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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1917

Last year in Ontario over 600 barns were destroyed by fire, involving a loss of more than one million dollars, of which six hundred thousand dollars was on produce, implements and live stock. If by a little care we can save one-half this loss we should be doing the equivalent of that much extra production, and who is there among us who is not prepared to do his "bit" on this line?

Three very simple suggestions are thrown out which it adopted will go a long way to accomplish the result:—

1.—Install lightning rods on barns and save fires from lightning. The Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, will furnish anyone with a pamphlet showing how the rods should be made and erected. It is an absolute fact that barns properly rodged and grounded are not liable to be struck by lightning.

2.—The crops should not be put in until it is certain they have been properly cured. Evidence is daily accumulating that the heavy clover crops of last year did not receive full and proper care and resulted in the firing of barns from spontaneous combustion. Many doubt this theory but recognition of the cause is growing very rapidly.

3.—Ventilate the barn so that gases caused by the fermentation of imperfectly cured crops will be successfully carried off. In an un-ventilated barn, to keep the doors and windows closed after harvest and then admit air by the opening of the doors, windows or other apertures during the warm fall weather is to invite the fire fiend to get in his work.

Surely if these three simple suggestions will accomplish any saving the call of the Empire's needs should be incentive enough to give them a fair trial.

Fire is always the enemy of the human race, but in wartime it is a traitor in the camp, a foe in the trenches. Not only is the waste of food by fire an unmitigated calamity, but any fire waste is just that much of a burden at a time when the last straw may break the camel's back.

After finding fault that there is no business life in their home towns many people send money away to other places to help produce business life somewhere else.

The man who has plenty of money to support himself and family in luxury and idleness should be compelled to work, if his health is all right. The idle rich has no more of a license to loaf and shirk work than the idle poor.

Why the haste and speed and recklessness? There is no necessity for it. Speeding in town is not only a defiance of the law but of sane public opinion and men who value the approval of the people and wish to be known as good citizens will avoid it.

Premier Borden has taken the step which for some time past has appeared increasingly inevitable and on Friday announced to the House of Commons the intention of the Government to introduce compulsory military service for overseas on the basis of the selective draft.

Excess Spending.
Speaking of the high cost of living how about:
Silk stockings.
High leather shoes.
75-cent neckties.
Fancy handbags.
15-cent cigars.
Everyday "movies."
Face powder.
Silk socks.
\$4.00 shirts.
Dancing pumps.
Face massages.
Perfume.
Sweet pickles.
May strawberries.
New potatoes.
\$8 straw hats (soon).

And a host of other things purchased by those who can and those who cannot afford them.

Taking Chances.
There was a man who fancied that by driving good and fast he'd get his car across the track before the train came past. He'd miss the engine by an inch, and make the train-hands sore. There was a man who fancied this: there isn't any more.
—Railway Conductor.

A Safe Pill for Sufferers.—There are pills that violently purge and fill the stomach and intestines with pain. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are mild and effective. They are purely vegetable, no mineral purgative entering into their composition and their effects are soothing and beneficial. Try them and be convinced. Thousands can attest their great curative qualities because thousands owe their health and strength to the timely use of this most excellent medicine.

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High School Second Prize Essay.

(By Miss Marion Huston)
"How can the Ontario High School boy, by going on a farm this summer help (1) Himself, (2) the Farmer, (3) the Empire?"

How he can help himself. — In the first place, a boy may acquire a strong, rugged constitution by this healthy out-of-door work.

This summer a boy will learn that farm life is dignified and honourable, instead of the life of loneliness, inconvenience, poverty and toil that many believe it to be; and that many farmers are indispensible independent and able to enjoy many of the luxuries, as well as the necessary commodities of life.

Even one summer on the farm will fit him, to a certain extent at least, for future years, when it is prophesied that farming will be the flourishing industry.

