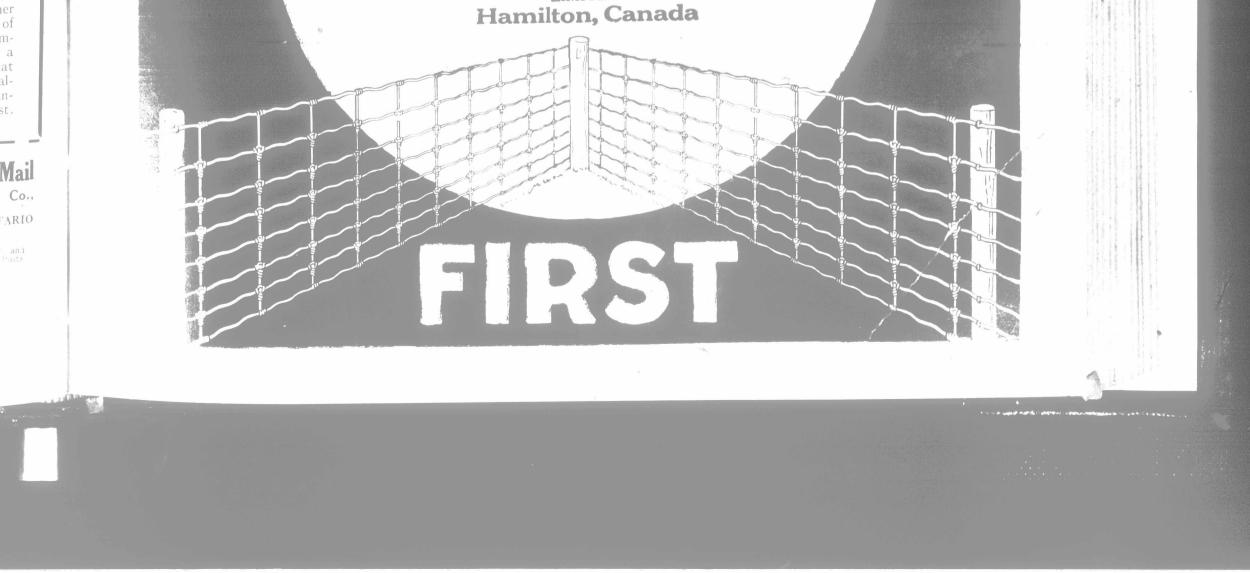


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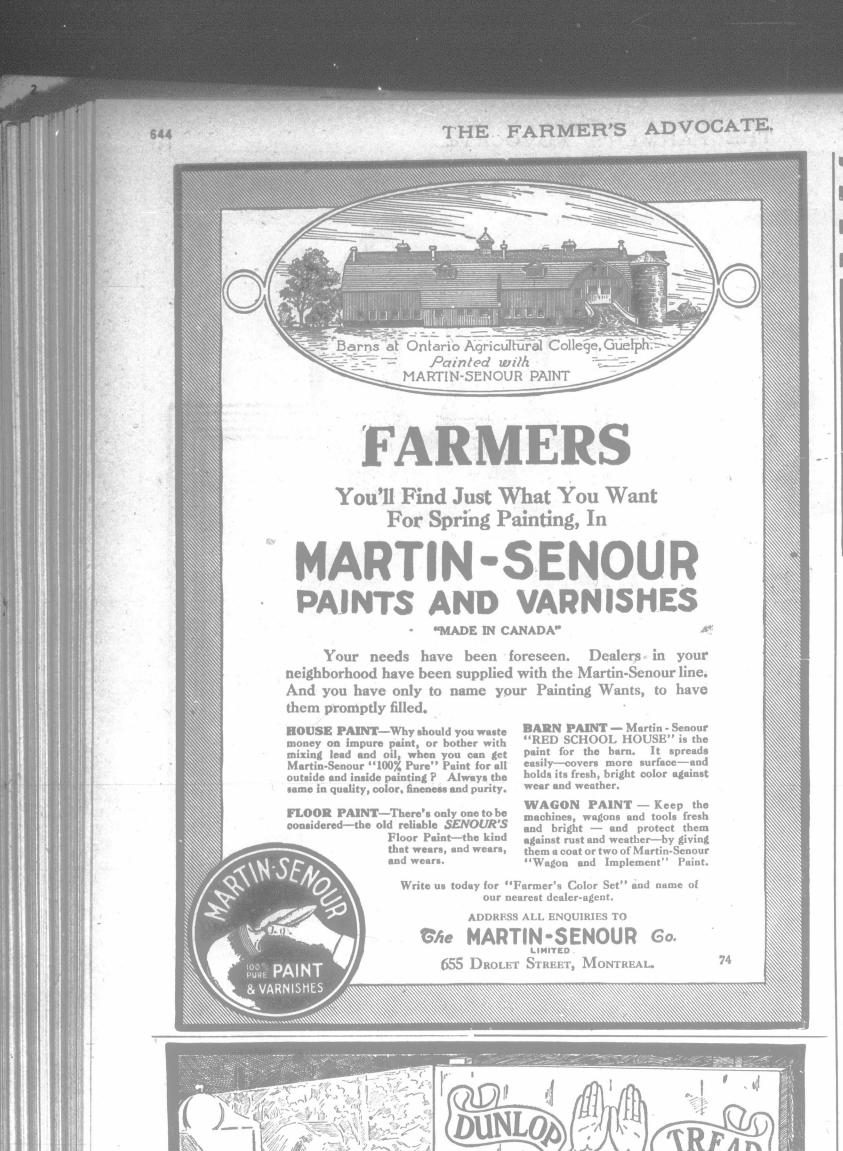
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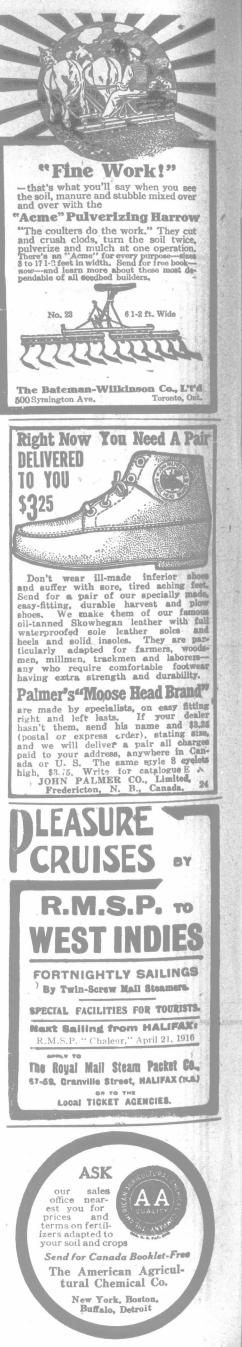
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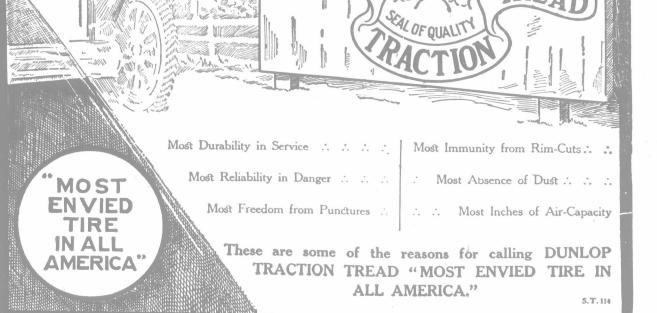
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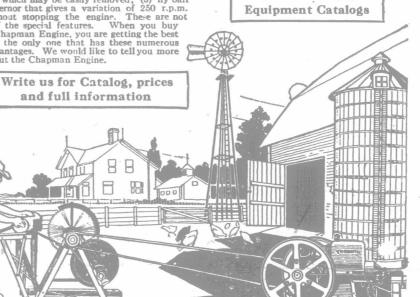
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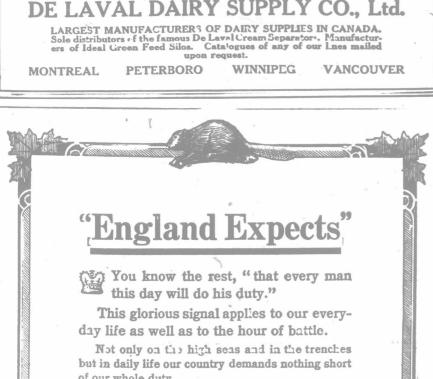
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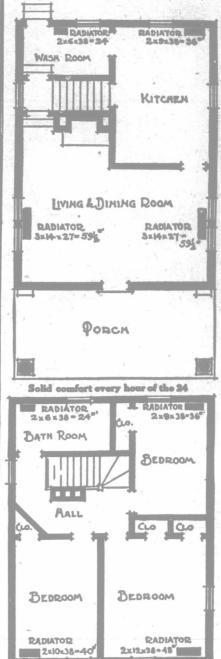
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If in doubt, cultivate and harrow again.

Collars which fit are preferable to large collars with oads.

Save plenty of land for, corn. It is the feed producer.

Prevention of sore shoulders is better than attempts to cure.

There are slackers who shirk work as well as the uniform.

Some seem to welcome investigation and some abhor it.

Plant a tree—better, plant trees around the buildings and the farm fences.

A clean-up of the yards and surroundings of farm **buildings** is in order.

Blocked—the one word which represents the condition of German arms.

Up early, and at it late! But who does not enjoy the spring with its farm work?

Cattle in the barnyard as much as possible these fine days means fewer chores.

Sow some mixed grain for feed. One bushel of barley and one of oats makes a heavy yielder.

Fear of the light of public opinion on the part of public men is never reassuring to the people.

In sowing, check up on the drill occasionally, to be sure that the proper amount of seed is going on.

Increase the grain ration steadily as the horses go to work. Do not over-feed the over-tired horse.

Put a little more pressure on the cultivator or disks. There is nothing like a deep, mellow seed bed.

See that the plow, the cultivator teeth and disks

#### LONDON, ONTARIO, APRIL 13, 1916.

#### "It Is War."

"I do not think you would find an officer of the German navy or army who would willingly participate in the killing of women and children. Women and children become the victims of our operations, but not because we kill them intentionally. It is war."

The commander of a German air craft-Zeppelinrecently brought down to the Thames River and captured, is reported as making, among others, the foregoing absurd statement. He stated that the purpose of the raids was to damage and destroy British munition factories, warships, docks, etc., and not to molest the peaceful lives of non-combatants. Such statements as this, made right in the midst of raids on the innocents, surely give the lie to the raider. It is said that hostile aircraft flying over Britain travel at a height of from 3,000 to 9,000 feet, and the commander who made this statement is reported as saying that if they did not fly over 5,000 feet high they would never reach England. The ridiculousness of stating that the commanders and occupants of these machines would not willingly kill women and children is apparent when we consider how difficult airmen have found it to drop bombs accurately when flying much lower than the heights mentioned. Places other than fortified piers, docks or munition factories suffer, and with them, defenceless and innocent women and child-Another officer of the crew of this air ship ren. stated that in flying over England he knew right where he was all the time. Bombs from the machine doubtless added to the death roll of non-combatants reported after the raid. If he knew, why did he drop the bombs where he did when unwilling to kill? Can it be that these men are unwilling and are driven to it by the war lord and his militarists at home? We fear that, while the iron hand is exerted, all too many Germans are willing to hide behind such statements as, "it is war," and go a-killing whomsoever they can. Oh no, Mr. Zep or Sub Commander the world will never believe you and your mad Emperor unwilling to kill non-combatants, women and children while your horrible and hellish campaign of frightfulness which does not frighten goes on. The world will, however, always hold such practices against you, and the thoughts of what "it is war" means should, in the end, assure permanent future peace.

#### Conserve Time.

The one thing which is this year more than ever before occupying the minds of farmers is the conservation of time. The hired men and the sons of farmers have enlisted, and the owner or tenant has his 100, 150 or 200 acres pretty much on his hands. He will surely be his own boss this year, but he will have to be his own hired man as well. The most important consideration this year will be to save time. Our Government is trying to encourage patriotic thrift. The best place for the farmer to start is in a system of managing his farm work to save his time, so that he may in so far as possible and with as little overexertion as possible accomplish more this year. As a general rule the farmer does not value his time as highly as he should. He is inclined to put a laborer's wage valuation on his time, whereas he should think of it in the same light as a business man or professional man does of his. Every minute saved and used intelligently, or, as an American writer puts it, intellectually, means thrift, means greater accomplishment and higher returns. The man on the farm who can, this year, so systematize his work, can harness more horses to wider implements and machinery, can bring into use labor-saving devices so that these things may assist him to do the work of two men without increasing his hours, will be "saving time."

#### War Wastage.

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It was recently announced that up to the end of February Canada had raised an army of 290,000, and that since the war began the wastage among the Cast adian troops from all causes totalled 43,700. Of course, it must be remembered that almost exactly half this wastage was due to other causes than those generally listed as casualties. Up to that time casualties from all causes numbered 22,000, and wastage from other defects 21,700. Canada has paid out, to the end of February, \$187,000,000 as a direct result of the war, and just a few days ago the Government made plans to provide \$250,000,000 more for way purposes. These figures are of interest to Canadianbecause they represent in no uncertain terms Canada's share in the war to date. At the time these figures were compiled Canada had 112,000 troops in Great Britain, or at the front, and 136,000 in training in this country.-We hear a great deal about way wastage and war costs, but the figures show that 15 per cent. of the men enlisted in this country since war broke out are now out of action for some reason or other. Of course, a very small percentage have been killed or have died of wounds, but the figures go to show that enlistment must be maintained at a rapid rate if the army already raised is to be kept up to strength, and must be speeded up if Canada is to, in the very near future, boast of an army of 500,000 men which it has been the aim of the Militia Department of our Government to reach. Such figures only serve to strengthen the argument that we should have some system of recruiting in this country.

#### More Corn-More Feed-Less Work.

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are clean. Gummed-up implements draw hard and do poor work.

If possible, keep the stables cool. Fattening stock suffer in close, ill-ventilated stables at this season, even more than later on.

The Kaiser should remember that Verdun is not all the Allies' line and save some of his men to be destroyed at other places.

Saving a few dollars by sowing poor seed may mean the loss of many times the amount in the value of the crop produced.

There is nothing to be gained by allowing the stock to roam over the fields at this season. Give the grass and the fences a chance.

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that fewer roots be sown and an increased acreage of corn be used to take their place. We believe that the farmer will be called upon to solve his own labor problem, and he might as well start early in the season by planting crops that will do away with as much of the hand labor as possible, and which may be fed on his own place next winter to the best advantage, entailing very little extra work.

#### Insinuations, Charges, Investigations.

During the past few years, and more particularly suite recently, Canadian politics have been one seething mess of insinuations, charges and investigations, with an occasional conviction. Since the war broke Jut, even though there is a so-called political truce between the two parties, the mire has deepened and been nore thoroughly raked until almost every issue of every daily paper carries a report of some insinuacion against some politician or party; occasionally a :harge is made, and less frequently an investigation e held. Canada has no time for insinuations. If a direct charge cannot be made on which to base action why parley? Insinuation is unfair to all. If nyone has just and sufficient grounds for making harges, then, if such charges be in the interests of the public they should be fully investigated, and, if proven, proper punishment meted out to the offenders. It is time to stop heckling. If there are grounds for investigations let us have them. If not, somebody should stop insinuating. If there has been graft let him who knows of it lay a direct charge, let the evitence be taken and if sufficient to convict, the law should take its course. There is a difference between nsinuations and charges. Insinuation is the weapon of the coward who hopes to profit by swaying public ppinion against his opponent. The direct charge is used by the fearless statesman who stands out boldly In the interest of the people. Investigation is the medium by which the accused is exonerated or conricted. If charges are made both sides should welcome in investigation. Properly conducted, it clears the air. If the charges are groundless no person should be alled upon to have them overhauling his record. If there has been just ground for making them then both parties would benefit by a thorough investigation. Let politicians forget insinuation, make charges only when sure of their ground, and then investigate promptly.

#### Central Aid to Agricultural Cooperation.

During the past few weeks "The Farmer's Advocate" has been giving its readers a few articles, intended to direct their thought toward the best form of co-operation to be inaugurated and practiced in agricultural Canada, and has endeavored to point out a few of the things which seem essential to success. There are at the present time a large number of 'Farmers' Clubs, Fruit Growers' Associations, and other more or less co-operative organizations of farmers in this country. Some of these are on the right basis, and some we fear are not. Assuming that a number of them are working in the best interests of agricultural co-operation and consequently in their own best interests, and in the promotion of agriculture generally, can they do the full measure of their work successfully without some central controlling body? We agree that they may be able to do considerable business in their own local organization, and that the local organization may seem at first the cure for most of the ills of the agricultural community around about, but as time goes on there will surely be found something lacking. The organization may be especially interested in the sale of fruit. Why not then have some direct means of selling a great deal of this fruit to the organizations in other parts where fruit cannot be grown to as good advantage? The same is true of corn. Ontario has only one feal seed corn belt, and from it the seed for the rest of the Province should be purchased. Some organizations are especially favorably situated to deal in seed oats, others in seed barley and so on. And then when it comes to the purchase of supplies the larger the order the better the price, so that a central organization seems to be almost invaluable, and is certainly necessary to the best success of co-operation in any district or province.

There is only one thing which we wish to point out in connection with the central which has not already been included in articles recently published. To do the best work the central must be representative of the local organizations. and must secure, to do its business, men of sufficiently large calibre in a business way to handle the affairs of a provincial agricultural organization of the magnitude which it will surely reach, if properly handled. Such men are not plentiful, particularly in the farming community, because most farmers in these days are so very busy with their own affairs that they have not the time to put on the business of the organization. It is necessary for this central work to get men who have the proper agricultural point of view obtainable only through farm experience. In short, some practical business farmer must be hired at a wage sufficient to pay him to give up his farming operations and attend to the business of the organization, or some business man, born and raised on the farm, and so once a farmer himself must be engaged.

We have simply attempted a short outline of the essentials to success in agricultural co-operation, and hope that the few articles published may lead those interested in the work, and others who have not taken active part, to take hold with vigor, determination, and confidence, and push agricultural co-operation in this country forward to the success which awaits it.

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in or being shipped out. This is a method which in various forms has been largely employed everywhere It was conspicuous in 18th-century France. It provide a considerable revenue with certainty and despately But note its effects. Those living at a distance from the railway station not only have to face the disability of the long haul, but the added disability of contributing a fixed percentage of their gross product, which is a higher percentage of their net product than in the case of those living near by. Moreover, they cannot share the advantages of the collective undertakings-for example, school—to the same extent as can those near the community centre. They are thus placed under a number of serious disabilities by the incidence of the species of taxation, and constant pressure will be exerted upon them to move to the centre of population where the more favored ones live in greater opulence. The appropriation of the Rent by individuals, and the placing of the burden of taxation upon those least able to bear it both combine to create a class of social parasite and to discourage all industry. But if, on the other hand, the Rent is appropriated by the community for social purposes, no injustice is done to any individual and a fund is secured which increases naturally with the growth of the community, and therefore with the social needs of that community. Here, it seems to me, is the key to the solution of the problem of distribution least in so far as political economy is concerned. It is that view from the mountain top which will enable up to enter the industrial jungle with some hope of exploring its depths without getting lost; it contains an ideal which will ever guide and inspire, because it is founded upon justice and not upon expediency. We should test it out in this direction and in that, apply it where possible, study, discuss and agitate; for, as the problem of production has been fairly satisfactorily worked out in the 19th century, the problem of distribution remain to be worked out in this the 20th century.

In a few succeeding letters I shall try to apply the principles to some of the perplexing questions of the day, with no hope of being exhaustive in treatment or generally convincing in argument, but with the hope that my readers may see that there are some funda mental truths which may illuminate the baffling problem of the day, and become in that way an ever present help in times of trouble. Brant, Co., Ont.

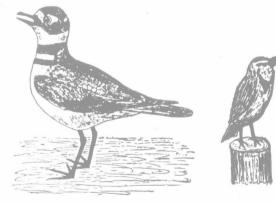
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#### Nature's Diary.

#### A. B. KLUGH, M. A.

The goddess of Spring has waved her magic wandthe grip of the ice-king is broken, the rivers are unloosed a tinge of red runs along the Soft Maples-the red of bursting buds, the gray-coated "pussies" appear on the Willows, the Bluebird gladly carols from the air and the Song Sparrow as gladly answers from the bushes.

Spring is the season of resurrection, the season of youth, old age, death and decay have no appropriate place in the scheme of vernal things. Those who are on each returning spring filled with the spirit of the season do not ever really grow old, they are born again each year. For old age is not a matter of having lived for a certain number of years, of stiffening joints, of hardening arteries, or of wrinkles-it is an attitude of



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## Studies in Political Economy-VI.

Returning again to our simple Western community. In the beginning the first settler must do' everything for himself that he and his family require. He must provide food and clothing, shelter and amusement, instruction and recreation. But, as one settler after another is added, it becomes possible to undertake some work collectively. There arrives a time when a school is built and a teacher engaged. In time a church will be erected. By and by the supply of water and light will be undertaken by the town or city. Municipal government will be established. Roads and bridges will be built by joint effort. Telephone systems will be established. Now, all these and similar joint undertakings which are characteristic of organized society, must be provided for by a common fund, the expenditure of which is directed by officials of the community. This common fund is provided by taxation, which must become increasingly heavy as the social organism grows in complexity and as more and more of what were once individual obligations become social obligations. How is this taxation to be levied? There are many ways. Let us suppose that the officials of the community decided to erect a barrier around the railway station and take a percentage of all commodities either coming

mind. Just as soon as a man says "I know all that" is worth knowing everything is dull, stale and flat and there is nothing new under the sun" he is old, whether he be twenty, forty, or eighty. But when a man say "I know some few things, but the things I know are a mere drop in the bucket compared with the things don't know, and there are all sorts of interesting problem around me waiting a solution" he is young, no matter Thus it is that how many years he may have seen. the true lover of nature never grows old, the world is to him a beautiful world, a world full of interest and unsolved problems, and each spring gives him a new lease of life and opens up new opportunities to investi gate these problems.

The Prairie Horned Lark now sits on an upturned clod in the field or on the top of a fence-post and utter its rather squeaky song, or rises in the air and gives vent to a far more melodious ditty. This species is one of those grayish-colored, ground-haunting birds which are commonly grouped together under the general term of "graybirds". It can be distinguished from any other species by the black band on the upper part of the breast. The "horns" which give the bird its name are tufts of black feathers at the side of the head. When they are areated, they furnish a cred identification they are erected they furnish a good identification mark, but they are often laid so flat against the head as to be hard to discern. This bird is one of those species which have come into Ontario in comparatively recent

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years, being first noticed in 1868. It came in from the West and as the province has become more and more cleared the population of this species has greatly increased.

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Increased. Once again we hear the cry "Kill-deer—kill-deer -kill-deer", the cry of the Killdeer Plover. This a shore-bird which has forsaken the shore and adopted the fields as its home, and consequently is now found in inland localities where no other plovers are seen. It feeds almost exclusively on insects and as its menu includes some of the worst pests of the farm it should be regarded with favor and protected by the farmer on where lond it.

whose land it takes up its abode. The drummers of the woodlands are once again ending forth their rolling notes—the Ruffed Grouse counding the bass drum, the Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers the snare drums. In drumming the Ruffed Grouse takes up his position on a log, and standing there weats his wings inwards and downwards, but strikes eeither the log nor the sides of his body as is commonly supposed, and the sound is made entirely by the compression and expansion of the air between the wings and the body. In making their rolling tattoo the Woodpeckers strike rapidly repeated blows with their bills an a resonant tree-trunk or limb.

From the fields comes the high, clear whistle of the Meadow-lark. This species belongs to the Family (cteridae, the same family to which the Blackbirds, Orioles, Cowbird and Bobolink belong, and is not a true Lark, a fact which is made evident by writing the word "lark" with a hyphen in front of it and with a 'small tetter instead of "Lark" with a capital and as a separate word.

word. Of all the sounds of spring none is more characterwtic than the piping of the "Spring Peeper", the little tree-frog. Such a loud note has this little frog that its piping is usually attributed to some of the larger frogs. When it is calling it distends its throat into a large transparent sac, about one-half the size of its head and body together. It is only in the breeding season in the opring that this tiny frog, which is only from threequarter inch to inch and a quarter in length visits the water. During the rest of the summer and autumn it lives on the trees, to the trunks and branches of which it is able to cling by means of the sticky substance which is excreted from pores in its toes, chiefly from pores in the little balls at the ends of the toes. The color of this frog varies according to what the color of the surroundings happens to be, and may be light fawn, dark brown or ashy gray. It takes about twenty minutes to change from one tint to another. No matter what its color it can always be identified by the large X on its back. The eggs are laid in the water being fastened either singly or in little groups to stems and leaves of water-plants. They hatch in from six to twelve days depending on the temperature of the water, and the tadpoles are full-grown in from six to even weeks. They often leave the water before the tail is entirely absorbed. This species hibernates in October and passes the winter in the woods under "eaves and moss.

## THE HORSE.

#### Aids to Prevent Sore Shoulders.

The season of sore shoulders is here again and many are the horses, which, due to carelessness or bad management, particularly through having to work in illfitting collars, will suffer and lose out in efficiency from this cause. As is the case with most diseases and horse troubles, prevention is always better than cure. As a general thing the horse which has stood idle all winter and has not had his head through a collar from fall until the day he goes to work on the land is most susceptible, particularly if he be a young horse or colt. No horse should go to work in the field without preparation. Exercise should be increased each day until the spring work begins. This will aid in toughening up the shoulders and in fact in toughening the horse ready for the most strenuous work of the year. Care-

cosness is the prime cause of sore shoulders. First consider in preparing a horse for his and in the prevention of shoulder trouble, the collar. Many horses are called upon to work in ill-fitting collars and most of these are collars which are too large, rather than too small. A horse will choke down in a small collar and the attendant then usually changes the collar in some way, but in too large a collar the animal works away and very often the points of the shoulders **coon** show ugly sores if care is not taken. This spring **there** should be plenty of horses so that the heavy implements may have sufficient horse power and this abould partially get over the trouble. It is a fact that too often two horses are called upon to do three horses work, and three horses to do that work which should have a four-horse team. We would rather have a **collar** which fits properly than one which requires a pad. A collar should leave room at the bottom for a man to put his open hand in when snug on the shoulders. As a general thing it is wise to have a collar especially fitted for each horse as it is rare to find two horses with choulders of the same conformation. Too often collars ere bought without taking due consideration of the lifference in shoulder conformation, and too many of the collars purchased are not built solid enough and full enough at the point of draft. Some horses require a balf-sweeny or full-sweeny collar to work their best.

ritate the over-heated shoulder and a raw surface may soon result. The shoulder should be kept clean, as well-as the collar, and washing in fairly strong salt and water at the noon hour and again after the day's work seems to have a beneficial effect.

seems to have a beneficial effect. The commonest form of sore shoulder is caused by what the farmer generally calls "scalding." The shoulder becomes over-heated, the hair falls out, the skin reddens, and the sore soon appears. As a prevention it is well from time to time, especially during the first days of seeding, to lift the collars while resting the horses at the end of the field, and rub the shoulders well with the hand. Always turn the horses with their heads to the breeze so that they cool off more quickly. Rubbing removes the accumulated sweat and dirt and the air cools and tends to dry the shoulder. This cannot be practiced too often. In doing this, watch the draft of the hames and see that it is properly regulated to the shoulder. After the horse has been working a week or ten days, the collar may seem a little large, because usually the horse loses in flesh. Readjust the collar and hames as required. Take every precaution to prevent sores appearing. If such should make their appearance, apply a dressing made of one ounce each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead to a pint of water. Apply this in the morning, at noon, and at night and take it to the field with you and give an application in the middle of the forenoon and another in the middle of the afternoon. It is difficult to heal up a sore while the horse is working. Pressure must necessarily be relieved from the sore itself by making a hole in the pad or by some such arrangement. These practices however are somewhat dangerous as any roughened surface or unequal distribution of the draft may cause new sores, or an increase in the area of the old one. Some use successfully a breast collar, where sore shoulders have made their appearance, and this of course has the advantage of relieving all pressure from the shoulder.

