

COUNTRY NOTES AND PRICES

GLENGARRY COUNTY

Marville—Pastures have been fine but are now beginning to feel the drought. Cows are looking fair, but everything needs rain. The weather has been very dry and fine. Milch cows \$50 to \$60 each; calves, \$2 to \$5; beef, 4 to 6 c.; hogs, \$6; hens, 60¢ a pr.; Potatoes, 25¢ a bu.; 75¢ a bag; fresh eggs, 15¢ a doz.; creamery butter, 25¢ a lb.; rolls, 25¢; prints, 50¢; colored cheese, 11 to 15¢; Timothy hay, \$14 a ton; mixed, \$12; baled straw, \$5; bran, \$24; middlings, 35¢; oats, 5¢ a bu.; barley, 65¢—A. B. York.

CARLETON COUNTY, ONT.

Mervale—Pastures are in excellent condition—the best in many years. Crops are about three weeks later than usual. The weather has been very dry and windy. A good shower is needed very much at the present time as the hay is about at hand and it would not be good to be so good as was expected earlier in the season. The late-sown grains also need rain badly as a good deal of the land was somewhat wet when sown and consequently is pretty dry and hard at present. The markets are considerably lower all round. Potatoes, 70¢ a bu.; carrots, 20¢; turnips, 30¢; fresh eggs, 10¢ to 12¢ a doz.; creamery butter, 25¢ to 30¢; prints, 30¢ to 35¢; colored cheese, 12¢; Timothy hay, \$15 a ton; mixed \$10 to \$12; baled straw, \$7; loam \$6 to \$7; bran \$25; middlings \$25; oats, 40¢ to 50¢ a bu.; barley, 75¢ a ton. 11. Milch cows, \$35 to \$50 each; calves, \$3 to \$7; beef, 5¢ a lb.; hogs, 10¢; exports, 25¢ to 30¢; hogs, 60¢ a pr.; lamb, 50¢ to 75¢; chickens, \$1 to \$1.50 a pr.; hens, 80¢ to \$1.25—O. B.

FRONTENAC COUNTY, ONT.

Elginburg—Pastures are very dry and are beginning to fail. Crops are looking well but in need of rain. Weather is very dry and warm. Larger quantities of corn are being planted this year and all will be out to feed and next winter. Potatoes, \$1.10 a bag; fresh eggs, 20¢ a doz.; creamery butter, 25¢ a lb.; prints, 30¢; colored cheese, 15 to 18¢; Timothy hay, \$15 a ton; mixed, \$14; baled straw, \$8; bran, \$22.50; middlings, \$24.50; oats, 50¢ a bu.; corn, 10¢; milk cows, \$25 to \$30; hogs, \$5 a lb.; hogs, 10¢; chickens, \$1 a pr.; hens, \$1.25—J. K.

EAST PETERBORO CO., ONT.

That there should be more interest and more enthusiasm as well as more members in connection with the East Peterboro Farmers' Institute was the unanimous opinion of the members and directors present at their annual meeting at Yorkport on June 22nd. The president, Mr. Birdall, after the minutes of last meeting were read, said, "The membership of the institute was not what it should be. There was a great deal of interest on the part of those whom the institute should benefit and unless more members could be obtained that had been secured to date, it would be hard to get funds to keep the institute going."

The president called upon Mr. T. G. Raynor of the Seed Dept. of Ottawa, who the speaker for the day, gave some suggestions as to how they could build up a stronger institute in East Peterboro. Mr. Raynor accordingly tendered the following suggestions: (1) The institute should get directors who would work, who were enthusiastic. Bright young men that would get out and hustle for the institute should have a place on the directorate. (2) It was a good practice to send small slips to prospective members who might appreciate the literature and the advantages which the institute affords. A return slip with a place in it for a \$5 coupon sent out in this way was of great service in bringing in new members, and had worked out to advantage in some districts. (3) In order to get enthusiasm up, it was necessary to get people talking about the meeting. By getting your neighbors interested in the institute meetings and by personal canvass, a helpful enthusiasm could be worked up which would be found to considerably augment the membership.

The officers of the old institute were re-elected, with one exception, Mr. H. H. H. of Warraway, being elected vice-president. It was decided to hold the regular meetings of the institute for the coming season the same as last year at Keene and Warraway. At the close of the annual meeting, Mr. Raynor went fully into the

subject of noxious weeds and their eradication, having before him on the table, a large collection of weeds selected in the immediate vicinity of Newwood. A great interest was taken by all present in the discussion of this very important subject—the eradication of weeds. A report of Mr. Raynor's address will be found on another page of this issue.

WEST PETERBORO CO.

The agricultural society of West Peterboro on Thursday last ran a very enjoyable excursion in connection with their annual picnic to the vicinity of Newwood. A large number of people took advantage of this occasion to spend a holiday. Peterboro was represented. The agricultural society were honored in having present with them Mr. J. Leslie Wilson, Sup't. of Parks and Exhibitions for Ontario, and Mr. Burnham, of Peterboro, who delivered inspiring addresses during the course of the afternoon.

MANITOULIN ISLAND, ONT.

Owing to the fact that grasshoppers destroyed the crop last season, a very large number of cows were sold off on the winter set in. As a result, the cow population is too small to permit of operating my creamery this season. The crop this season is looking much better than last but grasshoppers are hatching out in great numbers than ever and we scarcely know just what they are going to do. If the weather keeps damp and cool, it will prove a set-back to the pests and at the same time hasten along the crops.

The weather has been all that could be desired so far and hay and grain are doing well. More potatoes are being planted than last season. More peas are also being sown. These two crops were not injured by the grasshoppers last season. We feel that hay will not be so scarce as it was a year ago. It has a good start now ahead of the grasshoppers. There is a great demand for corn for planting. From present appearance it looks as if twice the amount of corn will be planted this summer as was planted last.

CHILLIWICK, B. C.

We had a wet, cold April. Seeding, except on a few wet dried farms, is very late. About all the seeding was finished by the 15th of May in this locality. The pastures were never better and the prospects for all the hay crops are very good. All the crops are looking well except mangels and turnips, the former has been troubled with flea-beetle and the latter with a little white maggot. We have just commenced cutting clover and putting it

green in the stock for silage. Our ensilage corn of the Longellow variety planted 15th of May is doing well and promises a heavy crop.—A. C. Wells.

GOSSIP

The Morrisstown herd of Tamworth owned by Chas. Currie, Morrisstown, Ont., to over 100 head now, 26 of which are brood sows. Some of these are bred by Mr. Hallman's imp. boar Knowle King David. An imp. son of Knowle Sittana is being used on the younger stock. This herd has been very successful when shown at the larger exhibitions. Among other prizes won at Toronto was 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the class under 12 months on sows, all of these prize-winners are still in the herd.

Mr. Currie has been breeding large Yorkshires also. He has come to the conclusion, however, that one breed is enough on one farm, and is therefore planning his faith to the Tamworth. As a consequence, he has a few Yorkshires to dispose of. Among them are some imported ones bred by the Earl of Rosbery. Mr. Currie has good stock on hand at all times for sale, and will meet you at or near, C.P.R. or Guelph, G.T.R., by appointment.

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