., was born at Maxwell, Glangarry Co., Ont., in 1831. He has lived on Hillview Farm since 1858. He brought the first Berkshire swine and Shorthorn cattle into his community in 1867. He brought the first Shropshire sheep in 1883. He commenced breeding prize cattle in 1880 when he purchased five first prize winners at the Ottawa fair. Since that time he made several additions to the herd,



Mr. Archibald Kennedy

This photo of Mr. Kennedy was snapped by an editor of Farm and Dairy at the Ottawa Exhibition. Read the short biography of Mr. Kennedy given in this column.

the best that money could buy. The Hillview herd now owned by A. Kennedy & Son, is one of the best in Ontario. They have sold cattle to all parts of Canada and to the United States.

Mr. Kennedy is the father of five children: Mrs. Jas. York, Spring Hill, Ont.; Mrs. Herb. Faith, Winchester, Ont.; Mrs. W. J. Carson, Winnipeg, Man.; D. J. Kennedy, Vernon, Ont., and Prof. W. G. Kennedy, Ames, Iowa.

At the National Dairy Show

The following organizations will hold conventions at the National Dairy Show, Chicago, on the dates mentioned. The convention hall is in the Coliseum.

International Milk Dealers Association, Monday, Oct. 24th.

Official Dairy Inspectors' Association, Monday, Oct. 24th.

American Guernsey Cattle Club, Monday, Oct. 24th, (Banquet).

American Dairy Farmers' Association, Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

National Creamery Buttermakers' Association, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 25-27th.

Holstein-Friesian Association, Tuesday, Oct. 25th, (Banquet).

American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers, Wednesday evening, Oct. 25th, (Banquet).

American Jersey Cattle Club, Wednesday, Oct. 26th, (Banquet).

National Dairy Union, Thursday, Oct. 27th.

FARM MANAGEMENT

Grass on Swamp Land

I am clearing a piece of low swampy land. It has a muck bottom and is flooded for a month in the spring. What will be the best way to seed it? Part of it is burned clear with two or three inches of ashes from the burnt muck and grass. Part of it is a tough sod of native grass. I think it is red top. I was thinking of sowing alfalfa and timothy. Would it be a good plan to sow rye now and out for green feed?—James Latimer, Rainy River District, Ontario.

It is probable that the grass in question is red top. Red top in any case is the grass to give you the best results under such conditions as you describe. The addition of six or eight lbs. of timothy and three or four lbs. of alfalfa per acre would probably help matters. Plough in July and work for a couple of months to rot the sod and kill any weeds. Leave the land lying flat all winter and sow the next spring after harrowing only. Harrow the grass seed in and then roll. On parts that have not been burnt over roll two or three times to insure best results.

I believe a good catch of grass would be worth more than a crop of rye. You would be more likely to get a good catch where rye was not used as a nurse crop.—J.H.G.

Questions re Silos

I am thinking of building a silo either this fall or next summer. Will you kindly answer the following questions? What kind of silo would you advise me to build—a cement block, solid cement or a wooden silo? In what style of silo does ensilage freeze least? Does the acid in the corn injure the walls of a cement silo?—B. J. K., Oxford Co., Ont.

We would have no hesitation in advising a monolithic silo throughout. A first-class wood silo would cost almost as much as the cement. It is possible to make a cheaper one, the life of which would only be a few years, and would cost from one-half to two-thirds as much as one of cement.

The ensilage is not as liable to freeze in a concrete silo as in a wood one under the same conditions of temperature. There is generally in a wood silo about one foot of the ensilage which freezes around the silo while in a concrete silo not more than two inches has been the rule.

The acid from the corn has positively no effect on the cement as they use concrete pipe in sewers to convey acid substances.—Jno. C. Doidge, London Concrete Machinery Co.

Width of Ridges to Plow

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—I have been in my practice for many years to plow 60 foot ridges, 30 feet to be gathered and 30 feet to be split. This size of ridge is chosen for convenience and saving time in plowing, disc harrowing or cultivating and harrowing.

I have recently secured a plow with which the whole field can be plowed by starting on one side and keeping on continuously without making a ridge of any kind. This will be a great labor saving implement as much time has to be spent levelling ridges.

filling furrows and getting the surface level and thoroughly pulverized before sowing.

All soils are treated alike, where sufficient drainage or fall in the land can be secured. There is however, land that is almost level where there is no tile drainage and surface drainage has to be depended upon. It will be found best in such cases to plow ridges a width suitable to the machinery on hand whether 12, 16 or 22 feet. Drainage is the only object of plowing narrow ridges. The greater the fall in the land, the wider the ridges. The smoother the surface, the bigger the harvest.—John Fixter, Manager, Macdonald College Farm.

Temporary Heat Quickly

Did you ever stop to think of the many ways in which a perfect oil heater is of value? If you want to sleep with your window open in winter, you can get sufficient heat from an oil heater while you undress at night, and then turn it off. Apply a match in the morning, when you get out of bed, and you have heat while you dress.

Those who have to eat an early breakfast before the stove is radiating heat can get immediate warmth from an oil heater, and then turn it off.

The girl who practices on the piano in a cold room in the morning can have warmth from an oil heater while she plays, and then turn it off.

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