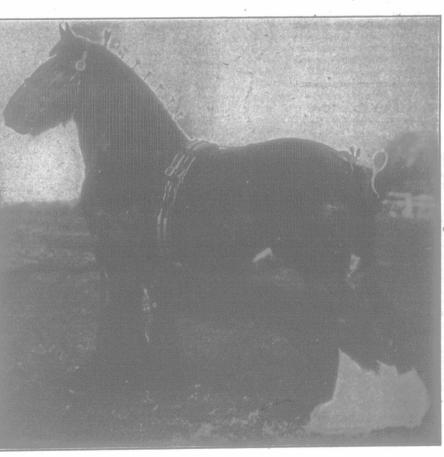
#### Lameness in Horses-XVII.

#### Laminitis-Inflammation of the Feet-Founder

Laminitis, commonly called founder, consists in inflammation of the sensitive laminae which surmounts the walls of the bone of the foot, and is attached to the horny or insensitive wall by small leaf-like processes which are very numerous and correspond in number and depth to the horny or insensitive laminae found of the inner surface of the wall, the leaves of the one fitting into and being firmly united to those of the other The disease appears in two forms, viz., inflammation primarily limited to the sensitive laminae and sensitive sole; and ostitis, or inflammation involving the bone of the foot from the first. The cause and tractability of the two forms differ; but the first, if not subduer promptly, may develop into the latter.

Laminitis is one of the most painful diseases to which the horse is subject. It is caused by over-exer tion, inordinate feeding, drinking cold water when over-heated, long voyages, from the horse being com pelled to stand for a long time in a constrained position or a suddden chill. It is often communicated to the feet from internal organs. The manner in which irritation to a mucous membrane, as from engorgement with grain, or other forms of indigestion, drinking freely o cold water when over-heated, irritation to the mucou membrane of the womb during parturition (parturien laminitis), etc., occurs is hard to explain. Some clain that it is the extending of the inflammation or irritation to the feet; while others favor the theory that in succases toxins are formed, become absorbed, enter the circulation, and, having an affinity for the feet, have i specific action on the sensitive lamine.

Laminitis caused by over-exertion, concussion from travelling on hard roads, standing during long journey by rail or boat, or standing on one foot for a long time when its fellow is dia



A Two-year-old Shire. Junior champion at London, Eng., Shire Show.

Where the diseased skin separates from the healthy, in the form of a circle with the central portion remaining attached, the trouble is known as a "sit-fast." This must be removed before the sore will heal properly, and then the treatment applied. Swelling, thus proving a barrier to the method by which congested blood-vessels are relieved. In most cases the disease is confined to the fore feet, especially whes caused by concussion; but it is not unusual to find al four feet affected, sometimes the hind feet only and is

eased, etc., is much more intractable that when it appears during or following irritatios to a mucous mem brane, when intelligenth ly and intelligenth treatled, it yields readily to treatment and passes off without leaving any structure change. While the form caused by concussion is more liable to be is more hable to be complicated by inflam mation of the bone do es not yield se readily to treatment and is very painful, st the same time psomptly treated usually results in complete cure, but i its course be not arrest ed until after there h a partial er complete separation of the sea sitive and insensitive laminæ, a complete cure cannot be effect ed. The symptoms of the two forms ar identical, except is their severity.

The pain of the dis ease is agonizing and persistent, because the sensitive foot is invest ed with an unyielding horny box pressing upon the engaged blood-vessels, prevent ing free exudation and

four feet affected, sometimes the hind feet only and is rare cases one fore and one hind foot. Symptoms.-When both fore feet are affected, the horse is very lame, almost immovable, especially a starting; he acts as though his whole body were cramped stands with hind feet well under the body and the fore feet advanced, in order to relieve them from weight as much as possible; occasionally he may be noticed to sway backwards, elevating the toes, throw his weight upon the heels of the fore feet for a very short time and then assume this original position. If compeller to move, he elevates his feet with difficulty, as he re quires them all on the ground to bear the weight of the body. If forced to back, he will drag the fore feet backwards, with the heels bearing upon the ground and the toes elevated. He will often groan from pain while sweats bedew the skin. The pulse is full, strong and frequent, and the general temperature usually above normal. In some cases the patient lies down on his side, with his legs outstretched, for hours at a time, evidently getting great relief by relieving the feet from pressure. In other cases, especially in the earlier periods of the disease, he will stand persistently. When the hind feet only are affected, the patient stands with all fore feet well under the body, and the general distrem is well marked, in some cases greater than when the fore feet are affected. When compelled to move, as

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No matter how good the collar, if it is not kept clean sores will appear. Sweat sticks to the collar or pad, accumulates dust and dirt, and the whole goes to irSometimes the shoulders become bruised and an abscess forms. We have known horses to suffer greatly from this cause before the attendant became aware of what was wrong. He would look at the shoulder and see no visible soreness but later the abscess would form and generally pus would collect low down on the shoulder. There are two kinds of abscess, one containing a reddish watery fluid and known as a serous abscess and the other containing pus of a whitish, thickish nature and known as a purulent abscess. The former forms much more quickly than the latter. As a general thing these become soft in the centre and if not lanced will burst and discharge. They should be lanced at the lowest possible point for the pus to escape, and the cavity should be flushed three times daily with five per cent. solution of carbolic acid or other good antiseptic.

Hard tumors sometimes occur and as a general thing these should be handled by a veterinarian, It is generally necessary to dissect them out. Where tumors or abscesses occur the animal should get rest or be worked with a breast collar. Sore backs, or sore necks, may be treated with the dressing mentioned for sore shoulders but pads should be arranged to prevent them and any weight or pressure removed by proper adjustment of the harness. soon as the toes of the hind feet are pressed to the ground, he takes a kind of a jump forward. He is usually inclined to lie, and he experiences immediate relief when recumbent. The pulse often becomes rapidly reduced in both number and force when he has assumed this position. When all four feet are affected, the symptoms will consist in a combination of the foregoing, with local heat in all feet.

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Treatment.—Constitutional treatment consists in the administration of a moderate purgative as six to sight drams of aloes and two drams ginger, this to be 'ollowed when purgation commences with two dram loses of nitrate of potassium twice daily for two or three days. The advisability of blood-letting is debatable. In the early stages, when the pulse is full, 'requent and bounding, the extraction of two to three quarts of blood from the jugular vein is practiced by some practitioners, while others favor controlling the pulse and temperature by the administration of twelve to fifteen drops of Fleming's tincture of aconite in a ittle cold water, every two or three hours for two or three doses. When pain is excessive it is well to relieve it by the administration of anodynes, as two drams of the solid extract of belladonna or about six drams of shloral hydrate.

The result will depend greatly upon local treatment. The shoes should be removed, the heels pared well down and wet heat applied. Some favor cold, but our experience is that heat relieves pain more quickly. If the patient can be induced to lie a good part of the time, 't favors successful treatment. The heat can be applied by standing the patient in a tub of hot water, or by applying hot poultices. In either case the water or poultices should be kept hot for twenty-four hours, or a some cases longer. So soon as the acute pain and soreness is allayed, cold may be substituted for heat. Some tie the patient in a stream of running water for everal hours daily for a few days. If local treatment be promptly applied, a perfect recovery usually follows, but if treatment be neglected until there is partial separation of the sensitive and insensitive laminæ and more or less descent of the bone of the foot, a perfect rure cannot result. If the patient continues a little tender after lameness practically ceases, it is good practice to blister the coronet. It is also good practice to wear bur shoes with good frog pressure for a couple of months after he is put to work. WHIP.

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#### Fresh Meat of Choice Quality Every Week.

Will you kindly publish a chart showing how a carcass is divided for a sixteen-share beef-ring? Simcoe Co., Ont. B. B.

In some rural districts it is possible to have a supply of fresh meat delivered at the door every week by butchers from the near-by town or village. However, the farmers so situated are comparatively few in comparison to the number who are located beyond the radius served by the local butcher. But, by a number of families organizing a beef-ring, it is possible to arrange for the season's meat supply from their own berds and butchered by their own butcher. Members of a beef-ring are assured of a regular supply of choice meat throughout the summer. The recognized value of the beef-ring is evidenced by the number of years many rings have been in operation. Once an organtation is effected it is seldom disbanded. The number of beef rings are increasing every year.

The beef-ring is an association of farmers, and may have sixteen, twenty or twenty-four members. The wenty-share ring is about as satisfactory as any, and f the first beef is killed the last week of May or first week in June, it will permit of running fairly late in the fall and furnish the meat supply for threshing and ilo filling. In starting an organization it is necessary 'or two or three interested to go around among the armers in the locality and get enough to signify their lesire to join such a ring. A meeting should then be called to talk the matter over, and if it is decided to form a beef-ring, officers may be appointed. It is necessary to have someone appointed to look after any business that requires attention. President, Secreary-treasurer, three directors and an inspector are the offices that are usually filled. It is also necessary to hire a competent person to do the killing and cut up Usually there is some member of the ring the "meat. who is capable of doing this work, and if he lives near the centre of the locality, so much the better. If an and building is not available, a suitable slaughter house an be erected at small cost. In order to raise money to buy a slaughter house and equipment, such as wind ass, ropes, scales, etc., each member subscribes a stated um sufficient to cover the cost. Many beef-rings have an inspector whose duty it is to examine both the tiving animal and the carcass, to make sure it is not diseased. If an animal is rejected while alive, its owner is expected to put in another one later on; but "It is condemned after being slaughtered, it is buried and no person gets beef that week, but the owner of the animal is not called on to put in another that season. It very seldon happens that an animal is diseased. In most rings the members agree to furnish a two-rear-old animal that will dress about 400 pounds. If t is too light or too heavy, it may be rejected by the nspector. In this way only choice beef is furnished the members. In determining the time that each member is supposed to put in an animal, the usual ustom is to place cards, numbered one to twentymore or less, according to the size of the ring -in a

hat and each man draws a card. The number on this card indicates when his turn comes to furnish an animal. A certain day is set for butchering and the animal for the week should be delivered at the slaughter house at least twenty-four hours before the time for slaughtering. The butcher's dufty is to dress the carcass, weigh it, cut it into the required number of pieces, record the weights of each piece, hand each man his share when he comes for it, and keep the slaughter house in a sanitary condition. The butcher's salary is set by the association and each member pays for having his beast killed. The price varies from \$2 to as high as \$4. The hide, tallow, heart, liver, etc., revert to the supplier of the animal.

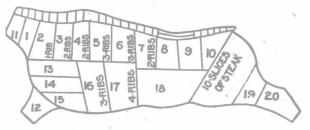


Fig. 1-Chart for 20-share Beef Ring.

The carcass is usually cut so that each member gets a boil, a roast and a piece of steak each week. If a carcass weighing 400 lbs. is evenly divided, each member of a twenty-share ring gets 20 pounds of meat. As the weights of the animals vary and it is difficult to proportionate the meat exactly, some members may secure more meat than the animal they furnished weighed, and others may secure less. The members agree on a certain price, and those who receive more than their share pay for it according to that price, and vice versa. When the business is straightened up at the end of the season, every member is paid for the

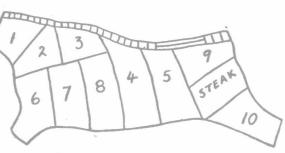
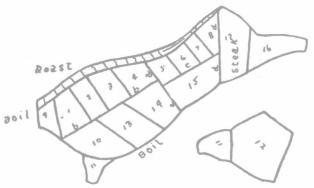


Fig. 2-Chart for 20-share Beef Ring.

animal he supplied either in meat or cash. A little co-operation on the part of the members in delivering the week's meat supply will save time. One member could easily deliver the meat to three or four of his neighbors one week and one of the neighbors could reciprocate the next week. We have heard of beefrings where the man who supplied the animal also delivered the week's supply of meat to all the members. This could be done in half-a-day, and thus save a number of men making the trip every week. It is possible to divide a share between two families and each get about ten pounds of meat, but the average family will consume a full share each week.



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Fig. 3 illustrates a chart for a 16-share beef-ring and represents one-half of beef lying on a table ready for the saw. For convenience in handling, divide the half in the middle before letting it down, by cutting across at "A," between roasts 4 and 5, leaving two rib on the hind quarter. After laying both quarters on the table, divide the fore quarter at line "B." Number 9 represents neck. Saw the neck off, leaving three joints on it. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 represent roasts and three joints are left on each; No. 4 is a roast with four joints. No. 11 represents the front shank; No. 14 represents second rib cut, and is cut off, leaving five ribs to it. No. 13 represents first rib cut, to which is left four ribs. No. 10 represents brisket, and 12 shows the shoulder, which lies directly under the brisket.

the shoulder, which lies directly under the brisket. The hind quarter is divided at line D. No. 14 represents flank, which should be cut off at line C Nos. 6, 7 and 8 represent sirloin, rump No. 2 and rump No. 1, respectively, and should be divided as near the same weight as possible. No. 17 represents steal and is generally cut into slices so that each memberwill secure a part. No. 16 represents hind shank after steak is taken off.

The half of the beef is cut, as shown, and divides between the first eight members, giving each a roant a boil piece and a slice of steak. The other half of the beef is taken down and cut up in a similar manner. It is doubtful whether there is any more satisfactor;

It is doubtful whether there is any more satisfactory way of securing a week's supply of fresh meat of choice quality than through a beef-ring. It is a form of ce operation that works out to the benefit of all the mean bers, and districts in which no beef-ring exists should endeavor to organize this spring.

#### Raising Baby Beef on Skim Milk.

The market offers splendid inducements to the producer of baby beef, and stockmen are beginning to cater more extensively to that trade. It is a recognized fact that the beef breeds are more adapted to producing what the meat market demands than are the dairy breeds. In order to keep the call growing and gaining in flesh so that it will tip the scales at nine or ten hundred pounds when about one year old, the general practice is to allow the call tr suck the cow and also feed it liberally on rolled oats or other concentrates and clover or alfalfa hay. calf must be fed and cared for so it will not lose it calf-flesh. Raising calves for the baby-beef market permits a quick turn-over of the money invested, and the price per pound for a finished yearling is about

equal to that paid for older and heavier cattle. Grade cows of the beef breeds if bred to a good but of a beef breed produce calves that meet the marker demands when about a year old. If a calf is worth \$80 when twelve months old, it is fairly good returns from a cow for a year. The labor entailed in looking after the calf and the cost of feed to supplement the milk is not great. The strictly beef breeds are not the only class of bovine stock that are used for producing baby beef. In a number of stables, grade dairy cows are bred to an Angus bull, and the progeny produced are fed for the high-priced market. The same success is not attained as results from using both dam and sire of a beef breed. However, the re turns are quite gratifying and reveal the possibilities in stock raising.

On several farms recently visited, the system fol lowed was to breed the grade Holstein cows to a pure bred Angus bull, and raise the calves after they were a month or six weeks old on skim-milk, rolled oat oil cake, silage and clover hay. On one farm where this system was followed, twenty-five calves had been raised on the feeds mentioned and sold for an average price of fifty-six dollars when about one year old This left room in the stable for the next crop of calves which were coming on.

On another farm a herd of twelve to fifteen grad Holstein cows are kept and are bred to an Angus bull The aim is to have the cows freshen during the fall or early winter. The calves are fed whole milk for two weeks, after which skim-milk is added. When the calves are five or six weeks old the whole milk discontinued, and from eight to ten quarts of skin milk is fed. At first there was trouble with the calve scouring, but by adding a little low-grade flour to the milk the difficulty was overcome. The calves are also given we have a difficulty the second s also given water to drink. When six weeks old the calves would eat silage, oat chop and clover hay. A handful of oil cake was given each calf, night and morning. At eight months old, the calves were fed about six pounds of grain, (oats, peas and barley), one and-a-half-pounds of oil cake, and all the hay and silage they would eat. Raised on this ration the calve weighed about 800 pounds when one year old, and were in good condition. There was no trouble in selling them at the prevailing price for butcher cattle. The money received for the calves, added to the value of the the value of the cream, made a profitable return from grade cows. The crossing of the breeds is not generally to be recommended, but several stockmen with grade dairy True, herds are finding it a profitable undertaking. the cows in the herd will wear out in time, and there will be no held will be no heifers growing up to take their place, but the idea is to purchase animals to keep the herd to its present number. It may be difficult to secure suitable animals of the desired quality, but the ven ture is proving remunerative, at the present time, to the men who were interviewed.

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#### Fig. 3—Chart for 16-share Beef Ring.

In the slaughter house there should be a hook on which to hang the meat of each member, although in some places shelves are built and the names tacked on the wall. As the meat is cut, each member's share is placed on the hook or shelf opposite his name. A different cut is received each week from what was secured the week previous. By the end of the season each member will have received at least one piece of every portion of the carcass. Fig. No. 1 shows a side of beef divided for a twenty-share ring, the numbers one to ten inclusive are roasts and are arranged as follows:

Roast	Boil	Steak
1	1.4	1
2	13	2
3	19	3
4	16	4
5	17	5
6	18	6
7	1.5	7
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10	11	10

Fig. 2 also shows how one side of the beef is cut for a twenty-share ring. The first ten members get the cuts shown, with a piece of steak. The other side

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#### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

#### Dehorning the Mature Animal. SDITOR THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Horned cattle not treated while calves may be Horned cattle not treated while calves hay be readily dehorned by using either an ordinary meat saw in dehorning clippers. The pain of such operation has been over-estimated and the mortality is practically mothing. The exact loss of flesh due to excitement, loss of blood and pain is difficult to estimate, as very much depends upon the skill of the operator, and, perhaps more still, upon the temperament of the animal sperated upon, nervous, irritable animals suffering a reater set back than quiet, sluggish ones. In any save the loss is seldom great. No great difference is observed in the effect of the different instruments used in dehorning, except that there is but very little blood lost when the saw is used.

It is not advisable to dehorn in very cold weather, or should it be done during fly time. March, April,

or should it be doile during ify time. Watch, April, October and November are favorable months. To secure an animal for dehorning, a strong post or canchion is necessary, or, if much of it has to be done, it is worth while to erect a dehorning chute. For a small herd it does very well to use a stall partition post to secure the animal. The victim should be backed into the stall and its head securely fastened to the post. A lead ring attached to the nose takes the animal's attention from the operation. In addition a rope should be put on in such a way as to form a noose over the cose to give control of the head. A dehorning chute to simply a strong stall built in the yard, with the forward end so arranged that the stanchion may be closed cightly on the animal's neck close to the head. The head when thus fastened should be not more than 20 inches from the ground. A noose firmly held completes

Inches from the ground. A noose hrmly held completes the fastening. Either the saw or clippers may be used, and there is little to choose between them. The saw, as a rule, makes the neater job, but the clippers perform the work more rapidly. Occasionally clippers crush the bone, causing a slow healing. Unless the horns are taken off very close they bleed badly and stubs grow. The cut should take about one-sixth of an inch of the skin around the base of the horn and should be slanted with the natural slope of the head. Some animals bleed every this wind a piece of strong twine everely. To prevent this, wind a piece of strong twine firmly around the head just below the horn bases so as aot to interfere with the operation. Then tighten the twine by drawing together the upper and lower strands midway between the horns and fasten with a knot. Twine put on in this manner presses firmly against the large arteries. In a few hours the twine may be removed when danger from bleeding will have passed. Dehorned animals should not be allowed to rub against bay or straw stacks until the wound has healed. application of carbolized oil or pine tar and lard after leeding ceases will hasten the healing.

An examination of cattle from day to day in large markets proves that many cattle are badly dehorned, allowing stubs to grow out from the head. In may ases the stub turns down, curving in penetrating the kin, even to the extent of creating a festering sore. The condition is objectionable for two reasons: 1st-In causing pain, and therefore reducing the gain by the nimal. 2nd—Cattle having ingrown horns are re-iected for export. Almost every week a number of unimals in export shipments have to be withdrawn and lisposed of locally. While a small proportion of cattle thus turned back have not been dehorned, the great majority of them have been subjected to the process if dehorning which has been imperfectly done. A horn that is not killed or removed below the base will grow but an abormal stub and is liable to turn in toward the head, causing damage. In dehorning therefore care hould be exercised to do the job thoroughly. Elgin Co., Ont. E. L.

#### One to the Acre. "JUITOR THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I read with much interest your article on overtocking the farm, and you say it generally happens that these farms are over-stocked with scrub stock, and that these are not worth keeping. Now, I notice that the farm you visited was a 120-acre farm, and that it was feeding about 30 head of cattle. It appears to me that a 120-acre farm should feed a good many more than 30 cattle. I always think you can sum up man's ability to farm if you take the number of acres that he cultivates and divide it by the number of stock the feeds through the winter. To my mind it should be at least one for every acre. I put that as the minimum for I think in most cases a farmer can do much better than that. I think a 100-acre farm should feed 50 cattle,

8 horses and, say, 40 to 45 sheep. This would make a fairly good stock and should be a safe amount to winter. I have a neighbor who cultivates 27 acres of and, and he is feeding this winter about 47 head of stock. This includes 23 sheep, one team of horses, and the rest are cattle, and I find that he will not be able to feed all his feed. My own case works out to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per acre, and I shall have plenty of feed. I think the teach that a ferrer price provide the stock that a ferrer price provide the ferrer price provide the formula of the stock that the stock t the stock that a farmer carries represents his moneymaking ability, whether the stock is scrub stock or good, but I must admit that the farmer who keeps his good, but I must admit that the farmer who keeps has stock up to the mark will have a much better chance to make them pay than the man who allows the cattle to become scrubs. If every farmer would follow that principle, I am sure he would make his farm pay. Muskoka District, Ont. TOM PINE.

## THE FARM.

#### Killing Time.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE": Since the year 1898 I have been reading with

much interest "The Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine." I find many very useful suggestions which only take a minute or two to read, but when practised save the farmer many an hour. At this day and age when the world is engaged in military battles, a few minutes lost time may cost the nation millions of dollars, so does lost time cost the farmer considerable. ன

The use of wide machinery has been discussed to such an extent that two-horse teams are very seldom seen on the farm in spring seeding.

stock is kept. There must be road fences, lane fences,

cross fences, and line fences. Fences must be suffi-

ciently strong to prevent horses and cattle from break-

ing them. They must be proof against hogs, sheep and all kinds of fowl. The pioneers used the material that was at hand to divide their holdings into fields.

There was plenty of timber, and it was cut into the desired lengths and then split into rails. While

cedar was the most common wood used

To the farmer who intends sowing roots the spring, if he has not used the grain drill for the sow-ing I would advise him to give it a trial. I have had as good results by sowing roots on the flat as in drilla, and the time saved in preparing the ground adds to the profit.

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It was a general practice in this locality a few years ago for four or five farmers to own a turnip sower. When you get your drills made you have to go to the neighbor who has last used the sower. It will possibly be one mile away. So you can easily lose one hour in the middle of the day, can easily lose one nour in the middle of the day, or some prefer making the trip at night and accidentally lose some part of the sower on the road. I have for the last six years used a 15 disc grain drill, sowing four rows at a time. For sowing mangels I set the index at four pecks of peas, and for carrots I put four grain tubes on the grass seed tubes the required distance apart fastening them on with a string mark distance apart, fastening them on with a string, place the carrot seed in the grass seed box and set the index at five lbs. of timothy per acre.

I have never tried sowing turnips in the grass seed box, but it should work equally well. One needs to be very careful not to get the seed sown too deeply. It is a good plan to roll the land before sowing to make the ground firmer. It is also much easier to make a straight row. For sowing alfalfs alone I prefer the above plan, you can get a more uniform depth of seeding, and where inoculated seed is used it is necessary to have it covered from the wind and sun as soon as possible. Some advise wind and sun as soon as possible. Some advise using a filler and soving from the grain box, try if for yourself. Be patriotic and quit killing time Bruce Co., Ont. W. J. R



An Old Timer. Everlasting Pine Stump Fence, Dorchester Tp., Middlesex Co., Ont.

Fences and Fence Building

unsightly, harbor weeds, occupy considerable space and are not an asset to the place. Fences are a necessity on every farm where live

There has been a gradual change in the style of fences used. The snake rail fences served their day. and served it well, but as timber became scarce it was found necessary to build a straight rail fence by utilizing the sound rails from the crooked fence. Many different kinds of straight rail fences have been built, but one that has weathered the storms possibly an well as any is built by using four stakes about six and a half feet long and making the fence five rails high feet long and the fence making In building this fance, two stakes are spread two and a half feet at the bottom, then crossed about one foot from the top. They are driven in the ground and wired together where they cross. A top rail, or rider is placed in the crotch and then the other two stakes are driven in line with the fence, with about the same spread at the bottom from the centre, but are brought together at the top. The rail and stakes are wired firmly together. Four rails with a space between each one will fill the gap. Each rail is wired separately to the stakes which slant the same way as the fence This form of fence does not take up much runs. ground, is braced four ways, is economical of rails, and if a rail breaks it can be easily replaced without interfering with the other rails. This kind of fence proves very satisfactory, but all rail fences will soon have found their way to the backyard, and end their days of usefulness in the kitchen stove. Fences are built to-day with a view to permanence coupled with economy. There are few things more provoking than having stock break into the crops. Experience proves that a material must be used that will hold the stock, look neat, and withstand the ravages of the elements. Good galvanized wire appears to fill the bill if carefully put up and fastened to posts properly set and anchored. The permanency of the fence depends a good deal on the anchor posts, which may be of wood, iron or concrete.

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many fences were built of basswood, ash, oak or some of the common hardwoods. Many of the pioneers never tire of telling of their achievements at rail spliting. Stone fences are still to be seen in some localities, and, if properly built, do not detract from the appearance of the place. Pine stumps have and are still serving the purpose of fences, and have a redeeming feature, they require little repairing and last a lifetime. However, they are



Spring in the Sheep Paddock.

Anchor Posts and How to Set Them.

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In some localities cedar is plentiful, and posts of that wood will be used for some time to come. The great difficulty in some places is to keep the posts from heaving with the frost, or to keep the anchor posts from drawing. Having a tile drain near the row of posts lessens the danger from frost. A little extra care in setting the corner posts may save time later on. In order to stand the strain they must be firmly set. Several methods of putting in and enchoring corner posts are in use with more or less eatisfactory results. One method which is giving good eatisfaction is to use ten-foot posts, at least above eight inches in diameter, and place them in the ground about five feet. The hole for this post is dug about for the feet in the for this post is dug about four feet by three feet in size. Notches are made in the post near the bottom, and two scantlings about four feet long are securely spiked or bolted to the post. The post is put in the ground, the dirt firmly packed around the bottom, and possibly flat stones could be found to place on top of the scantling, although it is aot absolutely necessary. Simply throwing the dirt in lose is not sufficient, it must be thoroughly packed. While this method, may entail considerable work, there is little trouble afterward from the post heaving or turning. Another method is to use a block of wood at the back of the post and a large stone in front. By packing the earth firmly around these the post is held in place. Possibly the most satisfactory **method** is to dig a hole, two and a half or three feet oquare and about three feet deep, place the post in the centre and then fill in with concrete. By allowing the concrete to extend up the post a few inches above the level of the ground it will keep water from standing around the wood, and thus lengthen the life of the post. However, steel and concrete posts are replacing wood, and present an appearance of perman-ency. It must be remembered that concrete posts equal in dimensions to those of cedar posts are not as strong and should be reinforced with steel or wire. Concrete ancher posts are built in various ways; some build a post about eighteen inches square, but posts twelve inches square at the bottom and tapering to eight or ten inches at the top, with a steel bar or triangle in the centre to give them strength, are proving eatisfactory. A post may be built round, if it is so desired. A frame or mould of the desired size is desired. used in building, and a number of posts may be built at one place, or the hole for the post may be dug and the frame set up, and the post built in the ground where it is to remain permanently.

