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New Assistant Live Stock Commissioner.

We are pleased to be able to report that the Canadian Government has secured the services of W. R. Reek as Assistant Live Stock Commissioner. Through this appointment the province of New Brunswick loses an able and efficient Deputy Minister of Agriculture, but the live stock industry of Canada will surely profit on account of this addition to Mr. Arkell's staff. Mr. Reek was graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1910 and since that time he has filled several important positions in the employ of both the Federal and Provincial Governments. Early in his career he was assistant to the late Dr. C. C. James while the latter was Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. He then represented the Government for a time in London, England, on matters pertaining to immigration, after which he returned and became Associate Professor of Live Stock Husbandry at the O.A.C. Subsequently he became Administrator of the Federal Grant in Prince Edward Island and for the last year and a half very successfully labored as Deputy Minister of Agriculture in New Brunswick. Mr. Reek's wide experience, energetic and pleasing manner, coupled with a generous supply of commonsense and knowledge of farming conditions, will surely make him a valuable public servant in the capacity of Assistant Live Stock Commissioner.

How is the land Settlement Act being received? Up to October 28th, 224 men have been settled on acquired land in Alberta and \$313,641 have been loaned. A further 180 soldiers have been homesteaded and have been advanced \$198,729 for implements and live-stock. In Saskatchewan 138 returned men have settled on acquired land borrowing \$214,345, and 59 on homesteads to whom the Government has loaned \$62,950. In Manitoba 183 have settled on land and borrowed \$203,215.—"The Canadian Form."

In the Creston Valley last year Joe Wigen, a Wynndel small fruit farmer, shipped 770 crates of strawberries from 1 acre of plants. None of these crates sold for less than \$3 per crate.

W. A. McMutrie, also of the Creston Valley, took 117 crates of raspberries from $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre and sold them for \$ per crate or over. Good care in growing and producing a desirable article for the consumer will always yield good profits.

Bees as a sideline are the most profitable investment on a farm run by two young men still in their early twenties in Peterborough, Co. Ontario. Several years ago a start was made with one or two colonies, and last year the farm boasted 22 colonies. 2,000lbs. of honey were harvested, and a total of \$540 was realised. The cost of operating taken at \$40 for ten days' work and expenses for Queen bees, honey pails and frames amounted to \$45, and so from this sideline \$460 clear profit was obtained. These young men are gradually increasing their holdings of bees and have in mind 100 colonies. It would be well to note that their holdings are increasing as their expense is widened. Slow but sure.

Peel County Ontario District Representative has initiated something new in short courses. At last the women are being taken care of: under a competent instructor a two weeks short course for women is to be held. The subjects covered will be: Food values and cooking, home nursing and decoration, home administration and other subjects pertaining to the work of farm women. The need is obvious, the wonder is that someone has not undertaken the work before.

The original apple tree on which the famous "McIntosh Red" was first found has just died, and the farmers of Dundas County, Ontario, have erected a marble column to mark the site where the parent of one of our finest varieties of apples grew.

The value of experimental farmers is becoming recognised more clearly every year. Experiments usually take a great deal of time and more or less money, and in those parts of Canada where the season is short and labour scarce, the farmer has therefore but little spare time for improving or testing out new varieties of grains and grasses. To the experimental farm belongs the privilege of testing various varieties of all types of plants. In the feeding of animals work is also carried on with feeds available in the locality. Realising their value, Swift Current, Sask., has asked the Dominion Government to establish an experimental farm there, making four in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Prothero, Minister of Agriculture in Great Britain, has advised Canadian farmers that the chilled beef trade is preferable to the shipping of live animals for beef. He also stated that Britain was looking to Canada for large quantities of pork and bacon as the farmers of Britain could not successfully compete with the products of the American Continent on account of the high price of feeds in this country. It looks as if there will be good prospects in life stock in Canada for the next few years to come.

Co-operation is booming in Saskatchewan. Cold storage plants in connection with the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries are arranging to handle and sell co-operatively 1,000,000lbs. of poultry this year, giving an advance to farmers on delivery and final payment after they are marketed.

E. P. Bradt, who has been the Agricultural Representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture for Dundas and West Stormont during the past six years, has been selected to succeed W. R. Rees as Deputy Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick. The New Brunswick Government has made a very wise choice, and we bespeak for the new Deputy the support of those with whom he is to labour in the future.—"The Farmer's Advocate."

Suint is a greasy product found in wool. It contains considerable potash which has never been fully saved. English authorities say that the waste in the Bradford woollen district would provide all the potash needed by English farmers.

Canadian Cemetery at Bonn.

It is over five weeks since the First and Second Canadian Divisions, with the Corps Troops, as certain units and formations not directly linked with the Divisions are known, came into Germany, and in that time there have been only eleven deaths, due to sickness, mostly pneumonia following influenza.

The bodies of our boys who have died in Germany, are buried in the German civilian cemetery in Bonn, in a special plot set apart for Canadians. Arrangements are now complete to locate the graves of every Canadian who has died as a prisoner of war in the territory on both sides of the Rhine, occupied by the Corps and the other British forces. As soon as this is done the remains of the deceased soldiers will be exhumed and re-interred by Canadian chaplains in the cemetery in Bonn.

An indication of the good health of the Canadian forces in Germany may be taken from the small death rate in over five weeks, totalling 11 among, approximately, 60,000 troops.

CANADIANS WIN AT BASEBALL.

An international baseball game was played at Bonn this afternoon, when a picked nine of officers from the Canadian Divisions in Germany and Canadian Corps Headquarters met a team of officers carefully collected from the 3rd American Corps at Coblenz and district. The Canadians were easy winners by a score of 11-4.

The game was played in a diamond adjoining the German Cavalry Barracks in Bonn, and attracted a big crowd of fans. A band played popular tunes during the game.

OFFICERS' CLUB AT BRUSSELS.

An Officers' Club is being organised in Brussels, Belgium, under the auspices of the 4th Canadian Division, providing sleeping accommodation, meals, literary, sports, and tour facilities for officers of the Canadian Corps who may visit Brussels.

Comfortable quarters will be secured in a central point of the city, and it is intended that the Club shall be an attractive meeting place for Canadian officers, as well as providing the usual comforts and recreation of a club at moderate rates. The Canadians who have visited Brussels since the Armistice was signed, have found prices abnormally high, particularly for meals.

Prince Arthur presents Colors.

H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, who has been on the Staff of Canadian Corps Headquarters continuously since the Spring of 1917, is now on leave in England and will not likely return to the Corps. Just before he left he presented the Battalion Colors to the Royal Highlanders of Canada, the 13th Battalion, and to the 14th Battalion, the Victoria Rifles.

Views of the Rhine in Demand.

The demand for books of views of the Rhine and district has been so great since the Allied troops took up their occupation, that the German merchants have sold out their stocks on hand, and the printers are busily employed on new editions. With their native trait for business, the sellers have lifted the prices up three times higher than they were a month ago.