On the farm this summer, in addition to learning the modes of life, aims and ambitions, he will acquire a knowledge of at what time to plant the various grains and vegetables; to exercise care in the quality of grain sown; to sow no seed containing anything harmful or noxious; the correct method of planting, sowing, harvesting, threshing and marketing is open to him. He will learn when and how to cultivate crops needing cultivation; how to tell when the grain is ready to harvest, and the secret of curing it and hauling it to the barn at the proper time. He will soon be able to drive a team and build a load.

He will learn much about grain, roots and fruits in general. He will learn about orchards: how to spray and care for them, and also the care of bees and poultry.

A town or city boy can soon learn to milk a cow, turn a wagon without upsetting it; saddle, bridle and ride a horse, and hitch and unhitch it.

All our great poets, orators, writers and preachers show themselves familiar with the farm and country life, and the great book of nature will better fit the student for whatever life work he may take up. A great lawyer owes his success to winning many critical cases through his knowledge of farm life.

How the boy can help the farmer.— On account of so many labouring men enlisting, the farmers are unable to secure the necessary help and, as a result, there is only about one man per one hundred acres, which is altogether inadequate to get the best results from our fertile and unsurpassed soil.

A high school boy would enable a farmer to plant a larger acreage; would enable him to take better care of that acreage; therefore greater production would result.

The more bustling a man grows the more he will have for sale or to feed to his live stock. At the present time the world is confronted with an unparalleled food shortage; prices are abnormally high and with the help of a high school boy the average farmer, in one season, would greatly increase (as Mr. Lloyd-George says) his "silver bullets."

The added help would give the farmer an opportunity to make much needed improvements that his building and fences might require. The boy's help would also save his

farm from neglect, and as neglect in nineteen hundred and seventeen would decrease the production from the farm, the advantage to be derived from a high school boy on the farm is apparent to all.

Neglect in nineteen seventeen would also be injurious for future years, because any practical farmer will always contend that to secure the best results, care must be exercised, and if this year a farm was neglected and let grow to weeds and thistles, the production for several years would be affected.

How the boy can help the Empire.— The greatest danger threatening Britain is a food famine, while Germany, in this the third year of the war, is being defeated more by the foe than by hunger. It is because Germany has ninety-three per cent. of her land under cultivation while England has only eleven per cent. Ontario's area exceeds Germany's by thirty-two million acres. If Germany, with an area of thirty-two million acres less than Ontario, could feed her vast armies for three years, what cannot Ontario accomplish with the help necessary to till her fertile lands?

Our armies must be fed. Their rations consist chiefly of meat, potatoes, beans and bread. To feed our livestock grain must be produced. To sustain our men, potatoes, beans and wheat must be grown. All this can be accomplished with the extra help. To-day less than six per cent. of our land is tilled. It must therefore be apparent to all that the highest service our high school boys can render will be in aiding the Empire in the production of food.

The boys by their efforts in the next few months can tip the scale of victory in our favour. They can practically save the Empire! For all our public men and leaders declare that the food supply is going to be the vital factor in the final decision. In Argentina, Australia, France and the Middle States the crops have been disappointing. In Europe some ten countries are starving or on the verge of starvation. Then Canada alone must defeat the hunger enemy, and Ontario, as the first province of the Dominion, and with the most fertile soil, must lead the way.

The high cost of living will also decrease through this help. What an asset to a country in the present crisis!

Then, as was mentioned before, what benefit to the health of the boys. Canada, ten years from now, will be missing the thrives of her youth who have been wiped out by this war. Think what a benefit it will be to have a small army of sturdy, strong men with keen, penetrating intellects, with an understanding of farming and sufficient education to put this farming on a business-like and scientific basis, thus deriving the full benefits from an industry which everything portends will then occupy the highest position. Many of the returned soldiers will be permanently crippled and incapacitated for farming, so it will develop upon these boys, now growing up, to be the Dominion's "young men and Ontario leading, carry Canada out on the tide of her own prosperity.

Let Nothing Be Lost.

Gather up the scrub apples and revive the almost-forgotten home industry by drying apples over the kitchen fire this autumn. If the apples are too poor for this, can them; if they aren't good enough for this purpose, save them in the swill-barrel to help fatten and sweeten the pork.