The following is a method which is used in building cement line posts: A mould of the desired size is made, and a little concrete placed in the bottom. A double length strand of twisted wire is bent in a U**cha**pe and laid in the cement. When a mould is **near**ly filled another U-shaped piece of wire is laid in, care being taken that the wire never comes against the face of the mould. The posts should be left a day or two in the mould to cure. The concrete is mixed in the proportion of about one of cement to five of sand and gravel. Staples are inserted in one face of the post to hold the wire, and are spaced according to the strands of the wire. The anchor posts are made considerably larger than line posts. and reinforced with steel bars rather than wire.

#### Bracing the Anchor Posts.

Added strength is given by properly bracing the anchor posts. The brace post could be placed from ten to twelve feet from the anchor post, and should be firmly set in the ground. For a brace a cedar rail or pole about four inches in diameter may be used, and should be placed about three feet from the ground at the end post, and eighteen inches from the ground at the brace post. The brace may be securely fastened in notches cut in the post. With cement posts the notches should be made at time of building them. Wire is used to tie these posts together; four strands of number nine soft wire proves very satis-factory, and should be placed as high as possible on the brace post, and as low as possible on the anchor post. This wire should then be twisted until it is tight. A method of bracing which is also proving satafactory is to attach the brace pole near the top of the anchor post, and have the other end rest on a stone on the ground. The wire is fastened to the bottom of the brace pole and to the post, close to the ground, then twisted as tightly as possible. Where two fences are running at right angles the one post would serve as an anchor for both fences. For this purpose some build a post that resembles the commencement of a corner wall of a stable. The foundation is dug, extending possibly three feet from the centre, parallel with the fence. A wooden form is made, which will leave the wall six or eight inches thick. The wall may be built with a gradual slope from the ground level to the height required, or may be built in the form of steps. The staples, or rods, the wind defendence strand of the wire to be used. be built in the form of steps. The staples, or rods, are imbedded for each strand of the wire to be used. This kind of anchor post is not unsightly, and certainly has the appearance of stability. The corner posts are the mainstay of the fence, as a fence will last no longer than the anchor post to which it is attached. When a stretch of fence extends over thirty or forty rods in length, it is advisable to set a post about the centre in a similar manner to the corner posts, and fasten the fence securely to it to relieve the strain from the other posts. Supporting posts need not be so large nor so firmly set as the main posts. The distance they should be placed apart in a permanent fence is a debatable question. Some believe that posts placed two rods apart give the fence sufficient support; others recommend placing the posts

closer, while some who consider the first cost would do with fewer posts. Wood, steel, or cement posts Wooden much lighter than the corner posts are used. posts may be pointed at the small end and driven with a post-driver, by having the end sharpened it lessens the danger of heaving by frost. Post holes may be dug with the post-hole augur, the posts set and the dirt firmly packed around. If the posts are pointed somewhat at the top after they are set, it will tend to improve the appearance and prevent water remaining on the top to start decay. of wooden posts may be prolonged if the portion to be placed in the ground is first treated with tar or creosote. Iron posts are sometimes used. Some are made with footing which tends to hold them in place, while others are a straight shaft and are driven in the ground, and tend to hold the fence from sagging rather than preventing it from going sideways.

#### Stretching the Wire.

Having the material in readiness for building a wire fence, it would be best to make the ground as level as possible. Building the fence over cradle knolls and small hollows, usually gives an uneven appearance and leaves holes at the bottom where hogs and sheep may get through and be a continual source of trouble. Aim at having the fence straight. Nothing detracts more from the appearance of a farm than to have the fences out of line. A tape or line should be stretched across the space where the fence is to go, and the holes dug and the posts set to this line. An endeavor should be made to have the posts all the same distance apart, and as nearly level as possible over the entire length.

The woven wire fence, or the single strand wire may be used. The main thing to consider is to have a strong wire, well galvanized. A poor fence that soon rusts out is expensive at any price. The fences are built of different heights. The nine or ten strand woven wire fence with the strands placed closer together at the bottom than at the top, and the uprights sufficient in number to prevent any give of single strand is quite satisfactory. Fences are built by stretching each strand separately and putting in by stretching each strand separately and provide wires wire or wooden pickets for uprights. Have the wires close enough together so that the stock cannot get their heads through between the different strands. To prevent horses, especially, from reaching over the fence, a strand of barbed wire may be stretched tightly along the top. The use of barbed wire is sometimes considered a barbarous practice, but we believe it has a place at the top of the fence, and will tend to prevent the horses from breaking down the wires. placing the wire along the fence, previous to stretching, avoid dragging it over stones or anything with sharp edges, as there is danger of scratching the galvanizing and so giving rust a chance to operate

The wire is now ready to be put in place, and care should be taken to see that every strand is stretched evenly, and the whole fence stretched tightly. Stretching is frequently done with a block and tackle and a wire grip, but a satisfactory home-made stretcher may be made that will serve the purpose admirably. Two pieces of chain and a scantling about three inches square and ten feet long are necessary. pieces of chain should be about three feet long, and be made with a grab-hook at one end and a ring at the other. At one end of the scantling three holes should be bored through, about one foot apart. In the middle hole a chain can be fastened with a clevis, and the other end hitched to the anchor post. Short chains previously mentioned are fastened on the lever by clevises, with the grab-hooks pointing the opposite way to the chain attached to the centre hole. narrow boards may be bolted tightly to the wire. A logging chain is fastened to this about ten feet from where the scantling or lever is attached, and as this lever is pulled back and forth the grab-hooks on the short chains are hooked in a link of the logging chain. When the fence is sufficiently tight it should be fastened to the post with galvanized staples, inserting one on every horizontal wire at every post. Any expansion or contraction of the wire due to heat or cold is provided for by the coil in the strand of wire.

Where there are fences there should be gates, though it too frequently happ or poles fill the gap into a field. From the point of convenience and saving of time, a gate that will swing easily and is fitted with a fastening that will stay fastened should be used. Apparently wooden gates are being replaced by wire. With the present price of lumber and cost of building, they are almost as expensive as wire gates, and are claimed by some to be more difficult to keep in repair. Wire gates are light, and those built in recent years are so braced as to prevent sagging. As a precaution, the end of the gate farthest from the hinges should rest on a block of wood, or be supported by the fastening to take the strain off the hinges when the gate is closed. All wire gates not in use in the winter should be stored in the barn or shed.

of fences could be dispensed with, for instance, if the lane was built at one side of the farm there would be saving of one-half the lane fence less the amount taken to extend from the buildings to the side of the farm. If many of the cross fences were removed there would be less waste land in fence bottoms consequently fewer places to harbor weeds and in jurious insects. By having a couple of forty-ro stretches of woven wire, a temporary fence may b used to divide a field where it is desired to pasture stock. A couple of brace posts set at the end two or three line posts to stiffen the fence, and a few share ened heavy stakes to support the wire are all that needed. A couple of men would put up this fence in less than a day. A temporary fence can be place where needed, and moved when it comes time to plow It saves capital and reduces expense. If the wove wire is carefully rolled, when taken down, it will have for a number of years. It is economy to use the been fence material available, even if the first cost doe run into a lot of money. But the best of material will not prove satisfactory unless the posts are proper ly set and the wire firmly attached to them.

#### What Does It Cost to Sell? EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

The progressive business firm of to-day, that has something to sell to the public, be it codfish, ginghas or grain binders, sets aside a certain percentage of its receipts to be applied to the cost of selling. times, in the case of a manufacturer who puts out an article requiring vigorous sales work, his selling cost may be as high as his manufacturing cost. Thus in many lines the price ultimately paid by the cus tomer is split into three equal parts, one covering manufacturing cost, another profits, bookkeepin charges and the like, and the third cost of adverti ing, selling, trade promotion, etc. / Even with the most staple goods there must be an outlay for selling because the more staple the goods the greater the competition. Getting customers, holding them and creating good will are indispensable items in modern business operations. Banks, railroads, insurance companies, public service corporations, churches and labor unions all spend something nowadays for sale work.

In this respect farming seems to differ great rom every other big industry. Ask the average farmer what he charges for selling expenses in the operation of his farm, and in practically every can his answer will be of a negative character. When he has goods to dispose of they are bought not sold The science of salesmanship does not enter into the As a consequence he suffers from die transaction. advantages that other business men have overcomby taking thought about the market.

Marketing for the farmer as a whole is exceed ingly diversified. The method that is eminently suited to the conditions of one will not always f so well the requirements of another. For instance one man who has eggs to sell finds the parcel por and a list of direct customers the marketing solution for him. The fruit farmer may utilize a growen association as the means of finding an outlet for hi The breeder, the dairyman and the grain produce. grower all have different problems, each calling for different methods of solution.

Suppose, then, a stock raiser took a ten-dolla bill out of his pocket and said, "This is my first ap propriation for selling expenses, and I'm going to in vest it in better marketing." What could be for ten dollars? Probably the best value would be market information. market information. This amount invested in a trip to one of the large stock yards where he could see shipments graded and sold would give him some new ideas of selling his product. By his personal in vestigation he will see who handles the stuff, who buy it, what others are offering, and so on. Such a plan of course, holds good in other lines. The information secured will always indicate new plans that may be followed up. Better marketing is likely to mean an improvement in quality. All through the business world to-day goods are gradually coming to be sorted into grades and sold in attractive packages. The

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#### Reducing the Number of Fences.

The money invested in fences on the ordinary hundred-acre farm amounts to a considerable sum, when one considers the cost of material and work of construction. On a farm that is two hundred rods long by eighty rods in width, a farmer will have two hundred and forty rods of line fence and eighty rods of front fence to build and keep in repair. Where the lane runs through the centre of the farm, four hundred rods of fence would be required, and if the farm is divided in ten-acre fields three hundred and twenty rods of cross fence will be necessary. A number

this rule, farming is no exception.

I made the Take potatoes as an illustration. discovery only recently that a concern in Idaho take potatoes of the best flavor from a noted potato soil grades them so they are absolutely uniform in survival wraps them in paper and sells them like fruit to be New York hotels at fancy prices. Furthermore, the potatoes are selected for baking, and do not good results when boiled. The hotel steward will be a subject to be bay almost any price for such a potato, because the baked tuber goes to the guest in its own jacket, and the hotel gets ten or fifteen cents for it. No doubt the time will come when grocers, generally, will handle a fancy brand of potatoes grown for flavor, graded for sweetness, and sold to the consumer with the name Nor is it un of the producer stamped on the bag. likely that other staples will be handled similarly There is a growing evidence that the consumer looking for quality. As a matter of fact, the whole As a matter of fact, the whole tendency in buying nowadays is to associate quality with the producer, and to go back for more good branded with his name when something satisfactor is found. That is the way we buy crackers or break fast food. The farmer's products are no different in this respect.

Again, the market information gathered is pretty sure to open the farmer's eyes to the fact that there is such a person as the middleman, and a very prosper APRIL 13, 1916

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#### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

ous sort of individual he is too. This knowledge may indicate to the farmer that good selling elimi-ates the latter. Certain it is, most producers look ates the latter. Certain it is, more prevalent and apon the middleman as a necessary evil, maintained as a convenience, though it is well known that his acrices add materially to the selling cost of the articles he handles. Of course, no one would object to a reasonable commission, but, when, in the majority of zases, he deliberately gobbles up for himself the major profits of the transaction the matter naturally assumes a serious aspect. Here is a striking illustration: A farmer sold his apple crop several years ago for \$1.50 barrel. In one barrel he placed this note: "To che buyer of this barrel of apples-Kindly write the indersigned, who grew them, how much you paid for these apples." In due time an answer came from the buyer in a Western city, saying he paid \$4.25. It took \$2.75 to find a buyer for these apples, while the farmer got only \$1.50. Evidently, one of the biggest problems of the pres-ent day is, how to get the farmer closer to his market.

About three years ago the farmers of Kansas evolved a scheme which they have shown to be equal to the task. A co-operative selling bureau for all farm pro-ducts was established at the Kansas Agricultural Col-lege. So far as I know the idea is unique among in-stitutions of this kind. By this means the farmers of that State have saved the unnecessary middlemen's profits to the extent of millions of dollars. The Colege does no actual buying or selling, but with complete listings of the state's farm produce and informa-tion from markets all over the country it brings the farmers and the buyers together. The work of the bureau is carried on in co-operation with all the exist-ing organizations of farmers in the State—the Farmers' Institute, the Grange, the Farmers' Union and others, making each local association a sort of branch of the central bureau at the college. In counties where county.demonstration agents are employed much of the work of organization and of operation is done through these agents. It seems to me that this is a special work that

night profitably be undertaken by our own college at Guelph, perhaps, in charge of the lecturer on economics. He would have in the idea some good raw material to work over, and doubtless would be able to evolve a finished product that would prove to be a splendid usset to the farmers of the province. The whole cubject of farm marketing is still rather hazy. However, as the farmer gradually becomes better ac-quainted with what it is costing him, he will have obtained a clearer conception of the subject, especially that part of it bearing directly on the selling of his wn products. Essex Co., Ont.

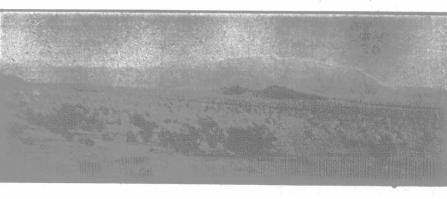
#### Los Angeles to Salt Lake City. A Canadian Farmer on a Tour.

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The Theading might as well have been "from the Angels to the City of the Saints," for that is what these cames mean or imply. The first European occupiers of California, the Spanish, may have been bloodthirsty like their descendants the Mexicans, but they certainly had a great respect for saintliness. Witness the names of places in California. Most of them begin with either san or Santa, as, for instance. San Francisco, San Diego, san or Santa, as, for instance, San Francisco, San Diego, san Pedro, San Jose, San Bernardino, and Santa Cata-ina, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Ana, all names of male or female saints. When Utah is reached, we ret among not the names, but the saints themselves, the "Latter Day Saints." There is a suggestion of Paradise in the mention of a journey from the angels to the saints, but the journey itself failed to carry out the thought suggested. The "fields of living green" of our fancy were markedly absent. There is the grandeur of rock and mountain, to be sure, but aside from that for hardness and barrenness, sterility and dry heat. there are surely few roads in the world to equal it.

Leaving Los Angeles at 9 a.m., it took us till about three hours of the journey there were signs of crops growing and of human occupants, and then we got Into the mountains where all such signs were absent. After time we got through with cuttings and emhankments and seemed to have reached an elevated had left, and soon the city itself was reached.

plain. Hour after hour we travelled here over hot, hard sand, and not a living creature to be seen except an occasional lonely, starved-looking jack rabbit, which jumped away on being startled by the train. The glare of the sun on the dry earth made the air near the ground quivery, and passengers began taking off coats and vests and opening windows and wondering what the temperature was. The only information on that point obtainable was from the trainmen, who guessed it was about 115 degrees in the shade, as usual in summer. The night was quite comfortable, having cooled off The night was quite comfortable, having cooled off rapidly, so that by morning the temperature was very pleasant. We had crossed the State of Nevada in the night and were now in Utah. But the scene was as desert-like as ever. We seemed to be running slightly on the downgrade in a wide, level valley, with mountains on either side, but miles away: yet not a sign of water anywhere, nor of anything to support life. And thus for hours the same. In most places the ground was so hard that the wind could not raise a dust. But so hard that the wind could not raise a dust. But there were sandy sections, and in these the few scattered while in others they would surmount little mounds of earth, held together by their roots and all between to the depth of a foot and more had been swept somewhere else. In such sections the wind had carried the sand up over the foot of the rocky heights, which rise sharply from the side of the valley, and swooped it much higher up in the clefts and gorges which furrow the face of these heights.



#### Sparse Desert Growth.

Impressed as we were with the desolateness of the country and its great width, one could not but think of the courage of those who in early days attempted to cross it in emigrant waggons. We read that when the California gold fever was on, a daring man established a splendid stage line entirely across that wide desert. But we read also that the bones of many an emigrant's horses, and, sadder still, his own bones in some cases, whitened the trail.

It is not literally true that there is nothing green on those arid wastes. We had thought that sage brush and tree yucca were the limit of dry vegetation. We learned that there were more forbidding deserts than where these grew-where it was too dry even for them. But in the very driest plains over which we passed some species of shrubs grew, very far between, of course. The one that seemed able to stand conditions too severe for any other plant was not blue-gray like sage brush, but a good strong green.

Drawing near to the Great Salt Lake the valley widened, and at length on our left we saw a shimmeirng blue haze, and soon the water (rather brine) of the lake itself beneath. We had passed a little town farther back and taken on passengers where there seemed no means of subsistence, but learned that there was an extensive zinc mine and smelter there was an extensive zinc mine and smelter there. On the route generally we scarcely stopped at all. Nobody wanted to get off anywhere, and there was nobody get on. But now the appearance of the country changed suddenly. We had reached the level of the valley

surrounding the lake. Irrigation ditches appeared, and we heard again the splash of water. Fertile farm lands, with farm houses and orchards surrounded by poplar trees, made a welcome change after the barrenness we bottom of the ancient lake.

Let any traveller be dropped off at Salt Lake City without knowing his whereabouts and (unless in caught sight of the Temple area) he would never suspect that he was at the religious centre of a modern cult. It is a splendidly-built, up-to-date city of about 120,000 As originally laid out, each street was 132 feet wide As originally laid out, each street was how inter-and each block contained exactly ten acres. It was not intended that more than four families should occupy one block, so that each might have two and a half acres, and thus have the proverbial cow and a garden It may have been the thought-who knows?-that one man, if he were sufficiently married, might own a whole block and have a home and family in every corner However that may be, the exigencies of modern business have necessitated the running of lanes or narrow streets across some of the busier blocks, so that not all the streets are so magnificently wide as the main ones It was also played that on both sides of every streets It was also planned that on both sides of every street there should be a stream of fresh water flowing. But last summer, unlike conditions in the east, there was a diminished rainfall in the mountains and a consequent shortage of water in the city, and only on two or three of the principal streets was the water allowed to flow in the gutters. When the Mormon people first settled in this wonderful basin valley so utterly removed and cut off from other settlements, they undoubtedly thought that they were at last secure from intrusion and would came and their seclusion was invaded. At the present time it is said that not less than 60 per cent. of the population of Salt Lake City itself are Gentiles.

Every day at the noon hour there is an organ recital for the general public in the "Tabernacle." By the

became more and more salty. At present the lake is about 80 miles long by 30 miles at its widest part It is so shallow that a railway line apparently built on piles runs across it about the centre. It is another Dead Sea in reality, as no fish live in its waters and no water fowl is seen on its sur-face. Human beings bathe in it, however, and in a minute after coming out are crusted over with salt, which is removed by a douche of hot water. Train loads of salt are col-lected and shipped from its shallows.

The wide, flat country between the mountains and the present shore line which the Mormons have converted into farms and gardens is but the gently sloping

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Salt Lake City is built close up to the Wahsatch

mountains, whose noble range rises abruptly from the plain and faces westward. It is not close to the lake,

as one would naturally expect, but is eighteen miles to the southeast of it. The railway line, which runs north from Salt Lake City, keeps quite close to the line of mountains, with the lake away off to the left. A travel-ler on that line may notice a level line about 150 feet up the mountain side which looks something like a theory track.

sheep track. In and out of the indentations of the

mountain face it runs, but always level. To one who

has seen irrigation plants it suggests an irrigation ditch Once noticed, it is always easily traceable, and is seen mile after mile as the train bowls along. Geologists tell us that it is an ancient shore line and that several

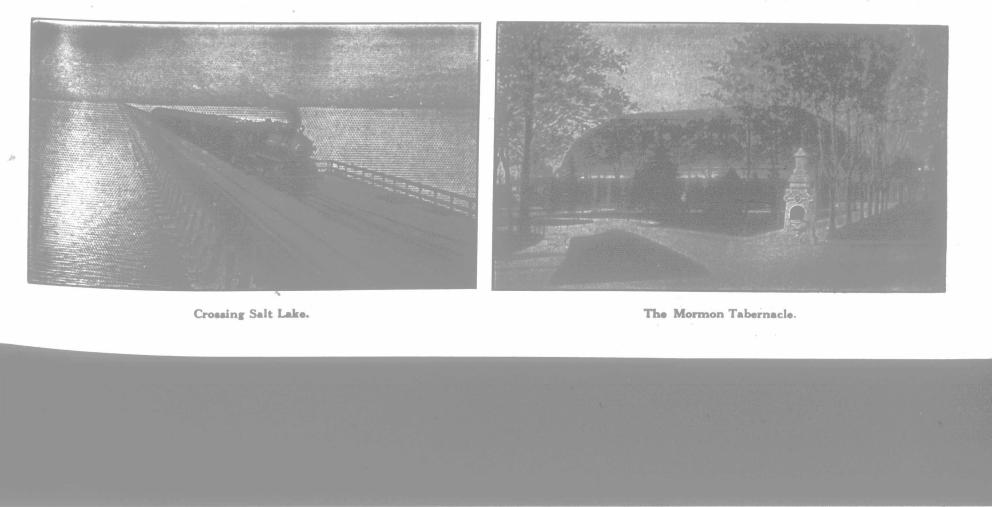
such lines at different heights can easily be made out. The highest is about 950 feet above the present level of the lake. When it stood at that high level, it was a

fresh water lake, with an outlet northward to the Snake River. It was then immensely larger than now, being about 300 miles from north to south and 180 miles wide Owing to a change of climate in those long ago ages. evaporation began to exceed inflow, and the lake sank

lower and lower. On account of the slight percentage of salt present in the water of all streams and which

remained on the lake because of no outlet, the water

time the doors were opened about 1,500 of us had



sathered, eager to see and hear. While the crowd was waiting outside they were addressed by clever speakers, who strove to put their religion in the most favorable light. When 12-30 arrived, we were admitted, not into the body of the building, but into the gallery, which we nearly filled. After the recital was over, it was announced that any who wished would be shown over the buildings by a guide. About 200 of us went. We were taken first into the smallest of the three main buildings of the Temple square. It is called, I think, Assembly Hall and used for business meetings. It is seated like a church, and, on our guide's invitation, we at down for a short time, while he told us about things and gave us some more information about the excellencies of the Mormon religion. He then re-introduced us into the Tabernacle, but by a rear entrance, and, passing the great organ and the pulpit, led us up into the gallery and away to the farther end. This was in order that we might have a demonstration of the wonderful acoustic properties of the building. At a table by the side of the pulpit desk stood another man 200 feet from us. He rubbed his hands together and we heard the rustling noise. He whispered and we could hear the sound. He then took a pin and, holding it about 18 inches above the table, let it drop, and we heard it quite distinctly, as we did the two or three times he repeated the pin dropping. It was nothing less than wonderful. The remarkable acoustic quality of the building is no doubt due to the flattened dome shape of the roof and ceiling.

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Following out into the grounds again our guide showed us the Temple, the outside of it. No one but a Mormon, and he must be a good Mormon at that, he said, is ever allowed inside. The "Assembly Hall" is for business, the "Tabernacle" for worship, but the "Temple" is for ordinances alone. At each end of the Temple building proper are three towers, all of one design, the centre one at either end being the highest. The three stories of the building itself we may presume to indicate three different grades of excellence in those worthy to enter. At regular distances on the upper story carved in stone is a representation of the sun, on the second story the moon is figured, and on the lower a star. The higher the more glorious evidently. Our guide having given us a great deal of the information above mentioned, treated us again, and at greater length, to a recital of the many good features of Mormonism. A free and easy style was used and questions were invited. There seemed to be a straining after favorable opinion, or, possibly, converts.

In regard to the secrecy maintained as to what goes on in the "Temple," one cannot resist the feeling that the ceramonies there must partake of the character of those things that love the darkness rather than the light.

It was with evident pride that he quoted the remark of a distinguished visitor, to the effect that there was no more perfect organization in the world than that of their religious body. That is no doubt true. From the first Presidency, down through the various orders of patriarchs, apostles, etc., each has his work rigidly defined, and the central authorities are thus able to keep in touch with any member wherever he may be and bring him to book or relieve his need as may be necessary. To one brought up in a recognized Christian denomination, the religious belief of the Mormon sect seems man-made, grotesque, even blasphemous. But no one can deny that in the main they are thrifty, good-living people, industrious to a fault, and that they have done things. Their leaders have been men of remarkable brain power.

Take, for instance, the case of the Tabernacle building, planned and built wholly by themselves. Here is a great auditorium 250 feet long by 150 feet wide, seating 8,000 people, and its immense roof has not a single post or brace inside. Instead of the pillared arches which support the steep and dizzy heighted roofs of the great European cathedrals there is here a squat, widespread structure and nothing apparently to hold it up in the middle. How did they do it? Here is the secret. The roof is ten feet thick. The sides of the roof outside are ten or twelve feet farther out all round than the true wall of the building and are supported by cross buttress walls. The ceiling inside springs from the real wall, is curved on lines parallel to the outside surface of roof, but ten feet from it, and the space between is one great maze of wooden X-style bridge-truss work. The peculiar shape of the building, with its rounded ends and the turtle back or mushroom style of roof, was undoubtedly chosen to secure the marvelous acoustic quality so important in a large meeting place. And as with the Tabernacle, so with their other projects, they have shown originality, adaptability and daring.

#### The Cultivation to Give the Crop the Proper Start.

#### EDITOR THE FARMER'S ADVOÇATE:

How to produce maximum crops with a minimum of hired help is the farmer's big problem for the season now at hand. With recruiting officers turned loose on every concession to draw men whence they can, regardless of system, commonsense or consequences, the farmer's problem on many an Ontario farm will be difficult indeed.

What is a Government? A Government is a thing that takes a year to see what any good businessman would see in a minute. And what is a politician? A politician is a partizan who either "points with pride" or "views with alarm," as the case may be—and there the thing ends. Thank heaven, we are slowly moving towards the Age of the Business Man. We need business men at the head of our Government, and we need them real badly.

This hasn't much to do with spring cultivation, which the Editor asked me to write on, but I have justsimply put into words what every farmer and every businessman in this young country is thinking.

In the growing of crops Nature is the great wonderworker. But unless the man is on the job with the proper implements at the proper time, and does his part in the proper way, Nature is nowhere when it comes to maximum crop production. She can send the snow and the rain to supply moisture, but unless the man is there to look after his own interest and provide mulch, Nature, the fickle lady, sends a powerful sunbeam to suck the moisture away again, while the man sleeps or temporizes with Obsolete Methods. So man has to be Johnny-on-the-spot with a good strong team, hitched to a double cutaway harrow, or a whole season's hopes and plans are going to vanish with the moisture that is stolen away by Old Sol.

And so we see that Nature is the Great Enigma she sendeth the good things, and unless we are there to gather them up she taketh them away again, which is a way she has of keeping her partner, Mr. Man, up to the scratch.

It is this feature of the proposition that originated the saying among tillers of the soil, "It keeps us scratching."

We shall be short on man-power, but most of us will be long on horse-power, and here seems to be the only solution of the great problem, Getting Things Done. We shall now fall into line with the teachings of Prof. Grisdale—the Economy of using More Horsepower and Bigger Implements. Necessity will show us the folly of using two-horse teams where the man could just as well drive three and four horses and accomplish double the work. Yes, indeed, the war is waking us up.

Four years ago, on the writer's farm, a double cutaway harrow was purchased. It has done all that the makers and the Experimental farms claim for it, and it has more than paid for itself in that time. It is two disks in one, and more than that, for there is no halflapping the work to ensure a perfect job. Three 1,200lb. horses handle it nicely on a clay-loam soil. This spring, to push the work and lighten the load, four horses will be used. This outfit will be a joy to the man who drives it.

