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# FARM MANAGEMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED

Start to Be Made in Caledon  
Township October  
First.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Guelph, Sept. 29.—Quite frequently  
during the past few months articles  
have appeared in both the farm and  
daily press regarding the advisability  
of conducting agricultural surveys  
throughout the country, for the purpose  
of determining actual conditions in  
the farming sections. The advocates  
of such a scheme, and, in fact, all per-  
sons interested in agriculture, may  
be interested in knowing that work  
along this line has been started al-  
ready in Ontario. The movement has  
been under consideration for the past  
two or three years, but no appropri-  
ation of funds was made until May,  
1917. The work is controlled by the  
Department of the Ontario Agri-  
cultural College, Mr. A. Leitch being  
the man directly in charge. Actual  
field operations are to be commenced  
on October 1 in Caledon Township,  
Peel County, which area is considered  
typical of the general mixed farming  
sections of the province.

Visit Many Farms.  
From one hundred and fifty to two  
hundred farmers in the district will  
be visited, and with their co-operation,  
a complete record of the business of  
each farm for the twelve months pre-  
ceding October, 1917, will be taken.  
The question blanks to be used by the  
field men deal with every detail of the  
farm business—total acreage owned or  
rented by the operator, acreage under  
crops, cash crops, and all live stock  
on hand at the beginning and end of  
the year, together with purchases and  
sales during the year, current expenses,  
inventory of all farm  
equipment and real estate. Besides  
this, questions dealing with the vari-  
ous phases of the management of the  
farm business are included. None of  
the questions are of such a nature that  
the men interviewed are likely to de-  
cline an answer. The survey will be  
eliminated because it is either particu-  
larly poor or particularly good. All  
kinds are to be included.

From the data so gathered numerous  
conclusions may be drawn. In the  
first place the total farm incomes and  
the labor incomes of the operators will  
be calculated, and an estimate formed  
of the average labor income of the  
farmer under present circumstances.  
Then the factors which have a direct  
bearing upon the income of labor in-  
cluding the cost of living, a hundred  
and fifty or more farms under con-  
sideration the factor of the income of  
labor of the operator will be largely  
eliminated, and the farms will divide  
into classes, determined by outside  
conditions. For example, farms which  
are producing more generally pro-  
fitable, the small farm with a rela-  
tively larger amount of labor or the  
larger farm with a relatively smaller  
amount of labor. Again, the influence  
of capitalization may be determined—  
the relationship to labor income of  
over-capitalization.  
The effects of pure-bred  
stock, the growing of suitable varieties  
of crops, the practicing of a suitable  
rotation, and the use of fertilizers  
may be worked out. As no  
work of this kind has yet been done  
in Canada it is impossible to give  
other than a very brief outline of what  
the data may show.

Cover More Districts.  
As the work progresses representa-  
tives of the more specialized dis-  
tricts will be covered—dairying dis-  
tricts, beef raising districts, fruit  
growing districts, etc. Each section  
will be covered by a different com-  
mittee of the department. In order to  
offset the influence of peculiar weather  
or other conditions upon the returns  
any one year and hence upon the final  
conclusions which will be drawn.  
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# ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER

## AUTUMN SCENES ON ONTARIO FARMS

Directors of fall fairs are in-  
vited to send The World ac-  
counts of the attendance, ex-  
hibits and names of exhibi-  
tors. These will be published  
in the Monday farm section.

## RURAL SCHOOL FAIRS APPRECIATED IN DURHAM

Ten, Held Annually in County,  
Exert Favorable Educational In-  
fluence on the Children.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Bowmanville, Sept. 29.—Ten rural  
school fairs are held in Durham Coun-  
ty annually. They have been very  
successful this year in every place.  
Two in each township usually. Maple  
Grove in South Durham was held  
yesterday with large attendance. G.  
A. Williams B.S.A., district represen-  
tative for Durham, and R. K. Strat-  
ford, assistant, conducted these fairs.  
Norman Burgess is president of the  
Durham Association. The program  
was well carried out. Six schools  
paraded with flags gayly flying, each  
school having a special design, or re-  
gatta for identification. A school yell  
and patriotic song was sung by each  
school. Maple Grove school won first  
prize for marching. Shaw's second  
and Power's third. The exhibits in a  
large tent were very excellent, all  
cooking, flowers, collection of weeds,  
insects, (John Found showed 23 live  
insects, worms, etc., in as many jars  
at work on the vegetables and fruits),  
art, writing, essays, school lunches,  
carpentry, needlework, barn plans and  
the models of machines. Plymouth Rock  
chicks to be shown. Keen interest round  
the stock rings where the school boys  
judged brood mares, colts, dairy cows  
and calves. Dr. F. D. Marsh, Nap-  
les, an expert judge, decided the  
awards and gave a criticism of each  
animal in presence of the public. A  
spectacular display of the school work  
being the largest shown at any fair in  
the county. Another feature of spe-  
cial interest was the public speaking  
contest—seven competitors. Speakers  
all did well, but a young English girl  
won first prize—Constance Seward—  
and five. Elizabeth third, John De-  
laune second. The foot races taken  
part in by children, teachers and  
trustees created great amusement.  
Spectators declared the school fair a  
great object lesson and education for  
the rural children.

