

THE ACADIAN.

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Wheat Growing.

Written by request of M. Cummings.
The correspondence coming to the Agricultural College indicates that many farmers are planning to raise more wheat than usual the coming season. Although this is in line with the recommendations of our agricultural experts it should be noted that there is a very grave chance for disappointment to those who are not accustomed to raising wheat and who do not inform themselves properly concerning the requirements of this important crop.

On low land, or any land in a wet fall, a large part of the wheat will be too soft for milling purposes. It should, therefore, be planted on as dry ground as possible, but not necessarily on light soil as well drained heavy soil is excellent for wheat. The land must be fairly rich as wheat requires better land to produce a paying crop than does oats. Furthermore wheat requires soil in better till than for oats, and should therefore be put where roots or potatoes were raised last year. Early seeding is of prime importance. The wheat should be the first seed in the ground in the spring in order to give it as long a season as possible and insure well ripened grain in the fall. If put on sod land extra care must be taken to secure a good seed bed by thorough cultivation. The land on which roots were grown last year will work up to a fine seed bed and will generally contain more plant food than the sod land. The addition of three or four hundred pounds of slag, acid phosphate, or bone meal to such land will do all that is necessary to insure a good crop.

The sod land will probably need six or eight hundred pounds of a good fertilizer, or in many cases it would pay better to use from one to two hundred pounds of nitrate of soda and 500 to 800 of acid phosphate, slag or bone meal per acre, and let the plow go, as it cannot be obtained this year except at prohibitive prices.

If some barnyard manure is used it may be supplemented with four to eight hundred pounds of acid phosphate, slag or bone meal without using any nitrate.

Wheat furnishes excellent conditions for seeding land to grass and clover and has some advantages over oats in this respect.

The best varieties are Red Pife and White Russian. The Marquis may be used where early ripening is essential but has not done as well as the other two in general. Seed may be scarce this spring, but if anyone wishes to put in wheat cannot obtain what they need we will do our best to locate seed for them if they will let us know what they want within the week.

The seed should be treated for smut by the following method:—Soak the bags of wheat in a solution of one pint of formalin to 50 gallons of water for 30 minutes; lift the bags out and let them drain a few minutes, and then spread the wheat out in the sun or on the floor in a room where there is some heat, stir frequently with a shovel and dry thoroughly and put back into the bags that were soaked in the formalin. Wash out the seed drill with some of the solution. This treatment should kill the spores of stinking smut, and should be done only a day or two before seeding.

Use from one and a half to two bushels of seed per acre.

JOHN M. TRUMAN,
Agricultural College, Truro, N. S.

Freshmen Athanæum.

An interesting entertainment took place in College Hall on Saturday evening last, when the class of 1915 entertained the Athanæum society in general and the class of 1917 in particular. The program, which was in the form of a copy of the college paper, was characterized by original hits upon the various members of the student body.

The editorials were four in number dealing with various episodes of the college year. During the second feature of the program, an original stump speech, a young pig made its way to the platform from the ranks of the Sophomore class. It did not long usurp the platform from the speaker, who, when order had been restored, delighted the audience by asking if this were another member of the class of 1917.

The 'Battle of Wolfville' depicted the brave deeds of Freshmen under trying circumstances, and the 'Vision' told in plain terms the future of many prominent members of the class of 1917.

After a few other numbers the evening closed with a show of mutual good feeling between the classes.

Teething Time Troubles.

Baby's teething time is a period of anxiety for mothers unless baby's stomach is kept sweet and his bowels regular. Mother medicine has been found to be useless during teething time as Baby's Own Tablets, they make teething painless and by their use baby gets his teeth so easily that the mother scarcely knows they are coming. Knowingly the Tablets, Mrs. F. Giddens, Nelson, S. C., writes: 'Baby's Own Tablets are a mother's greatest help during the teething period. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 10 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.'

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Paupers and Lunatics.

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN:
Since my letter in the 'Advertiser' on above subject about the first of the year I have gathered much more information and wish to give it the wide publicity it deserves.

