

Live-Stock Shippers' Short Course.

Now that farmers' clubs throughout Ontario are shipping considerable of their live stock co-operatively, it might be interesting to note some of the work that is being done by the National Federation of Co-operative Live-Stock Shippers of the United States. Recently they held a Short Course for managers of the different associations. A resume of the proceedings is given in the following paragraphs, by E. J. Trosper, the organizing secretary:

The first of the series of Short Courses for managers of co-operative live-stock shipping associations under the auspices of the National Federation of Co-operative Live-stock Shippers, and in charge of the Bureau of Markets and State Marketing Specialists was held at St. Louis on November 18, 19, 20.

The morning of the first day was spent in the cattle yards where the buyers of Swift, Armour and Morris explained in detail their reasons for grading cattle and placing on them their bids. Where the cattle were not yet purchased, these buyers, in secret, expressed what they would offer for the cattle, where the cattle would grade and why. A very thorough investigation of the cattle offered was made.

On the afternoon of the second day, the delegates visited the coolers of one of the packers, where it was seen how these beeyes dressed out. By this method, the managers learned the ideas of the various packers, what they wanted to buy and how they graded. The outstanding impression that was to be gained by the delegates was that cattle which many farmers would consider finished were considered only "fair" by the buyers of the packers, and it was almost a waste of money to feed the cattle unless they were thoroughly topped out.

In the afternoon of the first day, Ralph Loomis, College of Agriculture of Missouri, gave a chart talk on methods of accounting and explained as his opinion, that managers should be paid enough that they could make out all statements on shipments, thus relieving the commission men of the necessity of this work.

Wednesday morning the delegates visited the hog and sheep barns, where methods of purchasing were carefully investigated, and on Thursday afternoon, the coolers of the packers were visited, where these hogs were inspected as they dressed out.

Thursday morning the feeder pens were visited, and the expert advice of the commission men on the purchase of feeders was gained. The hog immunizing pens were also visited and the method of immunizing was thoroughly explained.

This Short Course was voted a very pronounced constructive success, and resolutions were adopted to hold Short Courses semi-annually.

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Line fence Dispute.

Fence has been in one place for 13 years and owner pays taxes still. Line is on right line for about 7 chains. Then it runs off about 2 rods from owner. Could the owner have the line changed to right position? This land is used as a roadway, but the owner has not given the man any right of way.

Ontario.

J. S.

Ans.—At this late date, probably not.

Bindweed.

What is the name of the enclosed weed and how can it be gotten rid of? A. S.

Ans.—The weed received at this office is a sample of bindweed, one of the most pernicious of the perennial weeds. While it does not spread rapidly by seed, the multitudinous wire-like roots push their way through the soil and their vitality is so great that they are hard to suppress. With a small patch, it is advisable to smother out by covering deeply with manure or building paper, or else digging out the roots and gathering them up. With a larger patch, thorough cultivation to prevent any green coming to the surface is the only way, and even it may require a couple of years' summer-fallow in order to eradicate the plants.

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Through the courtesy of the Secretary

of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association, a copy of Volume 99 of the Herd Book has been received at this office. It is a particularly well prepared volume of over 1,000 pages, giving a list of the members' names and addresses, the rules of entry, and the pedigrees of animals numbering from 697001 to 727000.

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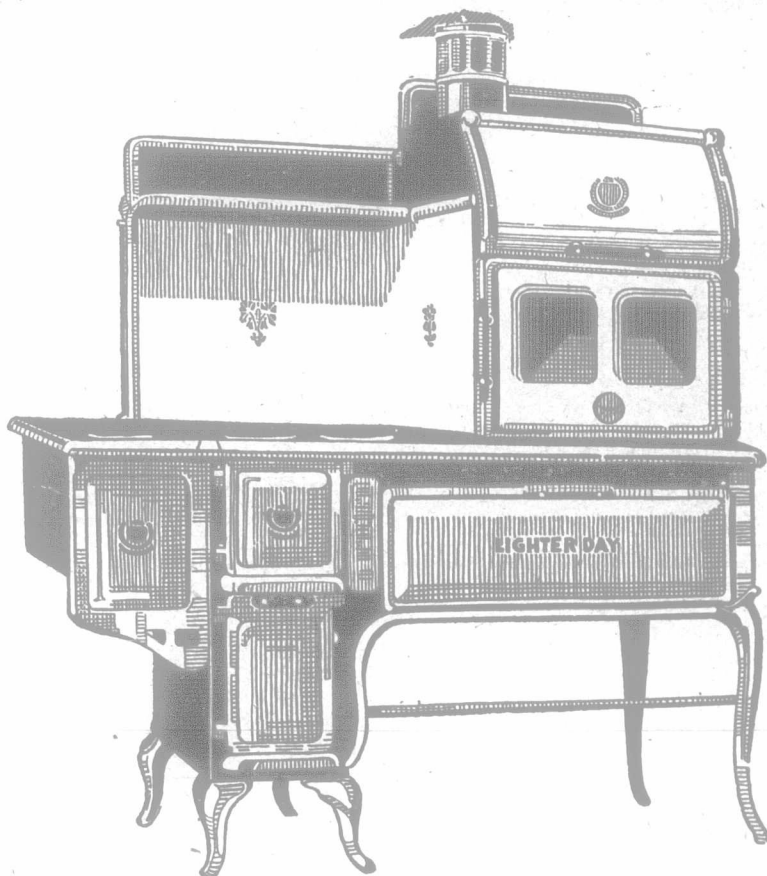
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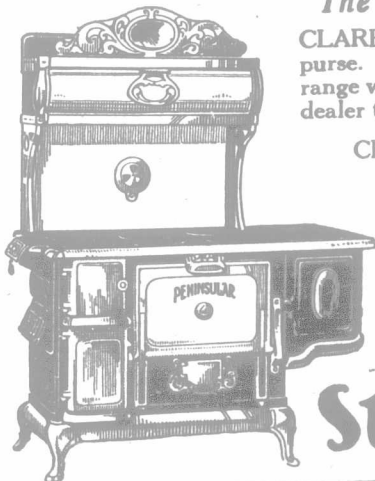
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