And the implement we swear by is a twin-plow, which, handled by three horses, does work that needn't be criticized and far better work than many plowmen turn with single plows. To go back to single plowing after using the twin-plow makes a man feel ashamed of himself and wonder what he's been doing with his time. On many a farm where much plowing has to be done, and help is scarce, a good gang plow will about pay for itself before fall.

I am a believer in rather shallow plowing and deep cultivation. By plowing shallow—4 to 6 inches—we keep the humus near the surface where we need it; and I have a conviction that humus, more than any other constituent, is the determining factor in crop production and the property most lacking on Ontario production and the property most facking on Ontario farms. Replace the stolen humus and there would be less complaint of land having "run out." Our deep cultivation is done with a stiff-tooth cultivator, which, for a thorough job on fairly heavy land is worth two or three spring-tooth cultivators. With three or four horses it does an excellent job, for it has the weight and the determination to stay there and rip things. Like all cultivation implements that do good work, it needs plenty of power ahead. The most abused implement of cultivation in this country is the disk. I have seen farmers disking with light teams, when for all the good they were doing they might almost as well have been resting in the parlor. To do good work a disk must be set at a good angle—"Kinked around." That means horse-power. This year, more than ever before, plenty of horse-power will be the greatest economy. Three and even four-horse teams will pay good dividends and probably save the farmer much anxiety before the season is through. Next to lack of humus (which is due to lack of a proper rotation), the greatest bar to larger crops on many farms is lack of sufficient tillage. On far too many farms the crops are simply "scratched in," and it speaks volumes for the kindness of our soils that the crops are as good as they are. It is an old European axiom that plenty of tillage is almost equal to a coat of manure. Where farmers are short of help it will not pay to plow corn land for grain. It is questionable if it is good policy to plow corn land for grain in almost any year, unless the land were dirty when it should be fallplowed. Here is where the stiff-tooth cultivator and

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the double-cutaway come into perfection, doing splendid job.

Corn ground that has been reasonably well cleaned the year previous has germinated most of the wead seeds near the surface. To plow the land brings up s fresh lot of weed seeds and to a large extent undoes the good work of the year before.

That means loss in three ways—time lost in plowing reduction of crop through the presence of weeds that would not otherwise appear, and a weedy field until is is again brought under the cultivator.

The motto is: Clean well the corn and root land and get in the following year's grain crop without the inter ference of the plow. The beneficent frost has done its work in the under soil, which is better not to be disturbed. A moderately firm seed best is better than one too loose for grain, grass and clover.

Comes in here a point which I believe to be of the utmost importance—the question of moisture. How can we best conserve it for the use of the tender, growing plants? A serious complaint, heard perhaps oftenes than any other, is of failure to get a catch of clover Charge it up first of all to lack of humus and then to lack of moisture during the early life of the young plants. We do not get our seed beds fine enough for such small seeds as clovers and grasses, and then we leave them too loose at the surface for our average dry seasons. It is impossible for small seeds sown in a coarse, open seed bed to get the moisture that is necessary for either germination or growth. Seeds which germinate are in their isolated position cut of from connection with the subsoil where the moisture comes from and they wither and die.

Capillarity, or nature's process of supplying wates from the lower soil to the plant roots in the seed bed is a matter requiring more consideration. Water is drawn upwards by the air and the sun's rays passing from soil particle to soil particle, enveloping each with a film of moisture until the surface is reached where it is taken up by the plant roots or lost by evapora tion. The process of capillarity is perfect when the soil is compact and at the same time thoroughly pulver ized. But the process is held back or destroyed if the soil is lumpy and loose. Large air spaces between clode and capillary connection with the subsoil are never found together. That is why I believe the use of the roller to be almost absolutely necessary on a seed bed for small seeds, except on heavy, wet clays. We have used the roller with a weeder dragging behind with good effect.

I never sow small seeds from the grain drill, either in front of or behind hoes, without a twinge of conscience that I am not doing the right thing. The furrows made by the hoes are too deep for small seeds, many of which are buried beyond recall by the harrows which follow The ideal condition is to harrow the ground behind the drill and then sow the grass and clover either by hand or with a small grass seeder. Then follow with the roller and weeder or a light drag harrow. A drag arrangement made of brush or a light plank leveler would be preferable to a heavy drag harrow, which would destroy too much the good work of the roller On a seed bed so prepared the small seeds are when they should be—near the surface in a firm seed bed, where they will rejoice and thrive amazingly almost is spite of unfavorable atmospheric conditions, or lack of rainfall, especially if the soil be possessed of a fair supply of humus.

This matter of humus is of such urgent importance all over Ontario that it should really be considered in a separate article. I cannot close without touching upon one aspect of its up-keep—I refer to the sowing of clover with a view to following a shorter rotation. By all means sow clover and sow plenty of it, in spite of the present high price. Cast upon a well-prepared seed bed it will return to you many times over in increase of crop, increase of fertility in succeeding years, and abundant satisfaction all the way round. A farmer never makes a better investment than when he putp his money into the good red clover and then plows if under in the second or third year.

I make it a practice to sow never less than eighteen pounds of seed to the acre, and as high as twenty-two Dounds Eighteen pounds, made up of 8 lbs. timothy lbs. red clover, and 2 lbs. alsike is a nice seeding; but let it be more rather than less. Last year I sowed Prof. Grisdale's mixture, 8 lbs. timothy, 6 lbs. red clover, 6 lbs. alfalfa, and 2 lbs. alsike. It was a splendid catch, and the alfalfa was nine inches high when we cut the grain. Owing to the heavy shelling of the grain, due to the bad season, the thick after-growth of sprouted oats doubtless caused some injury to the seeding, but we shall see what we shall see later on. Fifteen acres were seeded in 1914 at the rate of 20 lbs. to the acre—10 lbs. timothy, 8 lbs. red clover, 2 lbs. alsike. It was the dry summer when so many seeding came to grief, with the consequent light hay crop last year; yet in this field sufficient of the seed came through the trying season to yield an unusually good crop in 1915—more than justifying the extra cost of seed. It was an oasis in a desert, as twelve or fourteen tons of first-class hay in the barn as I write eloquently testify In this field we got a demonstration. On ten acres of it the seed was sown with the grain drill and rolled, with a weeder drawn behind the roller. Five acree were drilled, harrowed, seed sown by hand, and rolled, with weeder following. The hay crop on the five acres was fully fifty per cent. heavier than on the ten acres The hay crop on the five acres It was so heavy in parts that the mower could not properly divide it.

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A special feature of the community which must commend itself to THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE and its readers is the importance attached to agriculture. They are farmers first and all the time. The very clever guide whom we followed, after trying to answer some questions about the great organ, in the end said he was no musician—he was a sheep farmer. And no apologetic tone was traceable.

The Mormons profess to have quit the practice of polygamy since it has been declared contrary to United States law. But if, as some suspect, there are remote corners where they still indulge in the forbidden, and even though their presence in a country constitutes a serious problem, they are a wonderful people and have done wonderful things. To quote from an article in Chamber's Encyclopedia referring to their settlement in the valley of Salt Lake in 1848. "The world has never seen swifter, more active, more glad-hearted colonists than these singular 'Saints.'" T. B.

It was a complete demonstration of the profitable ness of heavier seeding. And, also, it demonstrated the superiority of harrowing after the drill, then sowing the seed, rolling, and stirring the surface as a finisher

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And yet one man who heard we had sown twenty pounds of seed per acre delivered himself thusly: "Must be crazy!" Later he was one who Later he was one who marvelled at the crop and asked me about the quantity of seed sown.

After all, when we say that a man is crazy or dead wrong, we simply mean that we don't just understand his viewpoint. W. L. MARTIN. Northumberland Co., Ont.

#### Another Word About Smut. EDITOR THE "FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

There appears to be a great difference of opinion regarding the strength and quantity of the formalin solution to use in the treatment of seed grain to prevent mut. Some men use and recommend a very strong colution of formalin, while others use with success comparatively dilute solutions. Experiments conducted at the Ontario Agricultural College and at numerous Ex-periment Stations in the United States have shown con-clusively that a solution of standard formalin (a 40% colution of formaldehyde gas and water) of the strength of 1 pint to 40 gallons of water is sufficiently strong to prevent Oat Smut and Stinking Smut of Wheat, and at the same time does not reduce the germinative apacity of the seed.

During the last two or three years several instances tave been brought to the writer's attention of the vi-tality of seed grain being destroyed by strong solutions of formalin. One correspondent last fall stated that his fall wheat failed to come up due to the fact that he treated the seed with a solution of formalin of the etrength of 1 pint of formalin to 10 gals. of water.

The writer is convinced that the use of strong solu-tions of formalin in the treatment of seed grain to prevent smut involves considerable danger of injury to the vitality of the seed and, therefore, is not to be recommended. The comparatively dilute solutions will prevent the smut and at the same time their use nvolves no danger to the vitality of the seed if ordinary common sense precautions are taken. The immersion method, as described in "The Farm-er's Advocate" of March 16th, is, the most reliable

method of treating grain with formalin, but unfortunately it requires more time and labor than can be spared

upon the average farm. Sprinkling the seed with a dilute solution of form-alin, if properly done, will prevent Oat Smut and Stinking Smut of Wheat, and is at the same time com-paratively easily and quickly accomplished. A solution of formalin of the strength of 1 pint of formalin to 40 of formalin of the strength of 1 pint of formalin to 40 gallons of water will destroy the spores of Oat Smut and Stinking Smut of Wheat adhering to the seed, but as all the formalin sold does not appear to be up to the standard strength it is advisable, in order to be sure of success, to use a little stronger solution, viz: 1 pint of formalin to 30 imperial gallons of water. Place the grain to be treated on a clean convers or floor: sprice the grain to be treated on a clean canvas or floor; sprinkle the formalin solution over the grain, then shovel the grain into another pile so as to mix it thoroughly; then sprinkle and shovel again. Repeat this until every grain is moistened by the solution. Then cover the pile with sacking and leave for three or four hours or over night. At the end of this time spread the grain out thinly to dry; shovelling it over three or four times will hasten drying. Each gallon of the solution is enough for a little more than one bushel of oats or

about two bushels of wheat. It is advisable to sow the treated seed as soon as it is dry enough to run freely through the drill. If the eed grain is swollen when sown the drill should be set to allow for this. If the seed is to be stored for several days before sowing, dry very thoroughly before re-placing in bags or bins. Success in the use of this method depends, first, upon thoroughness in application (every grain must be wet by the solution) and, second, apon taking proper precautions to see that the treated aread is not reinfected by coming in contract with eed is not re-infected by coming in contract with emutty sacks, bins, floors or drills.

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lined. Emphasis is placed on securing a representative sample of the products to be tested. If the sample is not representative, the test is of little value. Where it s not possible to make a daily test, a preservative may be used, and one composed largely of corrosive sublimate is recommended. The quantity of preservative to use depends on the quantity of milk that will be placed in the sample bottle, the length of time the sample is to be kept, the temperature, and the degree of ripeness of the milk composing the sample. The composite samples are tested in a similar manner to the sweet milk, and the results should be the same. Results of testing cream, using the pipette and scales to measure the samples, are to the effect that with sweet cream the test from the weighed sample was 34.7 per cent., as

soiling crop makes it possible to feed more stock per acre than depending on pasture alone. Soiling cropt, as a rule, will feed two or three times the amount of stock as the same acreage in pasture. If it were not for the labor involved in cutting and feeding the green feed, there is no doubt but that the system would be more generally and extensively followed. Considering the feed alone, pasturing is an expensive method of feeding dairy cows, but the scarcity of labor makes feeding dairy cows, but the scarcity of labor makes feeding dairy cows, but the scarcity of labor makes complete soiling almost impossible. However, in orde, to obtain the most profit from summer dairying, pro-vision should be made for a feed to supplement the pasture during a dry spell. Possibly the silo is one on the best means of providing this extra feed, and in the dairy districts two silos on one farm are quite common.



Three Cows, Typically Ayrshire.

compared with 32.4 per cent. with cream from the same can measured with a pipette. Similar results were obtained when testing sour cream. The scales are considered to be a much more accurate method of measuring samples of cream than is the pipette.

Every dairyman should make a practice of testing the individual cows in the herd in order to determine the individual cows in the herd in order to determine which are the most profitable. The old method of paying for milk on the pooling system will soon be discarded, and all milk sold to factories will soon be paid for according to test. Babcock testers are not expensive, and small-sized machines can be purchased which are suitable for the farm. By following the directions given in the bulleting approximate the milk directions given in the bulletin, anyone may test milk or any of its products. The bulletin is number 45 of the Dairy and Cold Storage Series, and can be had upon application to the Publication Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

#### Soiling Crops to Supplement the Pastures.

As a rule, the flow of milk from most herds materially decreases during the months of July and August

The silo, to supply summer feed, is torsidered a necessity on some farms. A larger bulk of feed may br grown on an acre sowe to corn than if sown to any other crop, and the silo makes it possible to stor: and keep the corn c:op for an in definite period. A year from the time corn is put in the elle the silage is as palatable and valuable for feed as it was a weel after it was ensiled The dairy farm with out a silo will be an exception in the no distant future, and op an increasing number of farms the second silo will be erected to

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store feed for summer use.

Alfalfa is a valuable soiling crop, as it is ready to cut early in the season and continues to make rapid growth throughout the summer. Where it can be grown its value as a feed is well known. Whether fed green or as hay it comes nearer to taking the place of green or as hay it comes nearer to taking the place of concentrates in the ration than most crops grown on the average farm. A few acres will furnish a large amount of feed. By the time the field is cut over once the part first cut frequently has attained sufficient growth to permit of cutting again. Alfalfa has not proved a successful crop on all farms. Where it cannot be grown, a small paddock near the buildings might be sown to sweet clover. This new crop grows rapidly and some feeders claim that the stock will eat it readily If it is used as a soiling crop. it should be cut before If it is used as a soiling crop, it should be cut before the stalks become woody. In chemical composition sweet clover is similar to alfalfa. Red clover is in the same class as alfalfa as a soiling crop, but does not grow as great a bulk of feed throughout the season It is not ready for cutting quite so early, and the new

It is not ready for cutting quite so early, and the nev growth does not come on as quickly. Peas and oats may be sown for a soiling crop, as they form a fairly good balanced ration and are relished by the cows. If several seedings are made at intervals of a week or ten days, it will prolong the feed ing period. When the crop is not all required for green feed, it might

for green feed, it might be cured for hay, as oats and peas cut ir the milk stage and cured make very good fodder. The proportion recommended to sow is two bushels 'of oats to one of peas. If there is a possibility of a scarcity of hay, owing to meadown being winter killed oats and peas

#### THE DAIRY.

#### Testing of Dairy Products.

In a bulletin recently issued by the Dairy and Cold Storage Branch of the Federal Department of Agricul-ture, under the title of "The Testing of Milk, Cream and Dairy By-products, by means of a Babcock test," and written by J. F. Singleton, chief inspector of dairy products, the use of the Babcock tester is given in detail. Care that should be taken of the component parts of Care that should be taken of the component parts of the tester, the measurements advisable and the methods which should be employed in doing the work are clearly et forth. Qualities most emphasized are exactness, cleanliness and temperature. The use of the Babcock test has been widely adopted and successfully applied in the testing of cream, skim milk, buttermilk, whey and cheese. This test has been of immense value to the dairy industry since it has provided a means of determining the fat production of individual cows and the making of a more equitable division of cheese factory and creamery proceeds. It has been used in detecting losses of fat in such by-products as skim-milk, buttermilk and whey, and in detecting adulteration such as watering and skimming of milk. The writer points out that while the test is simple to operate, great care and accuracy must be exercised in all details of the work or the results will be inaccurate and misleading. The apparatus employed in making a test of the various dairy products, and how to make a test is clearly out-



#### Lakeview Dutchland Hengerveld 2nd. First-prize two-year-old Holstein bull at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, 1915.

when the pastures become short and dry. Once there is a falling off in the flow, it is almost impossible to bring it back to normal again, even with the most careful feeding. This difficulty may be averted by providing for a supply of fresh, succulent feed to supplement the pastures during the period of hot, dry weather. The summer of 1915 was ideal for dairymen, as pastures kept fresh throughout the entire season, consequently a good flow of milk was maintained right up to time of stabling the cattle. It is impossible to say what the coming season will bring forth, but the dairyman who plans ahead and has a supply of green feed in readiness is prepared for any emergency. A

profitably be sown with the intention of cutting and curing for hay.

The latter part of the season green cors could profitably be fed to supplement the pasture. Rye and millet may also be grown for soiling crope but are not quite so rich in digestible nutrients as some of the crops previously mentioned.

Growing and feed ing soiling crops in creases the work on

the farm during the busy season, and that is probably the reason more do not grow such crops to help out the pasture. But if for fifty cests of extra labor the returns from the cows can be increased by one dollar, it will be good business. A small amount of green feed to supplement the pasture will materially aid in keeping up the milk flow during the late summer.

If co-operation is to accomplish its purpose, its aim must be to help the individual through the community, not at the expense of the community.

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#### The Fruit-Tree Leaf-Roller.

BY L. CAESAR, PROVINCIAL ENTOMOLOGIST.

There are two moderately common Leaf-rollers that ctack fruit trees, especially apple and pear, in Ontario. One of these is known as the Oblique-banded Leafoller from two broad bands that run obliquely across ach of the front wings of the adult moth, and the other he Fruit-tree Leaf-roller. The former of these insects hough found in almost every orchard, has not to my wn personal knowledge ever caused any appreciable umount of damage. The same has been true of the atter species until about three years ago. Up to that time it had evidently been kept in check by parasites, liseases or other factors, but for some unknown reason these controlling forces have of late become weakened to that this insect is at present one of the most detructive fruit pests and one of the most difficult to nombat.

From what has been said it will easily be inferred that his is not a new pest. It occurs from one end of the province to the other, but fortunately up to the present nation far as the writer can tell, not been very abundant and therefore very destructive in only three orchards. One of these is situated near Trenton, another near Hamilton, and the third near Simcoe. In the first of these approximately 50 per cent. of the fruit during the ast two years has been either destroyed or rendered culls. In the Hamilton orchard the loss has not been tearly so great with the exception of a few trees which uffered severely. At Simcoe from 40 to 50 per cent. of the apples, as nearly as one can judge, were injured in the infested part, about 10 acres, of a large 60 acre block of apples.

he interest part, accurate the insect is its habit of centering A peculiarity of the insect is its habit of centering ts attack upon a single orchard and scarcely doing any lamage at all to neighboring orchards. Sometimes it vill, as in the case of the Simcoe orchard, attack severely not the whole orchard but only a certain portion of it. From this peculiarity one feels hopeful that the great nass of the orchards in the province may escape severe ittack even though a considerable number should vecome badly infested.

We are not the only province or state troubled with his insect, for during the last few years it has become a ource of worry to fruit growers in New York and several other states. It has been troublesome for many years a Colorado, but is gradually becoming of less importance here. I feel sure that since it is not a recently-imported yest that in Ontario the forces which have kept it in check an the past will in a few years again gain the upper und and reduce it to a position of insignificance. In the neantime it is well to know about its life-history, whits and means of control.

#### Description of Adult and Larva.

The adult is a small moth about half an inch long rean the wings are closed, but with a wing-expanse of learly one inch when these are stretched out. The opper wings are a rusty brown with several silvery rhite markings; the hind wings are a light ashy brown vithout any markings. The larva, when full grown, a somewhat slender caterpillar nearly one inch long, and of a pale yellowish green color with a black head. They are usually to be found concealed in a leaf loosely olled up. When disturbed they quickly wriggle out if the leaf and drop down on a silken thread. When langer is past they crawl up by this thread to the tree gain.

The Oblique-banded Leaf-roller larva looks very nuch like this one and has the same habits but is, as us been said, seldom at all abundant.

#### Nature of the Injury.

The larvae of the Fruit-tree Leaf-roller attack the aves, fruit-buds or blossoms, and also the fruit. The ttack on the leaves begins about the time they begin o open. At this date the little larvae have just hatched ut of the egg. They at once work their way in among he unfolding leaflets, fasten them together with a few Ilken threads and feed upon the inner tissues in this heltered position, where it is clear one cannot reach hem with a spray mixture. As the leaves get larger hey roll them either up or down but usually up, keep-ag them in this position by a little silken web. In these In these hey feed, often eating holes right through them or evouring part of the top or base. The fruit buds are ften bored into and destroyed, and, when the blossoms ave opened, these are often webbed together and some t them destroyed. Once the fruit begins to form the aterpillars prefer these to anything else and, coming ut of their hiding places, they eat holes in them. These oles frequently extend to the core, but often do not to so deeply. The worst injured apples drop; the rest emain on the tree but are deformed and seldom are The worst injured apples drop; the rest tood enough to grade as anything but culls. So that is by the attack on the fruit that the chief injury is one Pears often suffer quite severely; plums are also ubject to attack, but so far the chief injury has been to apples. The pest is not confined entirely to fruit rees as it also feeds and breeds to some extent on prest trees also. In the orchard the caterpillars will, where there are weeds or clover, drop down in large numbers and feed on these, but we have never found ggs on any of these plants but only on trees.

side of two or three-year-old twigs. So that this is the place to hunt for them. The clusters are, as seen in the illustration about one-quarter of an inch or less in length and are oval and dark brown in color. After hatching they soon become nearly white and show the little holes out of which the caterpillars came. Eggs do not begin to hatch until the leaf-buds have started to burst. Hatching, however, continues for nearly a month, especially if the weather is cool. The young larva, as already described, attacks first the opening leaflets, then the larger leaves, fruit-buds, blossoms and fruit. About the middle of June they begin to be full grown and by July 1 moths may be seen in the orchard. During the day the moths conceal themselves among the foliage, but, if the branches are shaken, they will rapidly fly out with a zig-zag motion and usually go down into the grass or weeds to hide. Late in the evening they begin to fly around, mate and lay their clusters of eggs on the twigs. The last of the moths is usually dead by the end of July, and as there is only one brood, the insect from July to the next May remains in the egg stage.

#### Natural Enemies.

In our study of this insect we found that there were several kinds of parasites that attacked it, both

Fig. 1 — Moth of the Fruit-tree Leaf-roller; the larger one is a female, the smaller a male. Both natural size. Fig. 2 — Full-grown larvæ of the Fruit - tree Leaf - roller. Natural size.

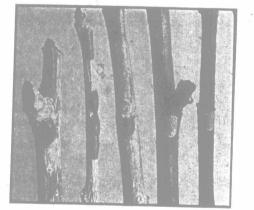
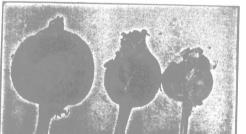


Fig. 3—Egg clusters of Fruit-tree Leaf-roller on apple twigs; the whitish ones to the right have hatched, the others are unhatched. Natural size.



advise any one troubled with this pest to give the trees two applications of arsenate of lead (4 lbs. to 4) gals. of dilute lime-sulphur or Bordeaux mixture), the first application being just before the blossoms open and the second just after they fall. These are two of the regular sprayings that every apple and pear orchard should receive even if this pest were not present. Both sprayings should be very thorough and every leaf, J possible, be covered both from above and below.

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should receive even if this pest were not present. Both sprayings should be very thorough and every leaf, J possible, be covered both from above and below. Scaleside—This is a miscible oil spray. It could about \$30.00 per barrel, and should be used at a dilution of 1 gal. to 15 gals. of water, so that 1 barrel will make 16 barrels of spray. When diluted the spray looks like milk and is easy and pleasant to use. This or some other good miscible oil is the only substance yet known that will give real good results against this pest. The mixture must be applied just before the leaf-buds burns in spring and at that date will destroy the eggs or prevent their hatching, but will not do so if applied be the autumn. Great care, however, is necessary to see that every egg mass is thoroughly wet; a mere light mist spray will, therefore, not do. In order to save material and make the spraying easier, badly infested trees should be severely pruned and the tops, if very high, lowered. Then in spraying we must keep in mind that the eggs are laid on the twigs, and not on the branches, hence the former must be carefully sprayed while the latter, unless there is San Jose scale present may be disregarded. It is very difficult to cover every twig and so one should examine his work as he good along and see that this is being done. A strong wind or high pressure to force the spray right through the tree helps greatly. The stronger the wind the better.

Cultivation—We found many larvae feeding on weeds, clover, etc., and also found many pupae on the ground; hence we believe that good cultivation and discing throughout June would destroy many larvae and pupae. The last discing should be as deep and as late as is safe for the district. In some districts this would be about the last week of June, in others not until about July 10.

Chickens—Where fruit growers have many chickens these could be kept in the worst affected portion of the orchard and would destroy great numbers of the larvay as they dropped down on their silken threads, or pupae whenever these were on the ground or on weeds, but poultry would give best results where the orchard was cultivated because they would see the insects more easily then.

## Proposed Organization for the Niagara District.

Last season, 93,808 tons of fruit left the Niagare Peninsula in freight and express shipments. This tonnage was worth between five and six million dollare when valued at prices prevailing in 1915. On ac count of the perishable nature of the product and the lack of adequate organized machinery for the distribution of the fruit, it has been felt that an effort should be made to launch a growers' organization to minister to the needs of the producers located between Hamilton and Jordan. That area between Jordan and Niagara-on-the-lake does a different kind of business; they do not ship so many small express orders and they consign more fruit, it is said, than is the case in the western end of the District. A movement has been on foot to amalgamate the producers and selling agencies in the western half of the Peninsula, or to form a large co western half of the Peninsula, or to form a large or operative association that would be essentially o growers' organization, controlled by the growers. The success of such an institution would depend largely on two factors: The manner of organizing and the men who were placed in charge. F. C. Hart, of the Dept. of Agriculture, with the assistance of J.R.Hastings of Winners and others has been instrumental in bringing of Winona, and others, has been instrumental in bringing the growers' organization to the attention of the producers Several meetings have been held, and plans have been discussed, but at no time has a complete and compre hensive outline of the proposed organization been presented to the fruit growers of the District for their consideration. The large organizations on this con tinent have different constitutions, by-laws, rules and methods of tran business. cing tions of these have been suggested. In a recent interview, Mr. Hastings outlined to a representative of this paper the scheme he thought most adaptable to the District, and the conditions which exist there His ideas are expressed in the following paragraphs.

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#### Brief Life-History.

in winter the insects are in the egg stage. The eggs are laid in small clusters and nearly always on the upper



#### Fig. 4-Work of Fruit-tree Leaf-roller on young apples Natural size

in the larval and pupal stage. The larvae were also subject to disease. Birds and predaceous insects destroyed some, but it was quite clear that all these forces combined were not at present sufficient to keep it in check.

#### Means of Control.

Arsenical Poison—Anyone who has ever seen the tattered foliage, and the holes eaten in the apples would think that all that was necessary to control this biting pest would be to spray the trees a couple of times with arsenate of lead while the injury was being done. I also had great hopes of success by this method, but, when I tried it I found that arsenate of lead, no matter when or how carefully applied, did not kill more than 50 per cent. It often did not seem to destroy even that many. The reason for this is that although the larvae will die, if they eat the poison while they are still small, yet their habit of feeding inside the little webbed leaflets prevents most of them from getting any of the poison on their food, and later on when they are halfan-inch or so in length they seem to be able to eat the poison and not be killed. There is no doubt, however, that arsenate of lead does kill some and we strongly

#### Plans Not Suitable.

"The western end of the Peninsula, at least," he said, "offers an ideal field for the venture, but, lee me say that no attempt should be made to put such an organization in operation until every detail has been put in perfect shape and the whole structure made ready for the work to be done. This will be no easy task, and will require the active assistance and sup port of those men who have many years' experience in the marketing of the fruits of the District as well as in all other branches of the industry. There are many problems to solve, many situations to mees which are peculiar to our particular district and its products, and which will have to be dealt with in a special way since there are no experiences, that I know of, which will be a sure guide for us.