And what is done in the apple matter should be done with everything else that is stored up. Feather up the fruit,ments that nothing be lost.—Detroit Free Press.

Well Paid for Her Chickens.

A Whitty woman living just west of Oshawa got back at a chicken thief the other day in neat style. On getting up one morning she found all her hens gone. Looking around for traces she picked up a hundred dollar roll of bills. A day later the thief called and offered to give her \$50 and take the other \$50 if she would keep her mouth shut. "No," she answered. "You keep your mouth shut; I'm well paid for my hens."

The Spring's Will.

Father, dear father, come home with me now, for ma has some carpets to beat; she's got all the furniture out in the yard, from the front door clean out to the street. The stove must come down and be put in the shed, and the yard must be cleared of some grass, for it's time to clean house and the devil to pay—and the front windows need some new glass. Father, dear father, come home with me now, and bring some bologna and cheese: it's most 12 o'clock and there's nothing to eat—I'm so hungry I'm weak in the knees. And the dinner will have to be cold scraps and such, and we'll have to eat standing up, too, for the table and all are out in the back: oh, I wish that the housecleaning was through. Father, dear father, come home with me now, for ma is as mad as a Turk; she says that you're only a lazy old thing, and that she shall put you to work. There's painting to do, and paper to hang, and floors and ceilings to scrub, for it's housecleaning time and you've got to come home, and revel in suds and cold grub.

A Remedy for Eczema.—To have the eczema to endure torture. The ear is a delicate organ and few care to deal with it. Considering it work for the doctor. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil offers a simple remedy. A few drops on a piece of lint or medicated cotton and placed in the ear will do wonders in relieving pain.

The Power of Spring.

Sister's busy shopping.
Mother's cleaning house.
Daddy comes when all is still.
As quiet as a mouse.
Uncle's beating carpets.
Auntie's chasing germs.
Fish are biting in the creek.
And Johnny's digging worms.

The little girl timidly asked the drug clerk for a package of pink dye. "What do you want it for?" responded the clerk. "Well, my mother and cotton goods." "Neither," said the child. "It's for ma's stomach. The doctor said she'd have to diet and so she wants it a pretty color."

FIGHTING GARDEN FOES

Destroy Them or They May Destroy Your Crop.

SPRAYING A READY REMEDY

In This Column the Amateur is Introduced to Insects and Fungus So That He May Know Them by Their First Names.

(By S. C. JOHNSTON, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Garden Foes.
Unfortunately the backyard vegetable grower has some difficulties to overcome. It will not be all pleasure and profit which he must look forward to because there are innumerable insects and fungus diseases which cause much worry and trouble and necessitate the use of extraordinary methods to prevent or control. Most of these troubles may be overcome by spraying the plants with remedies which can be secured from seed stores and other firms handling them.

The following is a list of the more common vegetables and the insects and plant diseases attacking them with remedies or preventives.

ASPARAGUS. Beetles, Blue, black or yellowish colored, about one-half inch long, which appear early in May and feed on the young shoots. Keep the bed closely cut in the spring or allow poultry to run through it. After cutting season is over, spray with arsenate of lead. Encourage the lady bird beetle which destroys many of these insects.

Anthracnose or Pod Spots. Brown or reddish spots on the foliage and pods. Found on low damp ground. Plant only seeds which have no signs of the disease. Pull up and burn diseased plants as they appear.

CABBAGE, CAULIFLOWER, AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS. Root Maggot. A small whitish colored maggot one-quarter of an inch long. Looks something like a grain of wheat, found just below the surface of the ground either close to or on the roots. They eat the roots, causing the plant to drop over. Apply a solution of corrosive sublimate one-half ounce dissolved in five gallons of water, at the rate of half a teaspoonful over each plant once a week for five weeks after they are set out, commencing three or four days after planting.

