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on request and describe the process more fully than we have space for here.

Cement silos are usually either solid cement or cement stane. The former are the commonest tho there are some of the latter in Manitoba that have given good satisfaction. Very full information is supplied on the building of these free in booklet form by the various large cement companies.

Overcoming Freezing

All the men in Western Canada using silos of course have fed frozen silage or rather frozen silage thawed out; and none of them say there is any difficulty in feeding it provided it is chopped out a feed ahead and thrown inside where it can be thawed out and fed the following feed. Freezing does not seem to affect its feeding value either. Few seem to have any remedy for this, tho some suggest sinking a hole a few feet below the ground, especially where a bank is available, and one man, James Glennie, at Macdonald, Man., sets up long poles round the silo and about four feet from it. Boards or woven wire are tacked to these and the space filled in with well packed straw which can afterwards be used for bedding. If the posts are let well into the ground and braced to the silo at the top they help stiffen it against wind. H. B. MacGregor, Heston, Man., has had good success with the same arrangement. Some suggest covering the silage up with a strong rough blanket of some kind after removing the day's requirements. The great trouble of trying to build frost proof silos is the excessive cost.

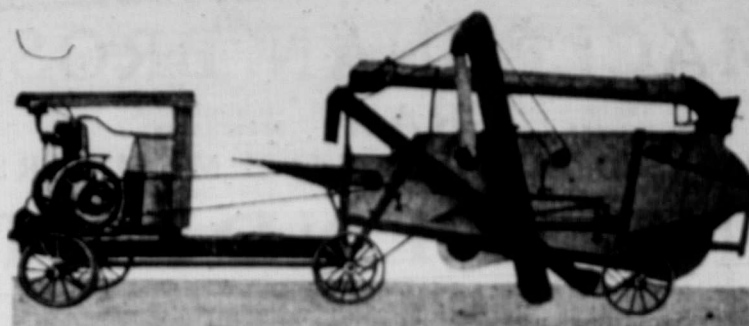
Co-operation will do much in pushing the use of silage. So far the expensiveness of special machinery and scarcity of enough help at filling time have been marked hindrances. A drill, however, will do the planting for a few years for corn and an expensive cultivator can be done without. As silage curing grows the difficulty will lessen, for where there are three or four farmers in a neighborhood, co-operation will solve the problem of both labor and machinery cost. Silage growing is economically sound and must grow. That last year's experience has not daunted experienced growers is shown by A. C. Munro, of Plumas, Man., who says: "I am certainly in favor of the silo. Show me a man that is not who has had the good of one. I am planting 125 acres this year all with check row planter. It makes the best summer-fallow, even not counting on the crop of corn, which is the best paying one on the farm."

ROOSTER WEEK

The Poultry Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College has designated the week of June 19 as Rooster Week in Manitoba. During the week it is expected that all farmers interested in producing better eggs will get rid of their roosters in some way or other. It has been found that a large number of eggs sold during the latter part of June, July and August are partially hatched when they reach the larger markets. The warm weather will start the germ in the egg to grow and eggs must necessarily go on the market as heated eggs. If the eggs were non-fertile there would be no danger at all from warm weather. Such eggs will go on the market in perfectly good condition and will also keep well in cold storage. Non-fertile eggs are the best eggs for the farmers to produce during the summer season.

Last year the college bought 897 dozen eggs and in this lot there were 26 1/2 dozen partly hatched and rotten. In some of these eggs there were chickens ready to hatch, while others had just started to grow. Besides these eggs there were 187 dozen in which the germ showed slight traces of growth. These eggs were also unfit for food. This is an average of what happens right along in our Western egg trade. The roosters on the farm are responsible for all this, and we urge our farmers this year to prevent such a heavy loss. Rooster Week affords a splendid opportunity to help in this campaign for better eggs.

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