"Two plans of organization have been considered one patterned after the California Fruit Growen Exchange, and others already in operation both in the United States and Canada. The California Exchange is simply the selling agency for a great many local concerns scattered over hundreds of miles of territory, handling the products of these local organizations in

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car lots to the large centres and mostly on consign-ment. While this plan might in a measure succeed in the Niagara Peninsula it is not the one best suited to our needs."

#### The Proposed Plan.

When asked to outline the scheme he had in mind, Mr. Hastings replied: "I would suggest organizing the district from Hamilton east to Jordan under one co-operative company controlled entirely by the grow-ers. That area to be cut up for the convenience of the growers, so as to facilitate business, into divisions, and each division to have one or more receiving and shipping stations. The head office to be in Grimsby, and the organization to be managed by a board of twelve or fourteen directors. The directors to be chosen by the members; two from each district, or from the district as a whole. The directors to select from among themselves three or four of their own number to act as an executive committee, and the executive to act in close co-operation with the general manager. Each receiving and shipping station in the different divisions to be in charge of a man thoroughly qualified to handle the business of the organization to be transacted at that station, including the inspection of fruit."

thoroughly qualified by experience to act as general supervisors over the entire district. These supervisors' duties to include the inspection of orchards and the giving of advice and guidance, when neces-sary, to the individual members in all such matters as planting, pruning, spraying, cultivating, picking, packing, etc. The supervisor and the various em-ployees in charge at the respective receiving and shipping stations, in the various divisions, to be under

the direct control of the general manager." "This proposed organization to be known as The Growers' Organization. This intends one company only, operating under one charter, and under the control of the growers. Should such an organiza-tion include in its membership practically all of the fruit-growers in the District, it would not be only advisable but, perhaps, absolutely necessary, that some or all of the present dealers maintain their present selling organizations, and assist as they are now doing in the distribution of the fruit products,. and to act in close co-operation with the Growers' Organization. This would simply mean that the dealers instead of getting their supplies directly from the individual growers, as at present, would deal with The Growers' Organization. There is no good reason why an agreement could not be perfected that would be mutually satisfactory and operate for the general good of the individual fruit-grower and the industry as a whole"

"It is a question whether the Growers' Organiza-tion should also act as a selling factor or leave the distributing end of it to the dealers and perhaps to the-small co-operative companies now in existence; the shall co-operative companies now in existence; the chief aim of the Growers' Organization to be to raise the standard of our products and to create a greater uniformity of packages, packing, etc., to re-duce the cost of handling, and to enable the fruit-grower to receive a reasonable profit from his opera-tions without making it necessary to increase the

price to the consumer. If it is not possible to conclude a satisfactory agreement between the proposed Growers' Organization and the dealers, who are now our largest distributers, a wiser plan would be to limit the proposed organization and include in its membership only such growers as might supply quantities of fruit, as the organization itself, acting entirely as its own distributing and selling agency, could handle to good advantage. The organization to handle to good advantage. The organization to be extended as the facilities for proper distribution could be developed."

"There seems no good reason why a second organization for the eastern end, of the Peninsula could not be organized and developed along the lines indicated for the western end. It has also been suggested that a third organization to include the district from Hamilton to Toronto be considered and the three sections, through their separate organiza

tions, work in entire harmony to the mutual advan tage of all." When asked regarding the probable expense of operating such a machine as he had described, Mi Hastings remarked: "The cost of operating such an organization should not exceed 61/2 per cent. of the receipts, and a competent general manager should hew it to 5 per cent. It would cost more on the start, but when the business became established and things got running right, between 5 and 6½ per cent of the total business transacted should meet all expenses. Furthermore, supplies could be handled for the members, and a small profit on these would tend to meet some of the charges of operating the association and reduce the expenses.

# Ontario's Horticultural Experiment Station

On the bank of Lake Ontario, at a little station called Vineland about six miles west of St. Catharines, is located Ontario's Horticultural Experiment Station. This is the home community of the late M. F. Rittenhouse, and half of the Station's land is one of his many benefactions to the community and to the country he loved so well. This is the location, too, of the far-famed Rittenhouse School, noted for its beautiful natural environments and for the atmosphere of nature and agriculture which the children are allowed to enjoy. In the summer this is one of Ontario's beauty spots, and so is the Europeinent Station in the intervention. and so is the Experiment Station in the immediate vicinity. Anyone interested in fruit, or in the beauties of Nature, should endeavor, sometime through the summer, particularly in peach-blosson time or when the fruit is ripe, to visit this part of the country and call at the Experiment Station. This invitation cannot be stamped as official, but knowing, as we do, the capable and genial Director, F. M. Clement, there is no doubt but what the pilorim will enjoy a placent and a profit but what the pilgrim will enjoy a pleasant and a profit-able visit. There are 90 acres in the Station Farm and over 70 experiments are now under way in the or-chards and vineyards on the land. It is one immense out-door laboratory. Before describing the surroundings and the experiments in detail, a brief, historical sketch would not be inopportune.

#### An Historical Sketch.

Early in the days of experimental work in Ontario. stations throughout the Province were established to minister to the needs of the fruit grower. The Fruit Experiment Stations of Ontario grew out of the report of a standing committee of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, appointed for the purpose of formulating a feasible scheme for fruit experimental work. In 1894 five stations were established. The President of the Agricultural College, then Dr. Mills, Professor Hutt, Horticulturist at Guelph College, D. Nichol, A. M. Smith, A. H. Pettit, and the Secretary of the Association, I.. Wolverton, made up the first board of control. The first meeting is recorded as having been held in the President's office, O.A.C., Guelph, April 5. 1894. The stations were not provincially owned, but were established largely for variety testing, and established largely for variety testing, and with the intention of making use of the special training and expert knowledge of some members of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, working in co-operation with the Association, the Agricultural College, and the Department of Agriculture. In 1895 five more stations and two sub-stations were established. Other stations were brought into existence, until by 1901 there were 15 in all. In 1906 the late M. F. Rittenhouse presented the Provincial Government with a block of land at Vineland. The balance of the property was purchased, Vineland. The balance of the property was purchased, vineland. The balance of the property was purchased, a foreman was placed in charge, much of the cleaning work was done at once. In the following year the late H. S. Peart was appointed Director, and from that time the policy was to concentrate more work at the Vineland Station, gradually withdrawing it, except in certain special cases, from the various stations that for years had been working in concertation with the Onvears had been working in co-operation with the On-tario Fruit Growers' Association, and the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture. The policy to-day is to deal with special horticultural topics, in as specific a manner as possible; to have a specially trained man a macher as possible; to have a specially trained man in charge of each branch, and to carry on the investiga-tion work so it will be of practical value to fruit and vegetable growers of Ontario. F. S. Reeves, now an officer in the Canadian army, was appointed Hybridist officer in the Canadian army, was appointed Hybridist in 1912. Later, O. J. Robb was made assistant director in Olericulture. P. E. Culverhouse, assistant in Can-ning and the study of Proceeduate and A. C. Harris ning and the study of By-products, and A. G. Harris assistant in Pomology.

#### The Station Equipment.

In the accompanying illůstrations will be seen some of the buildings of the Horticultural Experiment Stations. In the Administration Building are the offices of the staff and there records are kept. A lodge for the farm help can be seen to the left and a farm house is visible in the background. A coldstorage is used for cooling and preserving fruit, and a small greenhouse makes it possible to germinate many kinds of seeds, and thus gain a year in conducting experiments with various kinds of plants. The farm was carefully laid out in blocks and all planting has been systematically



Onions in Flower. These onions were grown from seed at the Horticultural Experiment Station.

done, looking well to the future. An irrigation system has been installed, making it possible to conduct in-vestigations with artificial "rain" and arrive at conclusions relative to the value of irrigation in producing fruit and vegetables.

#### The Experimental Work.

It has been stated previously in this article that over seventy experiments are in progress on the Station Farm. This, however, does not convey to the reader the full significance of the work. In one test in pruning and cover crops 600 trees are involved. Trials with varieties are called one experiment, but in the one xperiment regarding the v

130 varieties, in cherries 56 varieties, and of each variety there are from two to four trees. The different kinds of apples comprise one experiment, peaches another and so on through the fruits. In addition, there are 135 varieties of grapes; 11 varieties of asparagus, 57 of strawberries and 26 of tomatoes. To make records regarding the qualities of so many varieties is indeed task which only the investigator can appreciate, for to him accuracy means more than it does to the lay mind, and accuracy, in its fullest sense, is necessary in this work.

The duty of the Hybridist is an interesting but laborious one. He crosses different varieties or strains of varieties and watches and waits for results. The flower of one plant is fertilized, by hand, with the pollen from another bloom. The resulting seed is sown and the plant and its fruit studied. If ten per cent. of these plants are uniformly good and show any valuable characteristics, the Hybridist is satisfied, but his work does not stop there. He must continue to select and eliminate until he has the multitudinous seedlings limited to two or three. Yet all the time it is necessary to make notes and describe each individual plant and preserve the records, for they are valuable when con-clusions must be drawn regarding the different crosses The work of deriving or originating new varieties depender largely on the process of selection and elimination This must go on year after year. For instance, only 275 strawberry plants were selected from 6,800 seedlings as worthy of further study, and out of 1,800 raspberry seedlings only 40 were retained for further tests

One interesting cross now under study is the Brandy-wine strawberry on the Williams. The latter is a seedling from the Sharples, itself a poor variety, but the Williams is a prolific bearer and a good shipper The Brandywine, with excellent quality, is a seedling from the Cumberland, a good kind, but itself a cross from the wild strawberry. Thus the Brandywine has many good qualities, and with them it is naturally strong and hardy, deriving its ruggedness, perhaps, from its progenitor of the wilds. These qualities make the Brandywine a good parent. The seedlings of the Cross are experimentally strong and hardy is the strong and hardy. cross are exceptionally strong and much faith in the outcome is maintained.

This is only one phase of the work. The field test's

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relative to irrigation, pruning, spraying, cultivating and



Buildings on the Horticultural Experiment Station. In the foreground are the Director's Residence and the Administration Building.

and practical interest to fruit and vegetable growers at

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large. It would be impossible in the short space available to describe in detail the experiments that are being carried on and the results that have been obtained. However, a few of the important ones may be men-tioned for the finding approx have a direct bear. tioned, for the findings in these cases have a direct bearing upon fruit and vegetable growing generally.

#### Irrivation

The investigations carried on with an irrigation plant installed on the faim have led the Director to disagree with some growers relative to the use of water on early vegetables. For those crops which come off early, Mr. Clement states that forcing is more particularly a matter of soil tilth and temperatures. He asserts that where the proper tillage has been given, and where cultivation is conducted thoroughly, there is usually plenty of water in the soil, up to about the third week in June. At each application at the Horti-cultural Experiment Station, about three-fifths of an inch of water is applied. This was found to lower the temperature of the soil from 3 to 4 degrees at a depth of 6 inches. The effect would be even more noticeable at the surface, on account of evaporation. These figures apply to the latter part of May and the first three weeks in June, when there is usually sufficient water in the soil, and the experiments have shown that by thorough cultivation, such as market gardeners give, proper tilth can be maintained and the temperatures kept higher than where cold water is applied. For crops that come off in July and August, good results have been obtained from irritation. In the case of strandbridge or increase from irrigation. In the case of strawberries an increase of 12.35 per cent. of fruit was derived from irrigation where the berries were mulched; where not mulched an increase of 93 per cent. was obtained, and there was no difference in the quality of the berries on irrigated and non-irrigated plots. This is at the same time an argument in favor of mulching. Asparagus also responded to irrigation, but there was no increase in beets or carrots—in fact, it seemed to induce an excessive growth of fibrous roots which was objectionable. In onions the irrigation induced mildew. Raspberries could not be forged in this was as the application of multipleter of the second be forced in this way, as the application of water on the berries tended to make them soft.

#### Thinning Apples.

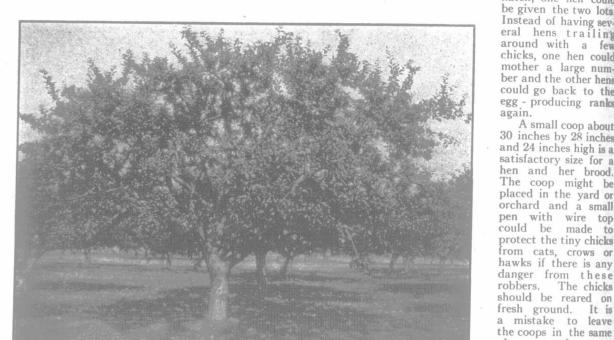
In 1914 an experiment was launched in thinning Forty-two large trees were selected and onehalf of them were thinned. On an average 3,191 apples were removed from each tree. An effort was made to there was any likelihood of the fruits touching each other when they attained full size. The work was done from the 8th to the 16th of July, when the fruit was about the size of shelled walants or smaller. This was about the size of shelled walnuts, or smaller. Thinning shears were used so no injury could be done to the spurs or the buds responsible for the next season's crop. The average cost of thinning was 58.1 cents per tree. There are other items of expense and profit that might be enumerated here, but suffice it to say that a cash loss of 17.1 cents per tree was recorded, and these results were reported by Mr. Clement to the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association Convention, in the fall of 1914. At the same time he expressed the hope that the crop of apples, in 1915, on the thinned trees would be sufficiently superior to the crop on the unthinned trees to make the practice profitable and practicable. The actual result was that the thinned trees gave no more fruit in 1915 than did those that were not thinned. In the accompanying illustration may be seen one tree from which 7,000 apples were taken. In many cases the fruit was cleaned from the spurs with the expectation of inducing those spurs to produce truit the following year. The results, however, were disappointing. This experiment is to continue for a five-year period, and there is still time for results favorable to thinning to be forthcoming.

#### Pruning Young Trees.

In another test block there are over 600 trees which form an experiment started in 1912. The aim was to ascertain correct systems of pruning, and the most efficient cover crops. One part was thoroughly pruned in the spring; another block was pruned moderately in the summer, and another block was allowed to go unpruned. The outcome of this trial to date is that the unpruned trees, especially in the early bearing varieties, such as Duchess, Wageners, etc., bore fruit in 1915, while the thoroughly pruned trees bore none. The summer pruned trees gave about half as much fruit as did the unpruned trees, and they do not appear as thrifty as do those trees pruned throughly or those which went unpruned. The best shaped trees are those that were pruned, but they have not borne fruit. The Director stated that pruning young trees, in his belief, tends to check the fruiting habit, and his remarks were applicable to plums and peaches as well. Peaches, of course, he said, are liable to grow too high if not pruned. plication of lime, but the indications are that the soil at this particular station is not lacking in lime.

#### New Varieties.

A few varieties which Mr. Clement says "might prove worth while" may be mentioned. In strawberries, the Superb and Joe are two. In peaches, the Arp Beauty is yellow flesh, cling-stone, and of the Elberta It is an introduction to the district. In plums, the Arch Duke, which is not commonly grown, is a heavy bearer, late, blue, an excellent shipper, and not subject to rot. Its season is between the Monarch and Grand In grapes there is the Hicks, which is much like Duke. the Concord, but earlier, and a heavier yielder. A local introduction of the sweet cherry tribe to the district is the Pelham, which gives much promise. These varieties mentioned are not superior to the standards we now have, but they are considered



One Tree in the Apple Thinning Experiment. Over 7,000 apples were taken from this tree in thinning, and it produced eight barrels of marketable truit.

quite the equal of or better than other varieties of their season. When the results of the numerous variety tests now under way can be compiled and published, there should be some valuable information for fruit growers. The vegetable seed produced during the first two years is being tried out this year in the endeavor to determine the relative merits of commercial seed and the home-grown product.

These are only a few of the lines under investigation at the Horticultural Experiment Station. Every phase of fruit and vegetable growing is being conidered, while the Director, with his practical knowledge of the trade, is interested in every move that will tend to improve the facilities for the transportation of products and their distribution. The Station equipment is being used to this end.

Up to the end of February the number of men enlisted in Canada was over 290,000, and wastage from all causes had reached 43,700, or a little over 15 per cent. It must be remembered, however, that total casualties were only 22,000.

When prohibition comes into force, it is the duty of the government and of every individual in the area to which the Act applies to see that prohibition prohibits.

broody hens. Therefore, a brooder must be used to supply heat and protection. The young chicks never do well if allowed to become chilled. This may be one reason why there is sometimes a large mortality among chicks after they are placed in the brooder. The temperature of the brooder should only be a few degrees lower than that of the incubator, and chicks should be placed in the brooder without becoming subject to a draft. The proper temperature is from 95 to 100 degrees under the hover when the birds are put in, and the brooder should be clean. There are different kinds of brooders in use. The out-door kind serves the purpose for a small flock, but they do not provide accommodation for the chicks for any length of time. If the indoor brooder is used, it can be placed in a colony house which gives ample scratching room and protection for the chicks during unfavorable weather. The same house may be used for rearing the chicks and saves moving them from one pen to another. Small round hovers are used for the indoor brooders and give good results. The lamp is attached to the outside of the colony house and is so protected that the danger from fire is very much lessened Heat is distributed in the hover, so that there is no necessity of the chicks crowding One hover would be sufficient in a colony house that is six by eight feet in ize, and would accommodate fifty or more chicks In a large pen the number of hovers could be increased. As soon as the chicks are strong enough to look after themselves, the brooders can be removed, although

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Brooding the Young Chicks.

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the nccessary heat to keep them warm. It is nature's way of raising chicks and less attention is required

than when an artificial hen is used. Many poultrymen allow each hen to mother the chicks she hatches, whether

they be many or few. This does not seem necessary, as one hen is capable of looking after from twenty to

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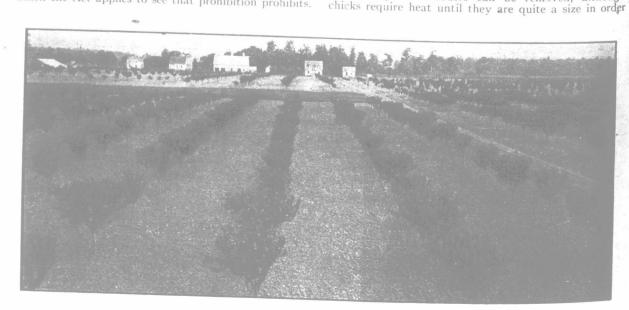
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#### No Need of Lime.

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to keep them growing. An improvised brooder for a few chicks can be made by using two small boxes and an ordinary lamp. The lamp is placed in the lower box and an inverted funnel is placed over the chimney. In the upper box is a can which is made with a tube up the centre that connects with the funnel from the lamp. The can is filled with warm water and the heat rising through the tube in the centre keeps the water warm. Strips of flannel reaching to the back of the chicks are tacked in the box for them to nestle under. In the upper box a small scratching pen is divided off for the chicks to feed in. If anything happens to a hen, and small chicks are left motherless, a brooder as described could be made.

Chicks have been raised without a hen or any arti A number of them can be put in a small ficial heat. box and the heat generated by their own bodies will keep them warm. The box must not be over five or six inches high, and only large enough to accomodate the number of chicks put in it. As they grow, the box must be enlarged. The small sleeping quarters should be placed inside a larger box for protection. The chicks may be fed in the larger box and they soon learn to go in the small box to keep warm. If the weather rns cold, a jar of hot water could be wrapped up in old flannel and placed in the centre of the pen. Raising chicks in this way is not recommended, but in case of necessity the method may be used.

## FARM BULLETIN.

#### **Results of Dairy School Exams.**

The special courses in Dairying, held at the O. A. College, Guelph, in spite of the general depression, were well attended, indicating that dairying is one of the most stable agricultural industries in the Province of Ontario.

The Registration of students by Courses was as follows: General 12 weeks' course, 43; Cow-testing, 24; Ice-cream, Soft Cheese and Specials, 8; Inspectors and Instructors, 10; total, 85.

When it is considered that these dairy courses have been held for twenty-five consecutive years, that no bonuses or special inducements have ever been offered to those attending the Dairy Classes, and that students are charged a registration fee in all the courses, except for Specials and Instructors, the showing may be considered excellent and is one more proof, if that were needed, of the interest taken in dairying, and the faith of dairymen in their busi-

The General Proficiency list for factory and farm dairy classes, 1916, is:

dairy classes, 1916, is: Factory Class.—1, Howell, W., 1075; 2, Abbott, E., 1031; 3, Beninger, C., 997; 4, Pedersen, O., 997; 5, White, J., 951; 6, Silcox, C., 950; 7, Davis, H., 941; 8, Green, R., 941; 9, Peterson, P., 930; 10, Foster, W., 890; 11, Keillor, S., 890; 12, Deuster, H., 880; 13, Singleton, A., 876; 14, Dennis, R., 875; 15, Anderson, N., 861; 16, Leitch, A., 860; 17, Murray, F., 845; 18, Roy, E., 844; 19, Bain, G., 843; 20, Bell, C., 814: 21, Statham, I., 769; 22, Neal, R., 711; 23, West, C., 707; 24, MacKay, J., 658; 25, Cameron, D., 58.

Farm Dairy Class.—1, Minto, A., 1055; 2, Mont-gomery, Miss A., 987; 3, White, R., 956; 4, Rise-brough, R., 911; 5, Giffen, G., 891; 6, Nimmo, W., 827; 7, McLaren, R., 743.

Maximum marks in each case 1,200.

The following have passed the necessary examinations in the theory and practice of cow-testing, and are qualified to act as Supervisors of Official Testing: Davis, H.; Davis, O.; Deuster, H.; Healey, N.; Hanmer, C.; Hammer, J.; Howell, W.; Nerkley, F.; Nimmo, W.; Peterson, P.; Risebrough, R.; Ruby, E.; Singleton, A.; Wallace, D.; White, A.

Under the provisions of "The Animal Contagious Diseases Act," the Ministerial Order of January 8th, 1916, governing the importation of animals or their products, or of hay, straw, fodder or manure from the State of Illinois, together with all amendments thereto, is extended for a period of one month from April 8th, 1916. (Sgd.) GEO. F. O'HALLORAN, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

#### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

#### The Church Must Stand United. Editor The Farmer's Advocate:

An article in March 16th issue, headed "The Church and the Rural Community," is suggestive of the place of the Church in the solution of the rural problem. It may seem foreign to the columns of an agricultural paper to discuss therein "Church Union" and "Church Leadership," yet in relation to rural life these are not so far removed from agricultural progress or retro-gression as to be banned. The signature to the splendid article is suggestive. The rush to town and city and the consequent depletion of rural communities took thither not only the laboring classes in large numbers, not only many of the sons and daughters of the farm homes, but the cream of the ministerial profession. The character of the leadership that the writer of the article, "The Church and the Rural Community," gave to urban churches in Western Ontario is well known to some of us and makes us long for a change in attitude that will make the goal of the ambition of a larger percentage of the Ministry, a dominating place in rural leadership through ministrations to a country flock, rather than the centres of population, great as the claims of these may seem to be. Out of 200 ministers in the London Conference of the Methodist Church three availed themselves of the course in "the Rural Leadership" at the O.A.C. last summer. A young man in the ministry in this same conference said to the writer not long since: "What the rural churches need is a leadership of leaders." There is truth in this. This marks are the structure of the structure of the man's success on his charges proved the truth of his statement, and he is engaged in bringing out the best of the social and material and intellectual, as well as the spiritual, life of the communities in which he labors. He was at the time referred to seeking information relative to the working of a co-operative organization that he might assist the farmers in his community to form a similar organization—and, by the way, he was not losing any prestige in spiritual leadership. The call of rural life to the leaders in our churches is forcible and insistent. I know the salary question appears in an unfavorable light when compared with the more liberal basis of payment in urban centres, and I am not denying to any capable minister the right to the highest salary his church affords; but no rural community fails to appraise the best leadership at its real value, if given opportunity to do so. And while all the advantages of city life may not be present on the rural charges, yet the compensations are there even from a material standpoint.

Nor should the aims of rural communities be more diverse in efforts after spiritual than after material, social or intellectual progress. The days of hair-splitting theologies for rural communities are surely The need is too great to waste energy on rivalries past, of creeds-to assemble a handful of the community at the Presbyterian centre on the corner and another handful a few rods away in the Methodist or Baptist, or other centre, and allow the denominationally unconnected to go without the leadership a strong united cause affords. The spirit of the great denominational leaders of the past can be reincarnated in the lives of the men who look to the future, who can see "our sons made as plants grown up in their youth and our daughters as corner stones polished after the similitude of a temple and our garners full, affording all manner of stores, rather than seek to draw sustenance for their 'isms and 'ologies from the past. And when on common ground we meet to develop the best that is in us in relation to our spiritual life, may not a deeper, and richer, and fuller purpose actuate us to a better development of material and social and intellectual life as well?

Different observers have arrived at different conclusions as to the ills from which our rural life suffers. To some minds the rural problem is largely social. Increase the opportunities in rural life-give us rural mail, telephones, Hydro-electric power, radial railways, etc., and the problems will disappear. To others the problem is economic. Some would conserve the markets we have, others would enlarge them, and still others not in rural life at all, but with a deep appreciation of their own interests, are constantly divesting themselves of opinions that would revolutionize agriculture-on

in the rehabilitation of rural life. If men and women can unite their interests under proper leadership through the medium of the church in its attention to spiritual interest first, who can tell how far that unity will extend and how important a factor she will become in solving the rural problem?

Middlesex Co., Ont. AN AGRICULTURAL SIMEON.

#### The Situation. BY PETER MCARTHUR.

It is a good thing that spring is here and that for the next few months a majority of the Canadian people will be so busy in the fields that they will have little time to discuss public questions or read the newspapers. It is said that every question has two sides to it. That is true of the questions now before the public -with the addition that both sides are bad. If Greed has been as shameless as the Liberals assert that side of the question is fiendishly bad. If on the other hand groundless Suspicion is as bad as the Conservatives assert it is equally fiendish. Between them, the two parties have developed a mess that is enough to make any true Canadian blush for shame. At this time of supreme national sacrifice a squabble such as we are having is a national disgrace. Some one is horribly to blame and when the whole matter is sifted to the bottom the punishment should be sure and swift. If there has been grafting no punishment can be too severe. If there has been only suspicion the same is true. At the present time the press has divided so completely along partisan lines that it is impossible to get at the truth. But I am convinced that an ever increasing body of citizens are determined to have the miserable affair cleared up for the good of Canada rather than for the good of any political party. Canada should mean more to us than any party and if the parties are working for their own benefit at this time they should be made to feel the full weight of public indignation. During the next few weeks the truth will probably be brought out and if we do not allow ourselves to be blinded by partisanship we can probably get at the truth and be in a position to act according to our convictions. In the meantime it is a good thing that the never failing seedtime has come back with its full burden of labor. The necessary work of the world is more important to all of us than any political question and the only thing for us to do just now is to attend to the duty nearest to hand. The farmers are to be congratulated that for the next few months their deal-ings will all be with the sanities of Nature rather than with the madness of Big Business and political ambition.

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Besides the impossibility of getting at the truth in the present crisis there is another reason why we should avoid discussion of the present situation. Not only do we lack the necessary intormation but "That way madness lies." Medical experts who have to do with insanity tell us that the chief causes of dementia are Greed and Suspicion. The public mind is just as liable to insanity as the individual mind and the causes are doubtless the same. You have only to read the papers to see that the chief topics of debate at the present time are Greed and Suspicion and no matter which is the prevailing vice they are equally dangerous. Both lead to madness. The man who wishes to retain his political sanity cannot do better than leave the present muddle to parliament and the courts. are not conducting a political campaign just now but a most horrible war. The manifest duty of every citizen is to "do his bit", whatever it may be. If it turns out that some people have been less anxious to "do their bit" than to "get their bit" there will be a day of reckoning. And if anyone is trying to "get his bit" politically by making unfounded charges there will also be a day of reckoning. paper. But these methods, many or few, successful or otherwise, we cannot doubt the part the church is let the great work of the world go on so that the harvest

called to play as an organizing, leading, unifying factor may follow the seedtime. That way sanity lies.

## Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo and Other Leading Markets.

#### Toronto.

Receipts at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, from Sat. April 8 to Mon. April 10 numbered 140 cars, 2359 cattle 2214 hogs, 68 sheep, 300 calves. Quality of cattle best since Christmas; prices, 15 cents higher. Choice heavy steers, \$8.65 to \$8.99 and a few at \$9; choice butchers', \$8.35 to \$8.65; good butchers', 88.10 to \$8.35; cows and bulls steady. Sheep, lambs, calves, hogs, firm at last week's close. A few Easter quality cattle sold at \$9.50 to \$10 and one steer 1860 lbs, sold at \$11 to go to Montreal.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock Yards, for the past week were:

City Union 403 Cars 44 4,485 7,461 233 Cattle 588 745 8.206 Hogs 76 309 Sheep 885 Calves 1,190 1,369 Horses 62 1,431

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1915 were:

	(	ity	Union	Total
Cars		39	321	360
			3,955	4,420
Hogs		534	8,715	9,249
Sheep			350	634
alves.		78	1,343	1,421
Horses		292	332	624

The combined receipts, at the two markets, for the past week show an increase

Total of 87 cars, 653 cattle and 807 horses; and a decrease of 43 hogs, 325 sheep, and 231 calves compared with the corresponding week of 1915.

Receipts of live stock for the past week were heavy in horses and cattle but lighter in hogs, sheep and calves. The market for hogs and lambs was especially strong. The market was fairly steady on cattle.

Butchers' Cattle .- Choice heavy steers at \$8.50 to \$8.75; choice butchers' cattle at \$8.25 to \$8.50; good butchers' at \$8 to \$8.25; medium butchers', \$7.60 to \$7.85; common butchers', \$6.75 to \$7; choice cows, \$6.75 to \$7; good cows, \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium cows, \$5.50 to \$5.85; common cows, \$5 to \$5.50; choice bulls, \$7 to \$7.25; good bulls, \$6.50 to \$6.75; common bulls, \$5.25 to \$6. Stockers and Feeders.—Feeders, short-

keep, 950 to 1,000 lbs., \$7.50 to \$7.75; steers, 750 to 850 lbs., \$7 to \$7.35; common rough stockers of less weights, \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Milkers and Springers.—Choice milkers and springers at \$85 to \$90; good cows \$65 to \$75; common cows at \$50 to \$60

Veal Calves.-Choice veal calves, \$9.50 to \$10.50; good calves, \$8.50 to \$9; medium, \$7.50 to \$8; common, \$4.50 to \$6; heavy fat calves, \$6 to \$7.

Sheep and Lambs .- Light sheep sold at \$9 to \$9.50; heavy sheep at \$7 to \$8; culls at \$6 to \$6.50; choice lambs at \$11.50 to \$12.50; cull lambs at \$8 to \$11; spring lambs, \$8 to \$10 each.

Hogs.—Selects weighed off cars, \$11.50; \$11.15 fed and watered; \$10.80 f.o.b. cars. For heavy, fat, thin, light hogs, 50c. per cwt. is deducted; \$2.50 off for

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sows; \$4 off for stags from prices paid for selects; half of one per cent. off all hogs for inspection.

Branches

#### **Country Produce**

Butter .--- Creamery solids, 32c. to 33c. creamery fresh-made squares, 36c to 37c.; separator dairy, 29c. to 31c.

Eggs.—New laid eggs again declined, and were quoted at 24 cents per dozen. Cheese.—Quoted at 18 to 19½ cents per lb.

Honey .- Unchanged, at 13c. to 131/2c. Poultry.—Live-weight: Chickens, 18c. to 20c. per lb.; ducks, 18c.; geese, 12c.; turkeys, young, 22c.; fowl, heavy, 18c.; fowl, light, 17c.

#### Hides and Skins.

Lambskins and pelts, \$1.20 to \$1.25; Sheepskins, city, \$2.00 to \$3.00; sheep-skins, country, \$1.50 to \$2.50; city hides, flat, 18c.; country hides, cured, 16c. to 17c.; country hides, part-cured, 15c. to l6c.; country hides, green, 14c. to 15c.; calfskins, per lb., 20c.; kip skins, per lb., Laberties, per 10., 20c.; kip skins, per 1b., 18c.; horsehair, per 1b., 37c. to 40c.; horsehides, No. 1, \$4.00 to \$5.00; horse-hides, No. 2, \$3.00 to \$4.00; tallow, No. 1,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ c. to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; wool, washed, 40c. to 44c.; wool, rejections, 33c. to 35c.; wool, un-washed 28c to 32c. washed, 28c. to 32c.

#### Breadstuffs.

Wheat.-Ontario No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$1.02 to \$1.04; No. 1 commercial, 99c. to \$1.01; No. 2 commercial, 97c. to 99c. to \$1.01; No. 2 commercial, 94c. to 95c.; 99c.; No. 3 commercial, 94c. to 95c.; feed wheat 86c. to 88c. Manitoba, feed wheat, 86c. to 88c. Manitoba, No. 1 northern, \$1.15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; No. 2 northern, \$1.13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; No. 3 northern, \$1.09<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

Oats.—Ontario, No. 3 white, 44c. to 45c.; commercial, 43c. to 44c. Manitoba, No. 2 C.W., 42<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c.; No. 3 C.W., 40<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c.; Extra No. 1 feed, 40<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c.; No. 1 feed, 3934c., in store, Fort William.

Peas-According to freights outside. No. 2, \$1.50; according to sample, \$1 to \$1.30.

Barley.—According to freights outside, malting barley, 62c. to 63c.; feed barley, **59**c. to 62c

Buckwheat.-According to freights outside, nominal, 69c. to 70c.

Rye.—According to freights outside, No. 1 commercial, 89c. to 90c.; rejected, according to sample, 85c. to 87c. Corn.—American (track, Toronto)

No. 3 yellow, 831/2c.; Canadian (track, Toronto), feed, 68c. to 70c. Flour -First patents

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Carrots .- \$1.10 to \$1.25 per bag; new, 65c. to 75c. per dozen, \$2 per hamper. Celery.—Florida, \$2.75 to \$3 per case. Cucumbers.—Hothouse, \$2 per dozen; Leamington, \$2 to \$3.25 11-quart basket; seedless, \$2 per 11-quart basket.

Lettuce.-Leaf, 25c. to 35c. per dozen

head, \$2.50 per hamper. Onions — Canadian, \$2 to \$2.25 per 75-lb. bag; Spanish, \$1.75 to \$2 per small case; American, \$2.75 to \$3 per 100-lb. bag; Texas Bermudas, \$2.25 per crate; green, 10c. to 20c. per dozen bunches; large shallots, 50c. per dozen bunches. Parsley.—\$1 to \$1.25 per dozen; home

grown, 75c. per 11-quart basket. Parsnips.—80c. to 90c. per bag. Potatoes.—New Brunswick Delawares, \$2 to \$2.05 per bag; Ontario, \$1.90 per bag; Cobbler seed potatoes, \$2.25 and

\$2.30 per bag. Potatoes.—New, \$10.50 per bbl. Peppers.-Sweet, green, 65c. per basket

40c. to 50c. per dozen. Spinach.—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per hamper. Rhubarb.—75c. to \$1 per dozen bunches.

#### Montreal,

Supplies of live stocks on the local market continue light, and the market was firm all the way round. Demand not particularly heavy at this period of the year so that few sales are noted. Sales of choice steers and heifers were made at 81/2c. to 83/4c per lb., while fine stock was 8c. to 814c., and good  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 8c., with lower grades ranging down to 6c per lb. Butchers' cows sold at  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. to  $7\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb., and bulls at 6c. to  $7\frac{3}{4}$ c. Sheep and lambs continued very scarce and prices firm. Yearling lambs still sold at 1134c. to 12c., while sheep ranged from 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. to 81/2c. per lb. Some spring lambs o good quality were offered on the mar ket, and sold at \$5 to \$8 each. Calves were fairly plentiful at 5c. to 7c. per lb. for good, and \$2 to \$4 each for common. Offerings of hogs were light and prices firm, with selects selling

at 11<sup>3</sup>/4c. to a fraction higher. Horses.—Quite a few horses have beer purchased lately by local carters, and some of the cheaper animals were shipped to the country for farmers. Prices were steady, as follows: Heavy draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light draft horses, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each. Small horses, \$100 to \$125 each, and culls \$50 to \$75 each. Fine saddle and carriage animals were \$200 to \$250 each.

Dressed Hogs.—The tone of the mar-ket for dressed hogs was firm, and prices advanced ½c., at 16c. to 16½c. per lb. for abattoir-dressed, fresh-killed stock

Poultry .--- The market was unchanged at 25c. to 28c. for turkeys; covering all qualities of good to choice; 23c. to 24c for chickens; 17c. to 19c. for geese and fowl, and 19c. to 20c. for ducks.

Potatoes.—There was practically no change in the market for potatoes. Green Mountains and Quebec potatoes sold in car lots, ex-track, at \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag of 90 lbs., and 10c. to 15c. additional, in a smaller way, exstore

Maple Syrup and Honey .- New crop maple syrup is scarce and very little was offered, so that prices are high. Sales of 8-lb. tins have been made at 95c. each, and of 13-lb. tins, as much as \$1.50. Sugar was 10c. to 11c per Honey was rather lower at 141/20 to 15½c. per lb. for white clover comb and 12c. to 1212c. for extracted, brown clover comb being 12c. to 13c. per lb. and brown extracted, 10c. to 11c. Buckwheat honey was 9c. to 10c. per lb.

at 501/2c. to 51c.; No. 1 extra feed at last week were 23,300 head, being 50½c. to 51c.; No. 1 feed, 49c. to 50c., and No. 2 feed, 48½c. to 49c. Ontario and Quebec white oats were 50c. for No. 2, and 49c. for No. 3, and 48c. for No. 4.

Flour.-Prices of Ontario flour clined 10c. to 20c. per barrel, but those Manitoba flour were unchanged. Manitoba first patents were \$6.60 per barrel, in bags, seconds being \$6.10, and strong bakers' \$5.90. Ontario flour was \$6 for patents, and \$5.30 to \$5.40 per barrel, in wood, for straight rollers, the latter being \$2.50 per bag.

Hay .-- The market for hay was un changed at \$21 per ton, ex-track; for No. 1, \$20.50 for extra good No. 2, and \$20 for No. 2, and \$18.50 for No. 3. Seeds.—Enquiry for seeds is waking up, but red clover and timothy were very dear. This affects the demand. Quotations per 100 lbs., Montreal, were steady at \$10 to \$15 for timothy, and \$23 to \$28 for red clover, and \$17 to \$24 for alsike.

Hides .--- Calf skins were at a high record price. Importations from Russia, France and South America have ceased. Canadian producers are getting the advantage, the price being 26c. per lb. for No. 2, and 28c. for No.1. Beef hides were 21c., 20c., and 19c. for No's. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Sheep skins, \$2.50 each, and horse hides at \$2.50 to \$3.50. Rough tallow was 1½c. to 2½c. per lb., rendered being 7c. to 7½c. per lb.

#### Buffalo.

Cattle:-Cattle trade appears to be in the ascendency. Runs last week were not large, and killers paid high prices. Steers sold up to \$9.75 at Buffalo, with a very prime kind at Chicago ten cents Some sellers are inclined to believe that the top will climb even higher. Good to choice cattle are scarce. True, now and then, shippers drive hard to a high market, too many are offered for the day and some setback in the market is had, but the general opinion among sellers at Buffalo is that good, strong weight steers, carrying good flesh and plenty of fat, will continue to sell high right along. Canadians reached \$9,00 per cwt., here last week and they were not a fancy kind at that. The past week's market was about a dime to fifteen cents lower, but the range apwent to eastern killers under \$8.70, and for the best steers generally it was a \$9.35 to \$9.70 trade. On butchering grades the trade ruled about steady with the week before, and the demand was good, canners and cutters alone, possibly showing shade easier values. Bulls are bringing firm prices, top the past week reached \$7.75. Milchers and springers have been on a downward scare of late, but as the range season approaches there is reason to believe that these will find better sale under a more liberal demand. Receipts last week were 4,125 head, as against 4,475 head for the previous week, and 3,350 for the corresponding week last year.

Shipping Steers.—Choice to prime natives, \$9.15 to \$9.70; fair to good, Steers.-Choice to prime \$8.50 to \$8.85; plain, \$8.15 to \$8.35; Very coarse and common, \$7.65 to \$7.90; best Canadians. \$8.50 to \$8.75; FOUNDED 186

against 23,786 head for the previous week, and 25,500 head for the same week a year ago.

week a year ago. Sheep and Lambs. — Last week started with top lambs selling from \$11.50 to \$11.75, and culls went from \$11 down, Tuesday's market was steady and the next three days the most de-sirable lambs sold from \$11.50 to \$11.70. Heavy lambs have been very bad sel Heavy lambs have been very bad sale at all marketing points, and at Buffalo kinds weighing around 100 pounds were not worth as much as good culls, being hard to place even at \$10.50 and \$10.75 Top for yearlings last week was \$10,50, wether sheep sold up to \$9,50, and the ewe range was from \$9 down. Receipts Receipts last week aggregated 18,300 head, as compared with 14,816 head for the week previous, and 18,775 head for the same week a year ago.

Calves .- Receipts last week were very liberal, there being around 3,550 head Offerings were against 3,360 head for the week before, and 2,925 head for the same week a year ago. The first three days of the week top veals sold from \$10 to \$10.50, bulk \$10.50; Thursday a few reached up to \$11, and Friday, under a supply that figured close around 2,200 head, best lots went at \$10.50 and \$10.75. Cull grades sold up to \$9, 'though bulk went from \$8.50 down.

#### Chicago.

Cattle .- Beeves, \$8 to \$10; stockers and feeders, \$6.10 to \$8.75; cows and heifers, \$4.20 to \$9.10; calves, \$6.75 to \$9.50.

Hogs.—Light, \$9.30 to \$9.85; mixed, \$9.35 to \$9.80; heavy, \$9.25 to \$9.80; rough, \$9.25 to \$9.40; pigs, \$7.50 to \$9.10.

Sheep. - Native, \$8.25 to \$9.25. Lambs.-Native, \$8.75 to \$11.50.

Special One Way Fares to Pacific Coast Points. Daily Until April 14th.

Those contemplating a trip to Pacific Coast points, including Vancouver, B. C., Seattle Wash, Portland, Ore., etc., should consult Canadian Pacific Ticket Agents for particulars of low fares in offset deilin article article 14th effect daily until April 14th.

#### Sale Dates Claimed.

April 19-James Benning, Williamstown, Ont.; Ayrshires.

April 19—Burns & Sheppard, **The** Repository, Toronto, Ont.; Clydesdales (Estate of late R. Davies.) April 22-McGarvin Bros, Chatham.

Ont.; Percheron stallions. April 25-Bernice Gregory, Lakeside,

Ont.; Holsteins.

Good Clydesdales at Auction. Elsewhere in this issue is the advertise ment of the big dispersion sale of the great Clydesdale stock belonging to the estate of the late Robert Davies, Thorncliffe Farm, Todmorden. The horses will be sold April 19 at 11 o'clock at the They include Repository, Toronto. They include choice stallions, mares, fillies and colts. Get full particulars from Burns & Shep-pard. The Repository, Simcoe & Nelson Streets, Toronto. Look up the advertisement, which gives much information.

#### Percheron

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\$6.50; second patents, in jute bags, \$6 strong bakers', in jute bags, \$5.80. Ontario, winter, according to sample, \$4.15 to \$4.25, track, Toronto; \$4.25 to \$4.35, bulk, seaboard

#### Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—No. 1, per ton, \$18. to \$19.; No. 2, per ton, \$14 to \$15. Straw.-Car lots, per ton, \$6.50 to \$7

track, Toronto. Bran.-Per ton, \$25.

Shorts-Per ton, \$26.

Middlings-Per ton, \$27.

Good Feed Flour.-Per bag, \$1.60 to \$1.70

#### Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables

Apples. - 25c. to 35c. per 11-quart basket; Spys. 84 to \$7 per bbl.; Greenings and Baldwins, \$3 to \$5 per bbl. Russets. \$3 to \$4.50 per bbl.; imported, \$2.50 to \$3 per box; Ontarios, \$1.50 to \$2 per box. ▶ Beets -60c, per bag; new, 65c, to 75c. per dozen bunches.

Cauliflower.-California, \$4 per case

Eggs .- Receipts of fresh-laid eggs are increasing constantly, and prices were one the easy side at 26c. to 27c. per dozen. Held stock is said to be completely exhausted. Consumption is large.

Butter.-Although receipts of new milk butter are showing an increase, they are still light, and as demand is generally good throughout Lent, the market held firm. finest creamery was quoted at 33c. to 34c. per lb., and fine at  $32^{1}2^{\circ}$ , to  $33^{\circ}$ , while seconds were  $31^{1}2^{\circ}$ , to  $32^{\circ}$ , and dairies range around

Cheese.-The market for cheese was fractionally lower, at 181<sub>2</sub>c, to 18<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>c, for for finest Westerns, 18c, to 181<sub>4</sub>c, for finest, and 1734c. to 18c. for choicer

Oregon, \$3 per case.Grain.—Oats were higher all the way<br/>round, No. 2 Canadian Westerns quoted<br/>at 52c. per bushel, ex-store; No. 3and rinday top dropped to \$10.20,<br/>bulk went at \$10.15, and the pig range<br/>was from \$9 to \$9.25. Roughs \$9 to<br/>\$9.25, and stags \$8 down. Receipts

fair to good, \$8 to \$8.25; common plain, \$7.50 to \$7.85.

Butchering Steers. - Choice heavy, \$8.50 to \$8.75; fair to good, \$7.75 to \$8.50 to \$8.75, fail to good, \$1.15 to \$8.25; best handy, \$8.50 to \$8.75; common to good, \$7.50 to \$8.25; light, thin, \$7 to \$7.25; yearlings, prime, \$8.50 to \$9; yearlings, common to good. \$8 to to \$8.35.

Stockers and Feeders.—Best feeders, \$6.75 to \$7.25; common to good, \$6.25 to \$6.50; best stockers, \$6.25 to \$6.50; common to good, \$5 to \$5.75.

Hogs.-The bad slump in prices two weeks ago checked receipts at all marketing points, and last week the rekeing points, and tast week the re-sult was a considerably improved trade. On the opening day of the week at Buffalo the bulk of the good hogs sold at \$10.25, few made \$10.30, with one load reaching \$10.35, and pigs landed generally at \$9.50. Tuesday's market was strong to a micked bicker market was strong to a nickel higher Wednesday and Thursday sales were made from \$10.25 to \$10.35, with pigs selling from \$9.25 to \$9.50,

Attention is directed to the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the big sale of Percherons to be held in Chatham, Ont., April 22. These horses include seven registered stallions duly inspected and enrolled, a few choice registered mares, greys and blacks, and a number of grade mares and geldings. They are the property of McGarvin Bros. They R. R. 3, Chatham, who will be pleased after you have read the advertisement to give further particulars.

A. A. Colwill, breeder of Clydesdales, Shorthorns and Tamworths, Newcastle, Ont., writes in changing his advertisement that he never has had a better season's trade in Shothorns and Tamworths. Although sales have been numerous he is offering some choice stock of excellent breeding from grand sires See the advertisement.

In the advertisement of T. I. Thomson, Ltd., re Lankford Collars, this issue, the instructions should read "order same size as in leather collars, instead of "order size smaller than in leather collars."

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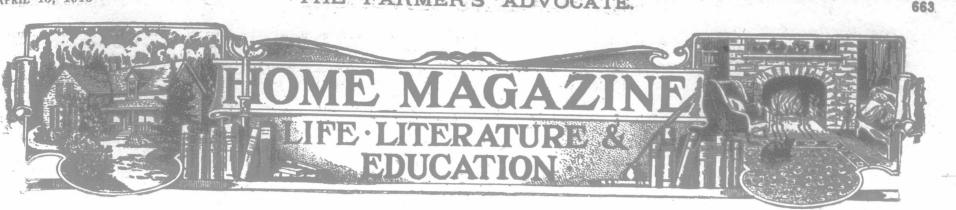
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#### THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.



#### The Plow.

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And I stand darkly against the night I am a worker, I, the plow.

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of want: Kingdoms may rise and wane, War claim her tithe of slain, Hands are outstretched to me, Master of men am I, seeming a slave, I feed the peoples, I, the plow.

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Where sleeps the hidden grain Corn-fields shall wave again; Showing that while men live Nor seed nor harvest-time ever will cease. I prove God's words true, I, the plow. -V. F. Boyson, in Everybody's MAGAZINE.

#### **Rural Possibilities After** the War.

WY MR. THOMAS ADAMS, OF THE COM-MISSION OF CONSERVATION, OTTAWA.

[It is a rather pathetic truth that we do not always avail ourselves of the advantages within our reach. Sometimes this is because of carelessness or lack of understanding the real importance of things that may be had for the asking, or at the expenditure of a little initiative; sometimes it is due simply to our not knowing about these things. For in-stance, it would not be wide of the mark to say that very few farmers in Canada know that there is a department at Ottawa whose purpose is to forward not only city, but also rural de-ing lecture, with lantern views, given by Mr. Thomas Adams, "Town-planner," one of the staff of the department referred to. So frequently did the remarks of the speaker turn to the rural districts, that the Farmer's Advocate subsequently wrote to him, asking if a

similar lecture had not been prepared with especial adaptation to the rural

little difficulty in regard to the lanternslides. May we say, in closing, that the illustrated lecture cannot too soon become a factor in rural life.

The following selection is from Mr. Adams' annual report, and gives an inkling of a few among many features in regard to the rural districts that may become realities, some in one district, some in another, after the war.—Ed.] Our system of land development, both

in town and country, is an artificial creation, and in so far as it has proved defective it requires to be remedied by artificial means. Compared with other countries, our natural advantages in Canada are exceptionally favorable to the development of both agriculture and manufactures, but our system of controlling the uses and development of the land has been a partial failure and greatly needs a remedy. It was so before the war, but the changed conditions which are being produced by the war make the imperfections of our system more evident, and the applica-tion of a remedy more urgent.

The remedy is needed not only for the benefit of posterity, but in directions which may be made immediately useful to us in connection with the struggle in which the Empire is engaged. In your cities and towns we want to study our system of local government and plan to avoid waste and secure a sounder basis than we have at present for civic and industrial efficiency during and after the war. We have to find out by what means we can cut down expenditure on local improvements without injury to local enterprises, how far we can improve the methods of raising money for public purposes so as to reduce heavy charges for interest, to what extent we

the system of land division is partly responsible for the failure. Many different reforms have been suggested, and have sufficient plausibility to be worthy of being enquired into. We need rural planning as well as town planning.

#### Returned Soldiers.

The need for reform has been emphasized as a result of discussion of the problems likely to arise in connection with returned soldiers. They will want to earn a livelihood, and it has been suggested that many will desire to turn to farming for that purpose. If that desire should exist to any extensive degree, do we regard ourselves as being prepared to deal with it? In the Old Country they are considering schemes to develop small holdings for returned soldiers, but if men who return from the war want to get back to the land is it not likely that Canada can offer better attractions than any other country if we have the right system to make the most of the natural advantages we possess? If with the return of peace there is to be a great demand for land we need to have, not only the supply to meet that demand, but the right conditions to organize and distribute the supply. This is a problem which is closely connected with town development so that it is not remote from town planning, but it is also a problem which involves a certain amount of replanning of the agricultural areas themselves. Many people, including those accustomed to living in rural districts all their lives crave after the social attractions of the towns. A factor which makes people who are habituated to rural conditions migrate to the towns will be present in a can secure relief of the enormous burden stronger degree in connection with at-for fire insurance in cities, what are tempts to settle men who, like returning the more economical and least harmful soldiers, have enjoyed the intercourse



solve the problem of rural depression Consideration will have to be given to the provision of capital, the training of inexperienced men, the selection of suitable areas and the proper planning of agricultural colonies.

#### Planning and Rural Industries.

It is the last of these matters with It is the last of these matters with which I am concerned, and it is not the least important of the matters requiring public attention. In properly organized agricultural colonies, such as those which exist in Belgium and Holland it is marked by the such as Holland, it is essential to have indoor rural industries situated in the village centres, and such industries could pro-vide employment for many men who are unsuited or unwilling to take up agricultural work. The establishment of rural industries in Canada is a matter which might very well receive encouragement, apart from the question of providing for returned soldiers, with a view to increasing the number of small towns in agricultural districts and lessening the congestion of the larger cities. That is another matter which interests the descent of the second which interests the town planner. Decentralization of our manufacturing in-dustries is as desirable in the interests of the healthy town as it is in the inter-ests of agriculture. It is desirable that Canada should encourage new settlers to migrate to the small villages and towns attractions for them to congregate in large cities. The more widespread the population is the more healthy it will be, and the more it will help to solve many problems which have been created by our having thinly scattered agricul-tural population on the one hand and overcrowded cities on the other. The problem of providing for the returning soldiers, and for the anticipated increase in immigration would seem to provide the opportunity for making an experiment in linking up the amenities and facilities of town life with the healthy conditions of the country.

Indoor rural industries develop in dividual skill and taste and character They offer work and social amenities which are more congenial to many of the sons and daughters of the farmers than the work and conditions of the farm. In such industries articles could be produced which would be wanted by the farmer, at the same time creating a population which would need part of the produce of the farm, thus providing an interchange of markets n close proximity to each other. In Belgium and Northern France the cultivation of the soil is only made profit-able by reason of the work done and the made in the money In the neighborhood of Caudry winter. alone 36,000 people live on 30,000 acres engaged on the land in summer and in hand-embroidery, lace-making, iron mongery, brush making, wooden carving, etc., during the winter. The Canadian climate is peculiarly adapted for indoor winter work, and by proper planning, together with the employ-ment of electricity for power, small village industries can be made as profitable as large city industries. Some of the scientific methods and knowledge, which have helped to create the great railway system and manu-facturing centres of Canada might very well be directed for a time in help ing to build up a system of coloniza-tion which would make agricultural life more attractive and add immensely to the resources of the Dominion and utility of the railways themselves. We have seen in the past few years that mere growth of population is not in itself a means of increasing material wealth-it is only when that growth is properly directed and controlled that prosperity comes with the increase. When the tide of immigration again

districts. His answer, which arrived recently is as follows:

"I would not be in a position to give lectures in rural districts, unless perhaps at annual conferences, but should be glad to prepare a series of slides and a written lecture for distribution to rural parts of Canada if it was shown that there was a sufficient number who would be likely to use the slides and lecture. We might make some arrangement that these would be distributed in order of application, and the only expense which the locality would have to bear would be in returning the slides, and in making good any breakage for which they were responsible. I think some mutual educational work might be done in this direction, and at any rate you might ascertain whether there is likely to be any demand for a lecture along these lines.)

We are pleased to publish this suggestion, and trust that farm-folk who are interested in rural development and rural planning will be quick to see the opportunity, and not less quick to put themselves into touch with Mr. Adams. Now that the hydro-electric facilities are becoming so wide-spread, there should be



#### A Barbed Wire Entanglement in the Vosges. The entanglement can be charged with electricity at will. Photo Underwood & Underwood

methods of dealing with unemployment if and when it occurs, how we should prepare to absorb in our cities or towns the returning soldiers who will prefer to settle in manufacturing centres and how we can manage the cultivation of idle land in suburban areas.

#### Need of Constructive Policy in Agricultural Areas.

In agricultural areas there is a crying need for a constructive policy to enable colonization to be carried on under conditions which will produce greater stability and ensure permanent settle-ment. Everyone is agreed that present methods are not satisfactory, and that

and facilities of town life. Such men are not likely to take kindly to living on isolated farms in districts remote from populated centres.