## SELL YOUR SPARE HORSES.

We have a market for all classes of  
horses, as well as all ages, from foals  
to aged mares or geldings. If you  
have anything in the line of horses  
which you can do without or do not  
wish to feed until old enough for the  
market, we can give you a prompt  
and satisfactory return. We sell  
by private sale every day and by  
auction every Wednesday. Our com-  
mission is 5 per cent. per head con-  
sidering and cost of selling. Our charges  
for care and feeding are 40 cents per  
day. Horses are seldom here longer  
than three days, and are often sold  
on day of arrival.

If you are not within driving dis-  
tance of our stables you may ship on  
any railway to Union Stock Yards,  
West Toronto, preferably on Satur-  
day.

Write us for entry form, which will  
show the information we would like.  
The more particulars you are able to  
give us the better.

Remember this—Horses not in use are  
costing you money and labor. If prop-  
erly attended to, so that in selling  
you are very often ahead in the long  
run.

At present there is an unlimited  
demand for extra good heavy horses  
weighing 1450 pounds to 1650 pounds  
or over at private sale as well as at  
auction.

We assure you that if you should  
entrust us with your business in this  
line we shall give you our best per-  
formance.

Particulars of horses being sent to  
us for Wednesday's sale should reach  
us not later than Friday morning so  
that they may be advertised in Sat-  
urday morning papers.

Yours very truly,  
Union Stock Yards of Toronto,  
regd. and licd. Limited.

Walter Harland Smith,  
Manager Horse Department.

## POTATOES FROM PEELINGS.

Prof Ward left at our office a potato  
weighing twelve ounces, which was grown  
from a peeling. This is proof positive  
that it is not necessary to plant whole  
potatoes nor even halves to get return.  
A lot of people tried the scheme this  
year of planting only the peelings, and  
they have good crops. Mr. Ward says  
he has picked as many as fifty potatoes  
from one hill—Review.

## CLAREMONT.

Chas. Sargent sent his new tractor  
and engine box at John Scott's on Tues-  
day, and will be kept busy during the rest  
of the season.

## PICKERING.

L. D. Banks sold his three-year-old  
filly to W. Conner of Stouffville one day  
last week.  
A large tractor arrived in Pickering for  
use on the Kingston road last week. The  
equipment for the improvement of this  
road is now about completed.

## THE MARKET PROBLEM

SEND IN YOUR OPINIONS.  
The editor will welcome any suggestions you may have to offer in  
regard to the market problem.

This is a public matter of the most pressing importance.  
Do not neglect your opportunity for service. There are many vital  
questions to be answered concerning market conditions.

"What are your purposes and desires in regard to the food problem?"  
"Does the producer secure full value for produce sold?"  
"Are our methods of transportation good? Transportation is a  
very important factor; does it interest you?"

"Are our roads in good condition?"  
"Do the railways co-operate with the producer in all respects?"  
"Is the location of the market place adequate to meet the demands  
of the exhibitor?"

"What is the best method for grading and packing products for  
the market?"

These are a few questions to meditate over. Let us hear the voice  
of the producer.

## WANTED

Large Hens  
Poultry of all kinds. Write for Price List.  
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News of the Crops and Farms From All Parts  
of Ontario.

## THE AUCTION SALE; ITS RELIABILITY

An Old Ontario Auctioneer  
Outlines its Functions  
and Effects.

## ABUSE OF PRIVILEGES

Legislation Considered Desir-  
able to Satisfactorily Pro-  
tect Buyer and Seller.

By "Auction."  
Publicly disposing of property by  
auction sale in a method which has  
been in use for many years as a legal  
method of getting the market price  
for any article.

In order to carry out the transac-  
tion in an equitable manner, however,  
every possible means of making the  
value known to the public must be re-  
sorted to. If the auctioneer is anxious  
to get full value for the goods he is to  
sell, he must make every effort to let  
the people know (1) what he is going  
to sell (2) where he is going to sell  
to (3) when it is to be sold. If this  
is thoroughly attended to the work  
of the auctioneer is simplified and the  
owner of the property may feel that  
the price he gets is a fair price being  
paid.

Many auctioneers have abused their  
privileges to such an extent that the  
business has been discredited, and so  
it is becoming more difficult to con-  
duct successful regular sales of mer-  
chandise.

Reasons for Selling by Auction.  
To legalize the sale and satisfy in-  
terested parties, that there is no pos-  
sible chance of any bribery or cor-  
ruption, and that the best possible  
price has been obtained.

To dispose of large quantities of  
goods in a short time in order to close  
out estates or to liquidate a business,  
otherwise might hang fire for months  
or years waiting for private sale.

To dispose of the annual accumula-  
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