Cut Worms and White Grubs. Greyish white grubs which work at the surface of the soil eating off the plants. They may be trapped by spreading a mixture of poison bran over the surface of the soil close to the plants. A pall of bran with sufficient paris green to highly color it, should be moistened with molasses until it crumbles readily in the hand. This moisture should be kept on the ground during the early part of the season.

Worm. A small greenish worm three-quarters of an inch long, which appears quite early in the season. Dust with pyrethrum or hellebore powder when the plants have headed, or dust with a teaspoonful of paris green mixed with one tablespoonful of flour when young. A piece of burlap may be used for this purpose or an empty can with holes punched in the bottom.

Aphis. Also called louse. Small greyish insects which multiply rapidly. They may appear at any time in the season. Spray forcibly with a solution made from steeping one pound of tobacco refuse in one gallon of water. This solution may be used on all plants on which Aphis are found.

CELERY. Blight. Black spots appear on the foliage followed by wilting of the plant and a soft rot on the stock. Spray once a week with a mixture of Bordeaux mixture covering the entire plant.

CUCUMBER. Striped Beetle. Black and yellow striped beetle which feeds ravenously on the tender leaves of the plant in the very early stage of growth. Dust leaves when wet with ashes or air-slaked lime.

Squash Bug. Dark brown beetle which sucks the juices from the plant. Hand pick and destroy. Found on the leaves.

MELONS. Cucumber insects usually attacks and may be destroyed as given above.

ONION. Onion Maggot. A white maggot similar to the cabbage root maggot. No effective means of control. Spread charcoal over the ground or try the corrosive sublimate solution as recommended above.

Blight. A violet color, patches appearing on the leaf of the onion. Some advise spraying with Bordeaux mixture from the time the onion plant is three inches high.

POTATO. Colorado Beetle or Potato Bug. Dust with paris green when the dust is still on the plant, or place a teaspoonful in a watering can of water and pour over the plant. If possible have the plant dusted with paris green before the bug appears.

Scab. Easily recognized by characteristic roughness of the skin. Immerse the uncut tuber just before planting in a solution of two fluid ounces of formalin with two gallons of water. Dry, cut, and plant.

Blight. Brown spots distributed over the leafy surface, usually found in July. If they are not prevented from growing, the whole plant will be destroyed. Spray once a week for four or five weeks with Bordeaux mixture from July 1st.

RADISH. Root Maggot. Use the same remedies as given for cabbage and onion maggot.

TOMATO. Tomato Worm or Horn Blower. A large worm which rapidly defoliate the plant. Hand pick and destroy.

Blight. Black spots appearing on the leaves which spread rapidly and cause the whole plant to die. Keep the plants growing vigorously.

WINNER OR WASTER—Which Are You?

On a recent public occasion the Honorable the Minister of Finance for Canada, in addressing a representative Canadian audience, dealt with the urgency of everybody doing, even in the smallest way, their share towards aiding the Empire.

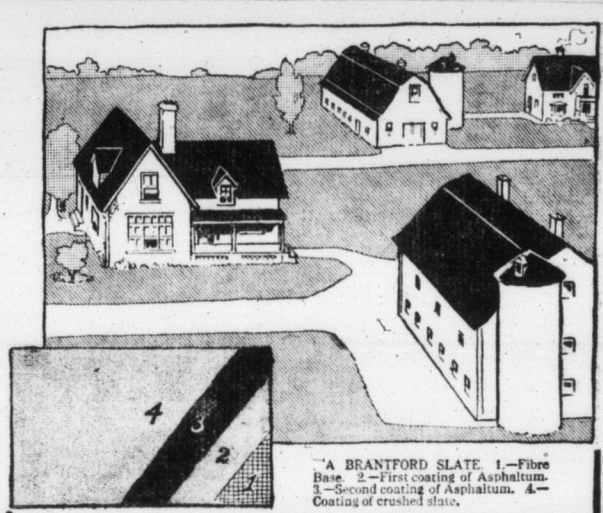
It is well to remember that every dollar thrown away extravagantly does one hundred per cent. more good to the enemy than one dollar saved by ourselves.

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