#### Need of Agricultural Colonies.

What is likely to be needed is the establishment of a few well-planned agricultural colonies on good and accessible land. They must be planned in such a way that there will not be an entire absence of facilities for social intercourse, co-operation, transportation and ready means of marketing. All these things are necessary in combination to make farming pay, and unless we can make farming pay we cannot

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begins to flow it will be too late to devise means to properly direct it, and it would seem desirable that some steps should be taken in the near future to enable adequate consideration to be given to the problem of improved methods of colonization.

The importance of this problem has been brought home to me in studying municipal conditions for the purpose of preparing legislation to regulate land development in towns and rural districts. Great difficulties may conront us in any attempt to put these proposals to the test, but they are at least worthy of study and investigation.

It is our duty to apply all our schemes of planning and social readjustment so that the war will leave us richer and not poorer in regard to our economic conditions, the stability of our productive enterprises and the health of our people. We at least need not, if we choose, face a situation in which our industries are paralyzed because we have failed to prepare for peace, which is just as necessary as to prepare for war. We have also to apply ourselves to We have also to apply ourselves to the duty of raising sanitary and hygienic standards, both in town and country. As an eminent American writer visitor to Ottawa said the other day, the sanitarian can only truly succeed in his work in proportion as he recognizes the need of the relief of poverty, side by side with the application of sanitary science. True patriotism embraces the ideal of securing amelioration of social ideal of securing amelioration of social conditions, and we have to make these conditions worthy of the sacrifices now being made for them in precious human lives

A scheme to successfully attain the desired objects must be so framed as to make the utmost use of individual enterprise, to attract the right kind of men with small capital and give some security of their success, to enable some financial support to be given to such men, to secure the utmost use of cooperative facilities in the making of purchases and distribution of produce, and to provide the necessary social and educational facilities within easy range of the homes of the settlers.

When a proper scheme is devised for dealing with land settlement it will probably be found that Government assistance of a financial kind will be needed to enable such a scheme to be effectively carried out. The giving of such assistance, however, will surely depend on the character of the scheme, and on whether the Government, whether Provincial or Federal, is convinced of its desirability and soundness. Hence the making of thorough investigation into the problem and the preparation of a sound scheme are the first things to be done.

## Hope's Quiet Hour.

#### Uplifted and Uplifting.

I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. This He said signifying what death He should die.-

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amazed people exclaim: "An ange spake to Him,"-the words of our Lord were about His coming death. He

were about His coming death. He knew how soon the fickle mob would be shouting "Crucify!" That very week He should indeed be proclaimed "King of the Jews," but in scorn and mockery "The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified." He said but it should be a glory won through dying—the glory of the seed-corn which falls into the ground and dies that it falls into the ground and dies that it may bring forth much fruit. It was the glory of one who "hateth his life in this world that he may keep it unto life eternal.

Then He broke into words of anticipatory joy-words which revealed His certainty of final triumph: "1, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."

It was no selfish glory He sought, not even the hope of an eternal reward for a temperal sacrifice. He was willing to be lifted up on the awful Cross, be cause it was the only way of drawing the hearts and souls of all men to Himself. The prophet Isaiah, foretelling the death of the Messiah, declared that He

death of the Messiah, declared that He should see such a result of His work as should satisfy Him (Isa. 53: 11). The prophet Amos speaks of a shepherd who "taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear." "Do you think that the Good Shepherd could be "satisfied" with rescuing such a small remnant of His loved flock? "Satisfied!" would not such a pitiful return for His infinite outlay break that tender heart a second time? tender heart a second time?

He did not face failure when He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Death was the price He paid for the sins of the world, and He paid it willingly that He might draw "all men" unto Himself. Before the Cross we kneel in wondering

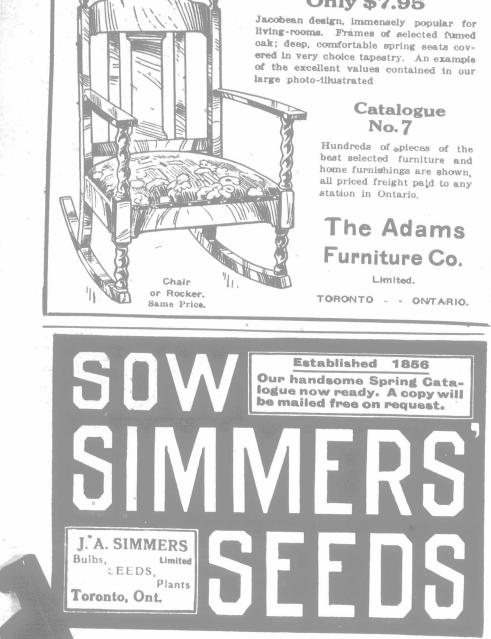
awe, for there God has written in letters which all races of men can read the great word "LOVE". Many thousands of men have been crucified—and for-gotten. Let unbelievers explain, if they can, the fact that JESUS on His Cross is slowly but surely uplifting the world.

"That one Face far from vanishrather grows.

Becomes my universe that feels and knows."

A man who was having a controversy about religious matters said: "How glad one would be to get out of it all! but there is that strange man on His Cross who drives me back again and again." I think he made a mistake, though, for Christ on His Cross does not "drive" but attract. His enemies were triumphant when they had put Him to death—but their triumph was chortlived. Warne iner they have shortlived. Many, since then, have laboured to prove that the Founder of Christianity was only a great leader and wise teacher. Their arguments may be very learned, but they cannot deceive one who has found the Living Christ and who can can bappily Christ, and who can say happily: "I hear, and to myself I smile,

For Christ walks with me all the while." There is a story of one who often fell asleep while speaking to Christ, and was sometimes heard talking in his sleep to the Friend he loved. How many millions of people fall asleep every night with the thought of His presence quieting excited nerves and throbbing heart! How many wake with His name on their lips, and take up the day's duty with patient courage in His strength? I ask the question, but only God can answer it. Since writing that last sentence I visited a blind man and gave him a lesson in reading raised print. After slowly spelling out a verse or two in the Bible he said shyly: "A verse in a hymn we sang on Sunday was in my mind all last night. I seemed to be singing it in my sleep." "What was the hymn?" I asked. He answered, with a happy smile:



St. John XII. 32, 33.

'He stooped to bless And stooping, raised us, And the tenderness Which looked in pity on a world of sin Long years ago, Still waits in love to call the nations in, Till all shall know How man may rise in HIM to holiness Because HE stooped so low.

It was a few days before the first Good Friday. The King of the Jews had been welcomed by rejoicing crowds, the people who had witnessed the awakening of the "sleeping" Lazarus were talking eagerly about the great power of JESUS, the Pharisees were hopelessly saying among themselves: "Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? Behold the world is gone after Him." Even the Greeks sought an introduction, saying to one of the Apostles: "Sir, we would see Jesus." In spite of all this earthly admiration,—and even the approving Voice from heaven which made the

Savior, more than life to me, I am clinging close to Thee. May thy tender love to me Bind me closer, Lord, to Thee."

Thousands of men have been uplifted on crosses-can you tell me of any other man, who lived and died hundreds of years ago, and who has power to give real gladness to the afflicted—any other but JESUS our Lord? Let those who think He was "only e good man "devote a few months to

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Think of that first Good Friday. He who had declared Himself to be "The Life" went forward to battle with Death. Those who, with reverent haste, prepared that torn Body for burial must have despairingly thought that Death had conquered. But it is always a mistake to despair. We know that Good Friday was followed by Easter Day. The Savior of the world was uplifted on the Cross—as He had prophesied—and yet He was certain of victory, sure of obtaining His heart's desire—of drawing "all men" unto Himself.

Let us gain courage and hope from the old-yet ever new-story of the Cross. Death cannot hold the Life of the world. No matter how black the outlook may be, there is the glory of coming victory to keep up our hearts. Evil must be fought to the death—those who love the Lord are warned to see to it that they hate the thing that is evil. They may seem to be beaten in the fight, but it is only "seeming", if they are faithful to the right—even Christ seemed to be vanquished.

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Have you read the story of Father Finn, at Gallipoli? See that heropriest leaping ashore, careless of the flying bullets! To those who would have held him back he calmly said: "A priest's place is beside the dying soldier." By the time he reached them he was literally riddled with shot.

Crawling from man to man he lifted his wounded right hand in blessing, until it was shot away. Then he lifted high his left hand until it also was shattered. His last words were "Are our fellows winning?" Did death conquer that gallant soul? I don't think we dare say that he was anything but a victor in the battle of life. God grant that we may also be victors when our time of trial comes.

"But the Dardanelles' campaign was a failure," you say. Was it? It may have been a disastrous mistake, as regards the people who planned it,—so was the charge of the Light Brigade, long ago. But the Australians, and others, who laid down their lives in unquestioning obedience, were victors. We in our turn must grapple with Death. It may seem to be a losing battle, as each generation of men is laid low, but it is a mistake to judge on Good Friday. In fact, we can only grasp something of the meaning of the Cross when we look back to it from the Resurrection Day. If you had never known a harvest, would you think the seed cast into the ground to decay, was wasted? In the light of the harvest you can see that it has borne much fruit. To-day the world is in the shadow of

10-day the world is in the shadow of the Cross, and out of that gloom we should come, chastened and purified, into the brightness that waits beyond. Perhaps you are, even now, standing in such thick darkness that you cannot see the love in the eyes of Him who died and is living for evermore. Then listen to the tender words which sound sweetly in the darkness: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee. . . for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand."

Our King willingly endured the Cross for the joy of drawing "all men" unto Himself. Let us trust Him and walk fearlessly through the darkness into light. It is never a dreadful darkness near the Light of the world.

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altar-throne, Love's Easter quest is ended. The Lord is with His own.'

DORA FARNCOMB.

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#### At House-cleaning Time.

Housecleaning in spring is never exactly easy, even in its much simplified form that has arrived with the vacuum leaner and substitution of rugs for arpets, both of which help to do away with the old-time spring upheaval, to great extent, simply by preventing the accumulation of dust. Walls and curtains that are gone over frequently with a good vacuum cleaner are com-paratively dustless when spring arrives; so are floors supplied with rugs that can be easily removed whenever neces-Nevertheless the periodical general cleaning, spring and fall, brings plenty of extra things to do, and in spring it is well to get it all over before garden-making time arrives. There are last summer's clothes to be got out and put in order, bureau drawers and chests to be arranged, blankets to be washed and put away, and the whole house from attic to cellar to be gone over with broom and brush. If  $\Gamma$  pering and painting are to be done the operation becomes more complicated. It really seems hard to simplify anywhere, yet there are always "best" ways for doing things. The following hints are a collection from various

becoming a thing of the past, except in the very best quality, for elaborately furnished rooms. The cheap ones were never pretty, and always hard to do up, much harder than the heavy net, linen, scrim, voile, etc., so much used nowadays, which simply need to be washed and ironed. Good lace curtains, however, will always keep their place in some homes, and, to look their best, in some nomes, and, to look their best, should be very carefully handled at laundry time. A very good way is the following: Shake and brush the curtains well, then soak over night in good, warm suds made with a pure white soap. In the morning work the curtains gently up and down and squeeze between the hands to get the dirt out. Put into clean warm suds to which a little ammonia has been added, and repeat, changing the water until the curtains are clean, then rinse. Never wring curtains with the hands; lay them on a cloth and put carefully through the prime prime of the prime of t the wringer. Pin each point carefully to the stretcher and dry quickly. If you have not stretchers use quiltingframes, or pin the curtains to sheets

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camphor and 3 or 4 tablespoonfuls of ammonia. Another method is to wipe with a cloth wrung from soapsuds to which turpentine has been added, a tablespoonful to each gallon. Change the water, in each case, frequently.

#### Cleaning Walls.

The very best way to clean soiled walls is to go over them with one of the wall-paper cleaning mixtures now sold for the purpose. These do the work very thoroughly, at a cost of about 15 cents for each room. If one cannot get these a good method is to go over the walls with a cheesecloth mop dipped into a mixture of cornstarch, whiting and powdered fuller's earth. If there are grease spots make a paste of fuller's earth and ammonia and apply, let dry, then brush off. For very delicately colored paper spread a piece of gauze with French chalk, place on the spot and press with a hot iron, or apply a paste of pipe-clay, let stand 4 hours, then brush off.

#### To Clean Windows.

Many very good preparations for leaning windows are sold at the shops. If these are not at hand one of the following methods may be of use: Take a pad of cotton rag soaked in glycerine and rub the glass well, then glycerine and rub the glass well, then polish with dry clean rag, and the glass will glitter. (2) Have plenty of dry clean cloths on hand. Take a half pail of hot water and add to it  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coal oil. Next wring a sponge out of this as dry as possible and go over the glass, polishing finally with the cloths. Never use score or with the cloths. Never use soap on windows, and do the work early in the morning, or on a day when the sun does not shine. Hot sunshine is likely to dry the glass too quickly and make it streaky. If there are paint or putty spots on the glass wet them with hot vinegar and rub with a penny. If old putty must be removed from a sash in order that a new pane may be inserted, heat an iron rod or soldering iron and pass it slowly over the putty, which will be rendered soft so that it can be removed.

#### To Clean Woodwork.

To clean varnished woodwork use milk and water in the proportion of 1 pint milk to a gallon of water, and rub well until dry. If the woodwork is very dirty rub with coal oil, polishing dry at once, and doing only a little at a time. Use old soft flannel or at a time. Use old soft flannelette for polishing. To clean white painted woodwork use whiting Dip a soft flannel in clear water, squeeze nearly dry and dip in the whiting, rub the woodwork well with this, then wash with clean, warm water and dry well.

#### From a Garden Devotee.

Dear Junia and Nookers,-How well the subjects for discussion have been responded to! The letters were all interesting, and I am sure have done credit to the "Circle." I should have liked very much to have taken part in the last list, but was away from home at the time. We also enjoyed Lallie's letters. Do write again Lallie.

The topic that interested me most as gardens, because gardening is

was because garden my hobby of hobbies. Not that I am such a capital gardener, or that my flowers are always a howling success, but I derive more pure enjoyment from them than anything else.

My first garden was a triumph au to bloom, but I am afraid "Elizabeth" and Mr. Powell would have gazed at it in horror. It resembled an old fashioned grave yard more than any thing else. The handy man dug the beds while I stood by and dictated First there was to be a heart in the centre surrounded by diamonds and oblongs. The handy man balked at the heart, that was beyond him, so it had to be changed to a triangle The rest were of the oblong variety. No less than twelve of them would satisfy me. The suggestion was made that perhaps it would be better to just have three or four to begin with, but I flatly refused to have anything to do with so small a garden. The bede must be built up good and high, the higher the better. I was told that was not the way nowadays, but I thought the flowers would not be seen from the mean if a built hard from the road if planted on the level.

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The paths between the beds had to be scraped and packed down hard. I had read of "well-trodden paths," hence my idea. There was considerable rain the early part of the summer, and it kept washing the sides of the beds until even I thought it a little too suggestive. I knew nothing of the nature of the flowers I chose, except the pictures on the packets. Of course, I had to have something rare and different from any I had ever seen. I put as many kinds as I could in one bed regardless of height, color or habit. The result was that the dwarf kinds were all in the centre surrounded by the tallest varieties, with begins the tallest varieties. with here and there a trailing plant creeping among them. The only bed that had one kind was mignonette, and that was due to the fact that I had "such a much" seeds. Sweet peas bounded this creation on two sides, and were in themselves a joy forever. I chose one plant just by the name. "Love Lies Bleeding," because it seunded so romantic. The name was ill chosen, for, like Mr Finney's turnip, it grew and it grew and it grew 'till it couldn't grow any longer. It spread over half the garden and smothered everything in its path. I loved my garden, poorly planned as it was, and although there have been many since, none have been more tenderly cared for or more eagerly watched than that first old garden. My advice to beginners is to get a catalogue from a good firm and study it thoroughly so that you will know the habits and peculiarities of the flowers you choose. The cata-logues that are got out now are an education in themselves. Do not trust to the seeds in the little store around the corner unless you are perfectly sure of what you are buying.

Everybody has had trials with hens scratching out seeds and young plants, and some times a stray cow out for a stroll, but it is still more provoking to have full-grown plants dug or trodden down. One day "the man of wrath" heard a great commotion in the flower garden, and on investigating found a neighbor boy making our dog jump back and forth over the climbing nastur-tiums. Of course the dog, not being very well trained to take hurdles, more often jumped into them than over Between the dog's jumps the boy would jump at the same time, letting a war-hoop out of him. The dog would join in the chorus accompanied by the hens' treble. There was a place where the flowers grew a little taller and thicker, and, as was expected, that was the particular spot where the hurdle

practice was going on. We have done away with the beds now and plant in borders and groups. It saves a lot of weeding and is much cleaner, and easier to kneel on sod. Last year sister and I dug our own trenches, in fact did all the work ourselves. Of course there were aching bones and strained muscles, but there is much satisfaction in the thought that it is your own work from start to finish. There is not half the joy of a garden if someone else plants it and does the weeding and you only pick the flowers. For the first time in our lives we planted the vegetable garden, and I never enjoyed gathering vegetables so much in my life, because I had had share in the caring for them. By the way, did you ever use carrot tops with flowers? They make a good good substitute for ferns and smilax. Flowers seem to call birds as much as trees do. Each year I notice we have more kinds around the flowers. The humming birds seem to be particularly fond of nasturtiums. Why do not more people plant sunflowers? Those who have written books on gardening seldom, if ever, consider sunflowers. I do not mean to have them right among the other flowers, but it seems to me every back-yard should have some. They are pretty as well as practical. They show to much better advantage if planted in groups, I think. Their big yellow heads nodding on long necks and with clusters of bright green leaves are surely a pleasing sight. The seeds are very good for hens, and those who have parrots will find that their pets like them much better than corn. I should like very much to see the new red variety, and shall try some day to grow some. We have read with interest the extracts from Mr. Powell's book, "The

Country Home." Anything pertain-ing to gardening is eagerly devoured, even advertisements. I think like "Aunt Jane From Kentucky," I will not be perfectly happy in heaven if there is no garden for me to take care

Iberville Co., Que. "VIOLETTE

You see, Violette, you learned by your mistakes. After all, isn't that the way we learn a great many things? Like you, I am particularly fond of sun flowers. They are fine for filling up out-of-the way corners and screening ugly walls; then how perfectly splendid they are on dull, gloomy days.

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Maple Cookies:—Melt 1 cup butter with 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups maple syrup. Remove from the fire, add the well-beaten yolks from the fire, add the well-beaten yolks of 4 eggs, 1 cup milk, and, finally, enough flour into which 2 teaspoons baking powder have been sifted, to roll into a soft dough. Add the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs before putting in the last half of the flour. Roll out, cut and bake.

Maple Sauce for Puddings:—¾ cup syrup, ½ cup whipped cream, 2 yolks of eggs. Beat the yolks until thick, add the maple syrup and cook until it thick-ens. Do not let it boil. Remove from the fire add the whipped cream at it. the fire, add the whipped cream, chill and serve

Mock Pineapple Salad:-Take 3 large oranges, peel and remove all the white skin and cut into thick slices. Pare 2 apples and slice thick slices. Pare 2 apples and slice thin. Alternate the slices in a deep glass dish. Sprinkle with sugar and the juice of a lemon. Chill for 2 hours.

Hamburg Roast:-2 lbs. beef, (top of round), 1/3 cup crumbs, 1 beaten egg, 1 teaspoon onion juice, salt, 1 table-spoon chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon chopped green or red pepper or ½ tea-spoon paprika (black pepper will do). Mix all well and shape into a firm roll, then put in a baking pap with a slice of then put in a baking pan with a slice of salt pork on top. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, basting frequently.

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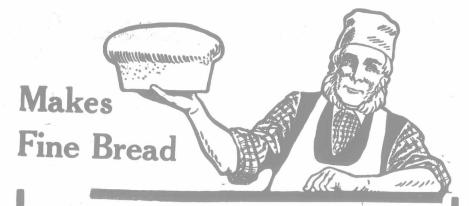
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preliminary to a substantial dinner, for which a simple broth or consomme should be the prelude.

An important consideration is that if the main dish at a meal be rich in proteid properties-a roast, or fowl, for example -the dessert should not also be rich in protein. For this reason plum pudding at a Christmas dinner is always a mistake, as are also mince pies. A lighter pudding would be much better. Nor is macaroni advisable, with a meat dinner.

Variety is also to be considered. If tomato soup begins a supper, do not follow it with tomatoes in any other form. Similarly do not let chicken soup precede a chicken dinner, nor serve a soft tapioca pudding after a stew or a fruit pie after a meat pie.

Macaroni with cheese and tomato, a dish rich in both proteid and carbohydrate elements, may very well form the chief dish for a supper, especially if a little butter be added to supply the necessary fat. As a rule serve green vegetables,

such as lettuce, cress or celery with rich and oily dishes. With white-meated fowl, such as the breast of young chicken, which is deficient in fat, salad with a rich mayonnaise dressing is in order. With red meated game, which contains more fat, a tart fruit salad will be found appetizing. Cranberry sauce is always liked with rich roasts of meat or poultry, and apple-sauce is a very proper ac companiment to roast goose or pork.

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Serve, then, with a roast, says American Cookery, one starchy vegetable, and a plain green salad. With fish serve cauliflower or onions in cream sauce, cheese, toasted crackers and coffee. Fruit sherbet, rather than ice-cream, may follow roast pork or goose; the ice-cream is already rich in fat. Quite a complete meal may consist of baked beans with pork, bread, and a green vegetable salad with acid dressing. Tomatoes, cabbage, celery, cucumbers or lettuce will meet the requirements.

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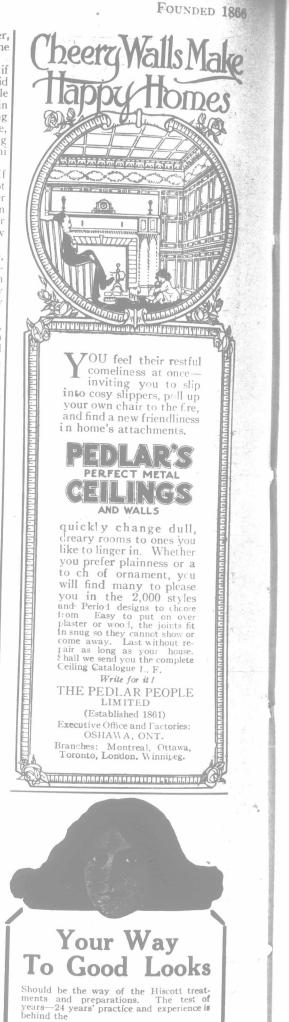
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feathers. Another way is to open the pillow a short way, baste on to the bag, shake the feathers from the one to the other, then wash and dry. In either case baste the clean tick to the bag when returning the feathers.

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at Guelph are in uniform, at the front

The Ontario Legislature is to take active steps for helping the settlers

The Prohibition Bill in Ontario will

go into effect on Sept. 16. A referendum

and the slaughter has been fearful. Fighting has also occurred at St. Eloi,

near Ypres, where Canadians were en-

gaged and acquitted themselves creditably,

although one crater was lost to the British. At the present time there are said to be 420,000 Germans about 'Verdun and 476,000 opposing General Haig's lines in landers and Northern France. In East Africa the British under Gen.

continue to make gains. Notwith-standing the fierceness of the conflict that is still being waged, and the certain-

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o come there are persistent rumors

from various quarters that the Teutons

and their allies are becoming sick of the

long struggle. German bankers are said

to have gone to Switzerland with capital, intending to go to the United States if necessary; and Petrograd announces that

he Young Turks are sending a former

Premier to Paris and London to learn if the Turks have any chance of making a separate peace. With her commerce ruined, it seems that Germany must be

feeling more, every day, the strain of

keeping up supplies.

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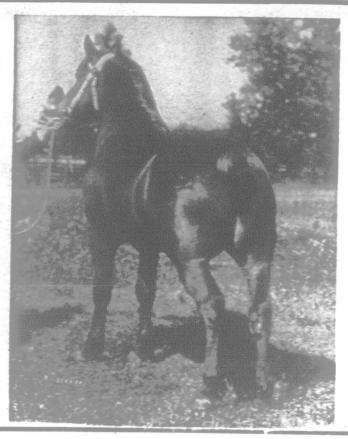
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I obeyed. The rose was *creative* in iteloveliness—yet the very attar of sensuous ness. The fragrance close to the petalewas not potent, but the oil of the earth itself, sublimate of all flavors. The beauty a wed me, yet thrillingly of the earth, like a nude princess asleep in a bower.

As I lifted my head, Yuan was bending close in the twilight, his slanting eyes queerly intent upon my face.

"I thought you would feel it," he said "It made you blush. To a woman its beauty is masculine. If I were sending roses across the river—they would be red roses."

It was so that Yuan occasionally startled me.

There was silence in which the night came, and then Yuan said: "It's like a great human soul—that Emperor rose It has its prodigious deviltry, too. It has expressed the mystery of the soil, as a great human spirit expresses the mystic harmony of the planetary forces. Decades and thousands of failures were required to evolve that rose. Milleniums and whole races of failures are required to evolve a great human soul. But one bloom makes glorious a thousand failures; as one great human spirit redeems a whole race. And look, too: the essence of some other perfect yellow rose touching the anthers of this will make another more glorious Emperor What a crucial instant in its evolution—

"And what a crucial hour in the evolution of a great human spirit," I added "when the destined lover appears."

This was as near as we came to dis cussing the episode of the day. It was like Yuan not to speak of that illuminating time The hour after sunset was the interval of bathing and relaxation in his house. Close to the ground were these ancient arrangements, beginning with a cave of steam, and ending with a cool fountain, perfumed from the garden-Afterward, dinner time, and we sat side by-side on padded mattings, the disheplaced before us on the tiles. An inter minable dining in its richness and variety -one composite after another of fish or flesh or fruit-until we were weary of the place and the sitting. It was very clear to me that the servants would continue this performance until we came again-a sort of endless producing of culinary preludes, etudes and fantasies As it was, they followed us to the end of the lanterns with coffee and sweets. To Yuan all this was a matter of course. effected that one used to

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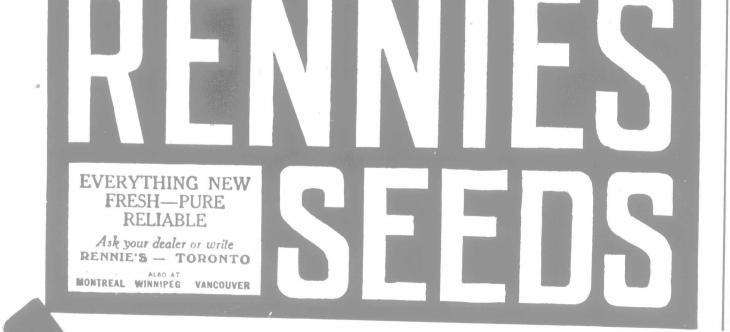
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these superlative comforts of a Chinese house, in order to lift his thoughts from his bodily well-being.

There were long minutes that evening when I did not hear what Yuan was saying; and yet he was at his best. The Oriental tale-teller was in him, a low un folding, easy as breathing, and belonging to the classic years when shepherds gathered about night-fires on herd-strewn hills and talked of Gods and fates and dragons. It had come upon me since the dusk, a passion that proved irresistible, to walk the thirty miles upstream to the mining operations of Nicholas Romany; to see the place where the woman lived and moved. I would not make myself known, but possibly, from afar off— I hope farther than this was not to be

Thope farther than this was not to be tolerated. It would be a pilgrimage to the place where she lived. . . . Very little had come to me about the Romanys in China. Romany was operating for gold in the bed of the Hsi kiang, a canyon tributary of the Yang tse, emptying into the greater gorge at Hsi tin lin. A hundred or more natives were employed Romany had re-galvanized the old district,



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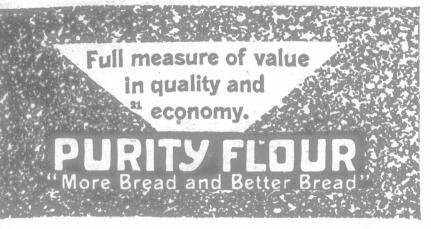
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I refrained from telling Yuan of my impetuous desire. Positively he would be against a white man taking such a venture at this distance interior-and I wanted to go alone. Yuan would have made clear the necessity of a boat or a palanquin...

