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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Miscellaneous.

DOMINION MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE.

Please publish the names of the Dominion Ministers of Agriculture since confederation.

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Ans.—Hon. J. C. Chapais, P. C., from 1st July, 1867, to 15th November, 1869; Hon. C. Dunkin, D. C. L., Q. C., from November 16th, 1869, to October 24th, 1871; Hon. J. H. Pope, from October 25th, 1871, to November 6th, 1873; Hon. L. Letellier de St. Just, from November 7th, 1873, to December 14th, 1876; Hon. C. A. P. Pelletier, from January 26th, 1877, to October 16th, 1878; Hon. J. H. Pope, from October 17th, 1878, to September 24th, 1885; Hon. John Carling, from September 25th, 1885, to December 4th, 1892; Hon. A. R. Angers, December 5th, 1892, to July 11th, 1895; Hon. W. H. Montague, from December 21st, 1895, to January 6th, 1896; Hon. D. Ferguson (acting), from January 7th, 1896, to January 14th, 1896; Hon. W. H. Montague, from January 15th, 1896, to July 12th, 1896; Hon. S. A. Fisher, the present Minister, sworn in on July 13th, 1896.

BUFF ROCKS.

A reader asks: "What are the Buff Rocks derived from, are they a general utility breed, and where can I get some of them?"

Ans.—The Buff Rocks have practically the same qualities as the Barred and White varieties; that is to say, we would call them a fairly-hardy, general-purpose, brown-egg breed. They are medium in size, the cock bird weighing nine and a half pounds, and the cockerels, eight pounds; hens, seven and a half, and pullets, six and a half pounds. They are one of the best general-purpose breeds that we have. The Buff variety are not grown to as great an extent as the Whites and Barred. The Barred, being the oldest, is the most popular.

Plymouth Rocks would be considered good sitters and good mothers, and among the best winter layers, and particularly if bred in line for this purpose. As to the origin of the Buff, I am not sure that anybody knows exactly how they came about. There was, undoubtedly, some Barred Rock blood used, possibly some blood from the chickens in the State of Rhode Island. I have no information at hand at the present time that I would care to say is absolutely correct, hence, I do not care to write much about the exact origin of the breed. They have very much the same characteristics as the Barred Rocks, only are not nearly so popular. In the East here, the Buff Orpingtons seem to be supplanting the Buff Rocks. Buff Rock breeders should advertise.

W. R. GRAHAM.

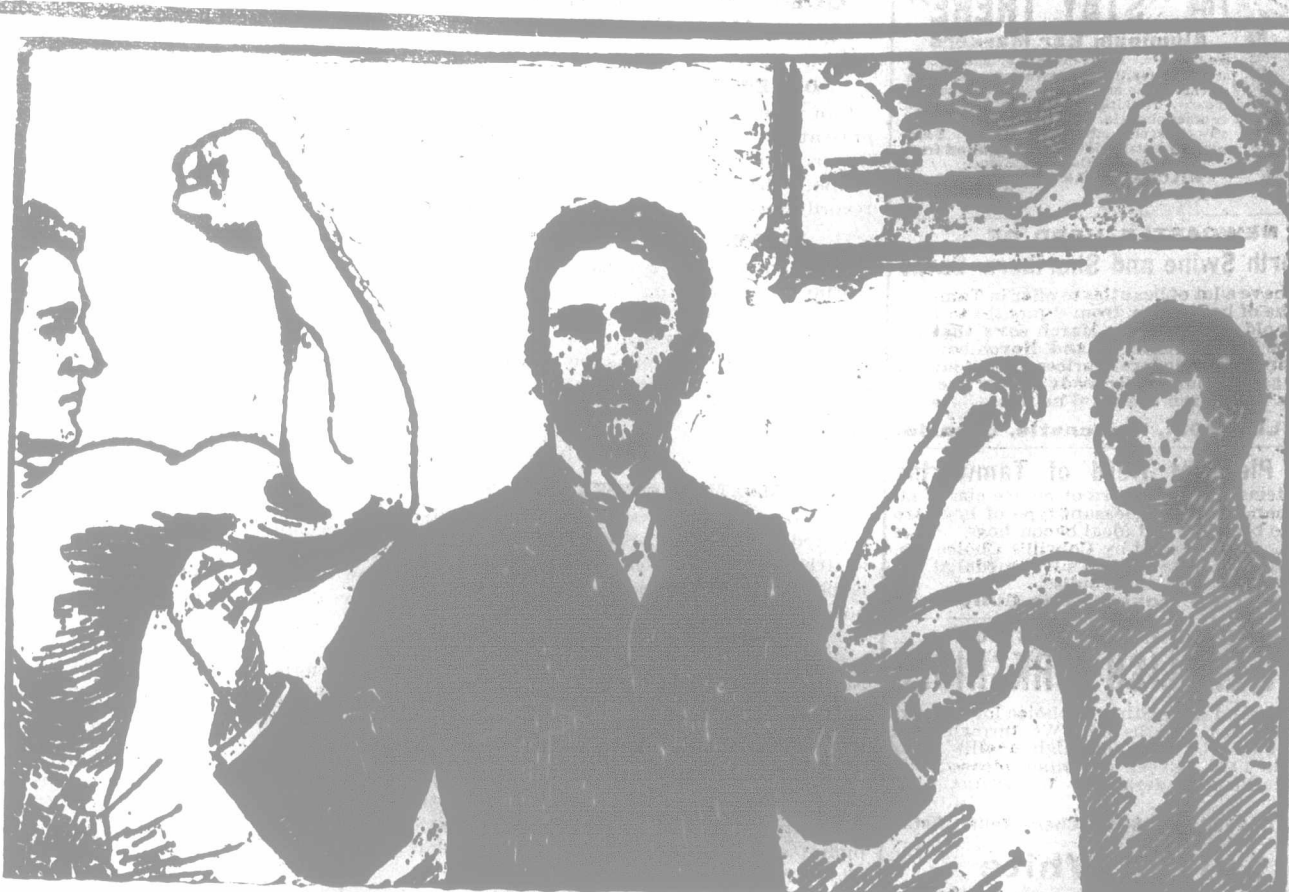
TWITCH OR COUCH GRASS

We have a field of twelve acres badly overrun with twitch grass, to such an extent as to interfere with growing crops. Soil is clay loam, in good heart. Have been fighting this weed for ten years by summer-fallowing, but the weed is gaining ground, especially in a wet season, like 1905. Could any reader of "The Farmer's Advocate," who has had experience with this weed, give their method? Would seeding with lucerne tend to choke it out? Field was plowed last fall.

A. B. M.

Waterloo Co., Ont.
Ans.—We think that if you had summer-fallowed faithfully with cultivator having wide, sharp teeth and never used the plow, you would have conquered the twitch or couch grass. Persistent surface cultivation will kill the worst weed yet known. We fear that lucerne, which takes time to get thoroughly established, would not be effectual. The plan recommended is to plow lightly right after harvest, then harrow well, and rake off the roots with sulky rake and burn. Repeat the harrowing, raking and burning as often as possible during fall. In July before winter, rib up into drills, giving frost a chance to help kill root. The following season it may be summer-fallowed, but instead of a bare fallow sow with buckwheat, whose rank growth will help to smother out the weed, and it can, while in bloom, be turned under, or the land may be kept cultivated until rape is sown in June or July. This crop, if sown in drills, and kept clean as long as possible, is highly spoken of as a smothering crop for couch grass.

T. B.



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