At the meeting of the Municipal Council on January the Warden and some others spoke very strongly in favor of considering the amalgamation of our township poor houses, and a committee was appointed to investigate and hold public meetings. As the Cornwallis house is soon due to fall down the time is opportune. The Warden also stated that our yearly lunatic bill was already over \$4000 and rapidly going higher. As this is about forty per cent. of the taxes ordinarily collected by the county, it is, you will admit, time to be doing something.

'Kings' is the only county in the province with township poor houses. Four counties are divided into two municipalities each, mainly for religious and racial reasons as far as I can find out.

Two of our township plants have so few inmates that the expense per head is from fifty to seventy five per cent. more than it should be. Amalgamation ought to save us a considerable sum of money each year. It would give us a chance to build large enough to care for paupers from Wolfville and Kentville which are now farmed out. This would be to our mutual advantage and place us in line with the practice of many other counties and towns. Amalgamation would also do away with the conflicting interests between townships and county in lunatic question. Finally such a union should give us an institution we could be proud of. No body is proud of our present concerns and the inevitable result is plainly seen. Annapolis county is proud of her institutions; the people have the habit of visiting them and the Inspector's report says these plants are a credit to the county. In Kings hardly anyone knows or cares about our public institutions and the natural result is we have come to be ashamed of.

Unfortunately Horton and Aylesford are semi comfortable and are so afraid that an amalgamated poor house will be put in a corner of the county that there is likely to be a strong opposition in these two townships. On this account it is also utterly necessary for the public to take a definite stand that if anything is done the situation of the county house must be within the limits of the shire town of Kentville and where light, water and sewerage may be had.

If nothing is done with the present system the lunatic case will not be so easily disposed of. Kings has no asylum for the harmless insane. Two are kept at Horton poor farm for \$182.00 per year. The rest, an even \$0 at last accounts, are kept, 37 at New River. Total yearly bill will be about \$9,800, including clothing.

Ten counties in N. S. take care of about three quarters of their insane at an expense of which the following may be taken as samples: Annapolis, 50 at \$1.75 each per week; Antigonish, 41 at \$1.54; Colchester, 66 at \$1.50; Cumberland, 44 at \$1.24. Each of the first three counties keep about 12 acute cases at Mt. Hope at an average rate of \$4.00 per week each. Cumberland with double the population has 24 at the same place. Richmond county has 28 lunatics at home and her last year's bill at Mt. Hope was \$4,621. Annapolis, in a building costing \$1,000, keeps 30 county insane and so boards at a yearly expense of \$4,500. Income from boarders \$3,000. Net charge to county \$1,500!

Pictou has the most expensive county asylum I have yet discovered; but even there they keep 50 county patients at home and 17 at Dartmouth, a total of 76, and their annual expense is only \$8,500. Compare this with our bill of nearly \$10,000 for only 52 lunatics. Kings has the largest bill for insane at Mt. Hope, population considered, of any county in the province. Lunenburg, Guysboro and West Hants are about the only municipalities we are fit to keep company with.

Some seem to imagine that we have such a violent class of insane that the Mt. Hope item of expense is unavoidable. I am prepared to state positively on information furnished by the authorities that our county (towns included) has today at least 40 harmless insane which are suitable for care in a county asylum.

I wish every person in the county could have heard a woman's indictment of our public spirit the evening after the body of her husband was carried to the grave from Horton Poor House, where he had been for a few short months.

'Oh, why did we leave Scotland! This is a beautiful country, far more so than even our bonnie land. This county is rich beyond anything we knew at home. You prosper but you have no public spirit. You murder people by your criminal indifference. You care nothing about your public institutions. You never go to them if you can help it. You are too busy and don't want to bother. If we do not get an encouragement, if we do not see you know nothing and apparently care nothing. All we need is that expense be kept down!'

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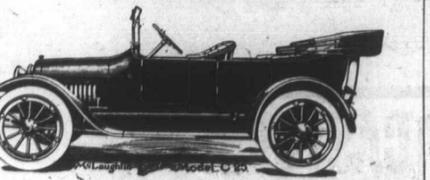
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