Mary Romany had not asked me to come. I was peculiarly aware of what she had said—''when we have both done our work.'' She did not believe in my semi-studious and non-productive worldwandering. She had not seen conquest in my face, to make indubitable my conquest of her. Many deep intimations made this clear to me. . . . I should see her place-

then go my way to find my work. Yuan and I separated for the night. His chamber adjoined the one accorded to me. He would not be greatly surprised to find me gone in the morning; would think I had crossed the river. In his house there was that consummate hospitality which never intrudes upon the delicacy of going, and yet makes each repeated

coming more memorable. I slept not at all, but lay under the swaying punkahs, held in that deeply wearing tension of plover awaiting the moment to arise and go to his lady-a lover not sure of her smile.

In the first gray of dawn I was softly astir. On tip-toe I peered over the screen into Yuan's room. He was not in the bed. In the faint infusion of dawn, beyond the ghostly swinging of the white punkahs, I saw him in native garments sitting by the window. So Yuan, too, had not slept.

I moved far around the rose gardens so as not to pass his window on the way to the gate. Perhaps he would not have called, had he seen me. . . It was no part of my plan to cross the river to Liu chuan. The mining operations, I had ascertained, were on this bank, and this ide of the Hait tributery. I had more side of the Hsi tributary.... I had money, good shoes, comfortable clothing—but was not armed. I reached the high rocky road along the river, and my quest loomed more perilous in the gray hour.

#### VIII.

Always I felt someone behind me, toward the end of that journey. The country was wilder, the distance faintly contoured with peaks not visible from Liu chuan. The big river narrowed, and though not in flood, a sullen monotone was borne up from its rushing. At times there was a queer stress to the strangeness, the withdrawal of a certain property from one's natural element, which brought back to mind lonely days of Tibetan travel. It was not fear, but the pressure of alien nature.

At noon I rested for three hours by a roadway hut. A hideously dirty native wrapped a fish in leaves, roasted it in the ground with heated stones, and served it with rice and tea. The offering would have been delicious, and I was hungry as well, had I not seen the hands and the performance. There were children about, whose bodies and clothing had not touched the river, nor any drawing from

China is alien always. One may come scornfully familiar with Japan, and enjoy a temperamental intimacy with India, but China is ever aloof. On certain Sunday afternoons in America I have seen the quality of sunlight that is China's. Perhaps the effect is one of atmosphere (in the artistic rather than the literal sense) a matter of temperament rather than of eye. As the light is different, so the surface of the land to me, the profile of hill-ranges, sounds, scents and clouds. Is it a film that China has for my eyes, or a drug all her own for the brain? In any event, I see her through tinted shadow and move in her dream. Mid-afternoon, I climbed the hills above Hsi tin lin, and sat down, very weary, in what seemed an isolated covert, to study the settlement. An animation, suppressed and unseen, reached my ears from behind . . Thirty rocky elongated miles I had traveled: Ahead the roiled tributary, Hsi kiang, joined the Yang tse, and in the crotch were smoking go-downs and silent labor. Farther up, among the rocks, the town was sprawled, spiritless and near to death. Not alone the journey had worn me, but the intensity of thinking and fearing.



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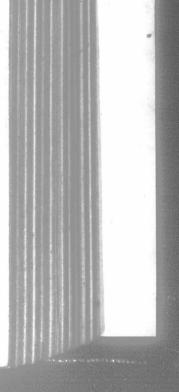
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My whole heart lifted to bless the mo ment. She had crossed the hill behind me from main river-way; her face fright ened, though smiling. She put forth her hand.

"I've watched for many seconds. J couldn't believe," she faltered. "Didn'y you hear me come nearer?"

"I was thinking—must have fallen pretty deep—but I'm not here to make you in the least uncomfortable. I hoped to see you—but hardly counted on seeing you face to face-

She was paler. "A thousand miles up the Yang tse from Shanghai just for that?" It was startling like the moment on the Hong Kong terrace. I had learned my lesson.

"Yes—but I have not yet done my work. I mean the work to be done-before we were to meet again." Her eyes turned to the lit umber of the west, and I saw the sparkle of a forming

tear. "It was all so strange. Hong Kozg left me restless. I heard you were here. I had to come. . . . I shall go back now—only

tell me that all is right with you—" If I could have known the things that were in her heart to say that moment In the bursting stress of them, her brain turned to present needs.

But you must rest from your journey. (The voice brought me back to a little room before my father took me by the hand to travel the world.) . . . "You have come a long way to-day?" "From Liu chuan—but I am gratefu to have seen you. I can go back gladly

It was against your word to come—" "My poor hurried words at Hong Kons

But it is true. You do not belong here, and it is not time. I am well. All is well enough with me for the present. But your party—the men must go down into the town to rest and obtain food before you start back——"

"I have no party. I came alone from

Liu chuan. Her eyes turned quickly in the direction she had come. "I saw a palanquin and natives back yonder—behind the long hill," "I wonder what it means? I had the

sense of being followed. . . . There's someone coming now—someone who doesn't intend to take us unaware. Per haps you'd better hurry down-"" "You come, too. The natives are non

easily awed up here. They might-you must not think of going back alone to night.

I'd better see. There's nothing to fear so close to the town-One of Yuan's house servants hurried

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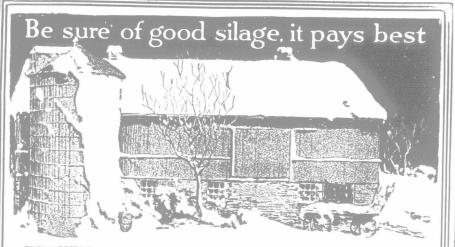




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Ans.-Potatoes, 60 lbs. to a bushel, 90 lbs. to a bag; onions, carrots, beets and turnips, 50 lbs. to a bushel, 75 lbs. to a bag; parsnips, 45 lbs., to a bushel, 65 lbs. to a bag.

#### Nitrogenous Feeds for Cows.

What would the results be from feeding about 4 lbs. cottonseed meal and 2 lbs. linseed meal daily per cow, along with all the silage and mangels they will eat? L.S.

Ans.-It would make rather an expensive ration, and it is doubtful if a cow requires the quantity mentioned of highly nitrogenous feeds. It is not likely that any unfavorable effects will result when a large quantity of succulent feed is given. Half the amount of cottonseed meal along with linseed meal should be sufficient, and oat chop or bran could be used to make up the remainder of the concentrate part of the ration. Hay and straw are not mentioned, but it is usually advisable to include these feeds in a ration.

#### Bridge Grafting.

What can be done for young apple and fruit trees that have been girdled with mice? I. R.

Ans.-If trees that are girdled by mice have only been set out one or two years it is better to replant, alFOUNDED 186

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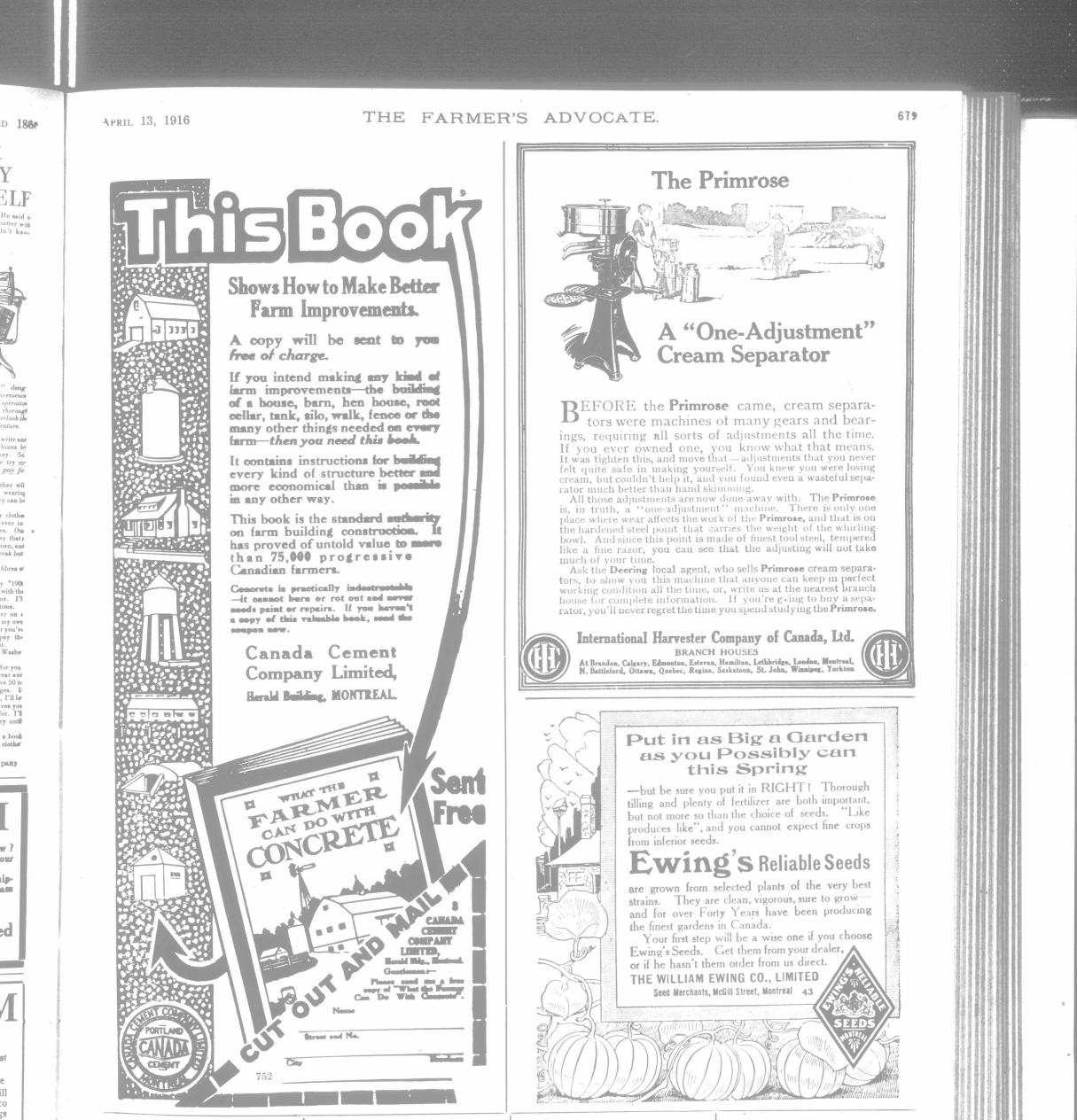
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is caused by a very small animal parasite called mange-mites which burrow in the outer layer of the skin. The disease is most troublesome in young pigs, causing great irritation. The lime and sulphur dip has been recomneeded for treatment. It is made by taking 8 pounds of fresh lime and slake with enough water to form a paste. Sift into this 24 pounds of flowers of sulphur and mix thoroughly with a hoe. Place in a kettle with 25

more convenient to use when only a small number of animals are to be treated. It is very important that the animals be kept wet with the solution, until all the scabs are thoroughly soaked through. It is a good plan to scrub with a stiff brush to remove scrub with a still brush to remove as much as possible of the scab. Two such treatments ten days apart should be effective. Sows should be treated as well as the young pigs. The pens should be thoroughly cleaned and dis-infected. Hot line wash containing indly is me know through your valu-ble paper if there is any treatment? Now loc, would the disease remain in the static after disposing of all the ors. Subscriber. Ans. The symptoms point to the igs being affected with means which a dispose of the index of the static after dispose which a dispose of the digrees Fahrenheit. The coal-tar dips, an advertised give good results, and are

Horse With Cough. have a horse that has a couge which affects him in the spring. had a veterinary surgeon examine him, and he said he had no symp toms of heaves, although he heaves a little sometimes. What would be a cure for the cough? P. M. Ans. - The trouble may be arrestee by the following treatment: Feed only first-class hay in small quantities If working feed liberally on oats, and dampen all feed with lime water. Try giving every morning a ball composed of 1)2 drams powdered opium, 2 drams solid extract of belladonna, 1 drams camphor and 20 grains digitalis with

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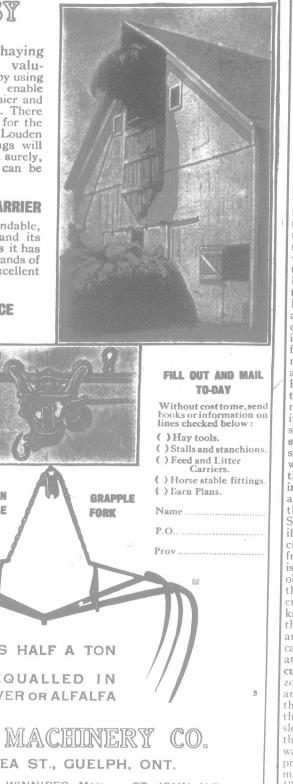
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Homemade Cheese.

1. Last year I bought a heavy draft 10-year-old mare. She has never had a foal. If I breed her this season would there be any great risk or danger?

2. Can you give me a recipe for home-made cheese? Would like to make some for family use, as it is so expensive to buy. A. H. L. Ans.-1. We think not.

Milk must be of the best quality 2 and comparatively sweet. If several milkings are used the earlier ones should be cooled down and stirred frequently to prevent the cream from rising. If the fresh morning's milk rising. If the fresh morning's muk is mixed with the previous day's milk, which has been properly cared for, it is usually in about the right condi-tion for making cheese, in regard to the acidity. A large tin, churn, or new tub, in fact any clean vessel which will hold milk and not impart a flavor to it, will answer as a cheese vat. Heat the milk to 86 degrees, by setting the can which contains it, in hot water. Be prepared to go on with the work, as milk kept at this temperature may develop too much acid. If the cheese is to be colored, use a small teaspoonful of cheese color to 100 pounds of milk, and the color to a pint of milk and stir well in to the milk in the vat. For every 25 pounds of milk use one teaspoonful of rennet. Dilute the rennet in a pint of cold water and pour it in a stream up and down the milk, stirring well all the time and continue stirring for two or three minutes. The vat should be covered to keep the milk warm. In order to determine when the milk has coagulated sufficiently, insert the index finger into the pail, and with the thumb make a dent in the curd just at the base of the finger. Slowly move the finger forward, and if the curd breaks clean, like a firm custard, it is ready to cut. The time from adding the rennet to the cutting is usually about twenty minutes. The older or riper the milk the more quickly the rennet will act. The curd must be cut in small cubes A long-bladed knife may be used for this work, and the curd cut lengthwise and crosswise and then horizontally as well as you can. Begin stirring the curd gently, and continue the cutting until the curd is fine enough. The regular horizontal and perpendicular curd knives are much more convenient for cutting the curd than a single blade knife While the stirring is going on heat may be slowly applied, the vat which contains the curd may be set in a vessel of hot water. After the whey is separated pretty well from the curd a pailful may be dipped out and heated to 130 to 140 degrees, and then poured back into the vat to aid in heating the curd to 98 degrees. This tempera ture may be reached by simply pour ng the hot water around the vat. If heated too quickly the curd does not expel enough moisture and a weakbodied cheese is the result. After it is brought to 98 degrees it is not necessary to stir it continuously, but it must be frequently done to prevent the curd matting. The curd is usually ready to dip in from three and a quarte to three and a half hours from the time the rennet is added to the milk. The proper condition of the curd is ascertained by feeling the curd. If it is rather firm, has a shiny appearance and falls apart when pressed in the hand. it is ready to have the whey drawn off A common method is to squeeze a little of the curd in the hand and then press it against a hot iron If it leaves hairlike threads a quarter of an inch long on the iron it is a sign that the whey should be removed. If there is no tap in the vat dip the curd and whey into a strainer and put the curd in a large cheesecloth, then stir the curd or ten or fifteen minutes to allow the whey to escape. It is now time to salt the curd, and the rate of one ounce of salt to every 25 pounds of milk is considered about right. Sprinkle the salt over the curd and stir well One cannot get along without a cheese hoop, and it may be made of wood or heavy tin but it should be round, heavy tin but it should be round, straight and strong. For home cheese a very satisfactory size is 6 inches in diameter by about ten inches high.

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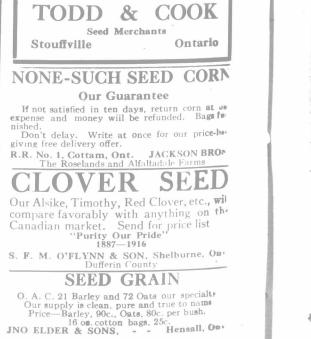
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#### **Questions and Answers.** Miscellaneous.

Grafting—Cement Required and Labor.

1. Please tell me when to graft apple trees and how?

2. How much cement would it take for basement wall and floor 45 feet by 48 feet and 8 feet high? 3. How much would it cost for

labor, there being four doors and eight S. R. W. windows in wall? Ans.-1. This is a very suitable time now to graft, and scions should be cut before the buds have started to expand or burst. Prepare a wax made

in the proportions of one part tallow, two parts bees wax, and four parts resin. Melt these together and pour into a tub of cold water. Have the hands greased and pull the wax as one would pull candy. The hands should also be greased when applying this wax to the Some grafters find it more contree. venient to melt it and apply it with a brush or small stick. Cut the scions, leaving about three buds to each scion. Take out such limbs or graft on to such limbs as will give a good head to the tree when the scions grow. With the grafting knife split the stub and insert the wedge end into the centre of the stub, thus holding it open. Have the scions cut in a wedge sharp at the bottom with the outside edge a shade wider or thicker than the inner edge. Insert the scion in the stub so the inner barks of the scion and stub come together. This permits of a circulation of sap between the branch of the tree and the scion. After the scion is inserted, knock out the wedge and cover all exposed parts with the wax to keep out air and water. Large limbs will accommodate two scions in the stub, but very large branches should not be cut off.

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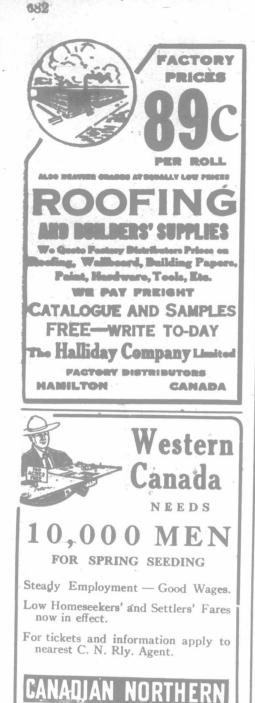
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however, should be built on footings or foundation which should extend into the ground to or below the frost line. Considering the footings to be two feet deep, they would require 45 bags of cement and 13 yards of gravel. These proportions are 1 of cement to 8 of gravel. The floor of such a building mixed in the proportion of 1 to 8 for a depth of 4 inches would require 90 bags of cement and  $26\frac{1}{2}$  yards of gravel. It is customary, however, to lay a floor of about 31/4 inches mixed in the proportion of 1 to 8, and surface this with 34 inch of sand-cement mixed in the proportion of 1 of cement to 2 or 21/2 of In this case the gravel-concrete sand. part of the floor would require 73 bags of cement and 21 yards of gravel, while a sand-concrete surface would require 45 bags of cement and 54 cubic feet of sand. 3. It would be impossible to give a

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together and possessed excellent quality, but he was slightly undersized. The females of the breed **constituted** an exceptional exhibit of female Clydes-dale type. In yeld mares competition was keen, the highest honors going to Countess or Moray, which later won the female championship. Rosie D., second-prize filly at Chicago two years are prize filly at Chicago two years ago, stood at the honored end of the three-year-old fillies, and continued winning until she was declared as reserve cham-pion and champion Canadian-bred. Doune Lodge Lady Peggy was the best two-year-old filly. This female was later made reserve Canadian-bred chamlater made reserve Canadian-bred cham-pion. The Bruce and his progeny won the class for three the get of one sire. The awards in this breed were made by Geo. Gormley, Unionville, Ont. Fourteen Percheron establishments were represented in the display of this breed. (The most outstanding class of the exhibition was that for aged

of the exhibition was that for aged stallions, in which Frank J. won first place. The three-year-old class for stal-lions was headed by a horse known as Madix, a quality gray colt. The yeld mare class was most interesting of the female line-ups. This class was won by Ruth, a blocky, gray mare. While this is known as the Regina

Horse Show, cattle, sheep and swine are given a place. These departments were given a place. These departments were not exceptionally well filled, however, the accommodation provided for their stabling and judging was inadequate.

#### Less Waste When Spread in Winter.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE": EDITOR THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE : I have been reading with much in-terest the discussions in "The Farm-er's Advocate" re manure. In my experience I think it is preferable to spread it on the land in the winter months. I have been farming in North-ern Ontario on clay land and rather ern Ontario on clay land and rather rolling too, and I have yet to see any great loss by run off in the spring. I am following the same practice here in Bruce County. How many farm yards do you see this spring where the soakage from the manure pile is running away down some ditch or creek? As a rule most of farm buildings are built on rising ground, with a small ditch or runway near the barn. Perhaps those buildings are near your neighbor' line fence, and your neighbor gets the benefit. I saw a dairyman to-day whose buildings were close to the road. open up a trench and let the soakage run for a half mile down the road. When spread in winter spring thawing is more gradual, and as the frost is coming out the soakage from the manure will go in. I prefer spreading as the manure is hauled, as it takes less labor. run it out on a litter carrier, and dump it into a wagon or sleigh. As soon as it is dry enough in the spring I run over it with the team and drag harrows. This smoothes it down and lessens the work by hand; then put on the disc harrows and you can make a good job, and it is then ready for anything. The amount we can do in the winter especially when labor is so scarce more than pays for the loss, if there is any, from soakage; the manure might be all right if kept under cover, but it might as well be spread in the field as in the barnyard. Bruce Co., Ont. J. W. A.



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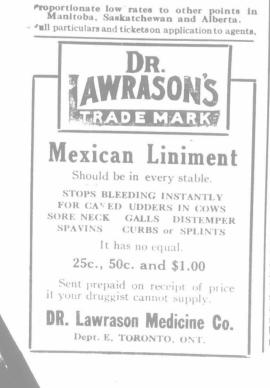
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Ans .- Treating the seed the same as if it were all oats is the only practical method.

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How much seed should I sow to J. H. S. the acre?

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2. Communicate with seed firms advertising in these columns.

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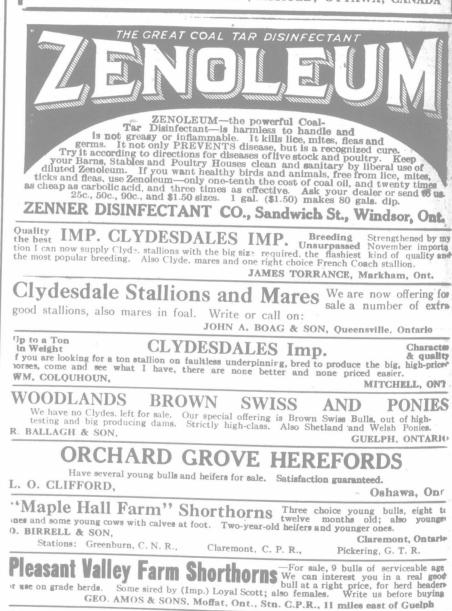
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#### Pulpwood.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

Most people know Canada produces large quantities of wood pulp, and also manufactures it into paper. I was the recipient of one of the first samples of the paper made by the Pulp Co., of Iroquois Falls. This great industry has only been in operation a few years, but it is now making thousands of cords of pulp wood into wood pulp and paper, and its pay roll will show many hundreds are employed in administering hundreds are employed in administering to its requirements for wood and still more wood, in addition to a small army engaged at the mills. This plant is well worth visiting, and the process of converting the logs or sticks into pulp and paper is most interesting, and the time required for the conversion is not very long. Labor-saving devices manipulate with almost human intelli-rence seemingly the transformation of gence seemingly the transformation of the raw product of the forest.

To the settler of Northern Ontario the pulp industry is of some importance, is the majority depend on their spruce, of which the supply is immense, for the money on which they will exist very largely until the land is cleared. The payment for pulpwood averages about \$5.00 per cord for spruce delivered at the nearest siding on the railway. Poplar and balsam are also purchased. for pulp making; the price is less than for spruce.

It is more particularly of the work done before the all important "due bill" is handed out for goods delivered that this sketch has to do. The whole process of getting out pulpwood in-volves considerable time and labor. One experience may be taken as a fair sample of what all have to do, with possibly the elimination of the "trail making" to a great extent, as the highways are used by many for getting to the railway where the distance is not too great to allow the roads to be kept in good con-dition by sufficient traffic. The more open spaces along the highways are a source of trouble after a nights storm, although for any other than a heavy draw they are easily negotiated. For a load of pulp wood good horse power is essential, a few inches of crushed snow

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means excessive work for teams, hence the winter trails through the bush. The north country is not troubled for want of snow during the winter months, but the snow is different and does not pack easily.

Contracts for wood are made early as it is during the summer that the trees are cut down and peeled, and in order to get the peeling done when it is easiest it is necessary to complete the operation before August, after this time the bark begins to stick tighter and continues to require more and more effort to detach.

To the tyro cutting and peeling cer-tainly is not altogether a pastime. It's It's usually warm weather, and he will soon discover some small annoyances, in fact so small in July or August that the Indians call them "Noseeums," a most appropriate name. It is much earlier in the season that the ubiquitou-"Black fly"—an insignificant little affair -attaches himself most persistently to the newcomer and evinces a decided partiality for the back of the neck and behind the ears. No! There is no well, a nasty lump for each bite, and it itches. It does not improve mattere to give way to an irresistible desire to scratch. The other "annoyance" in size is so small that its significant name will imply more than approximate measure-ments, but for choice give me the larger ize. A carefully dressed man, aided by 'fly oil'' frequently applied, may escape size. without serious injury to his feelings, but to prevent the "Noseeums" picnicing on some vulnerable part is another mat-

ter. Having "digressed considerable," although actually a part of the pulp-wood business, will now mention the various articles used by the pulp-wood maker: hollow-back saw, axe, small wedges and "rosser," the latter is for inserting under the bark, and with a little practice a tree is soon stripped. Any sized tree is used, but if over twelve inches diameter it would make lumber.

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Navicular Disease.

I have a six-year-old horse that has been driven very little this winter, but chows a lameness. A blacksmith looked at his feet and thought the lameness might be due to "navicular disease. The horse stands with the lame foot forward: at first the hoof was hot while the other one was cold. What to you think is the cause of lameness, and what treatment would you recom-К. mend?

Ans.-Evidently your blacksmith was correct, the symptoms are those of a horse suffering from navicular disease. The causes, symptoms and treatment of the disease were published in an article on Lameness in Horses, in March 30 lasue.

#### Lymphangitis.

I have a five-year-old mare that had a welling in the hind legs. The legs got stiff and fevered, and the hair dropped out. I bathed them with salt and vinegar, which reduced the swelling and allayed the fever. What was the ause of the swelling?

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Ans .-- The swelling was probably due to a disease known as lymphangitis, which is usually brought on by high feeding and a sudden suspension of Local treatment accustomed exercise. consists in frequent bathing with warm water, applying some liniment and ex-luding drafts. If the disease is auglected there is a tendency to a hronically-enlarged leg. Daily exer-cise is necessary to prevent the disease in horses pre-disposed to it.

#### Gossip.

In a recent communication to this otfice, M .H. Haley, of Springford, writes:

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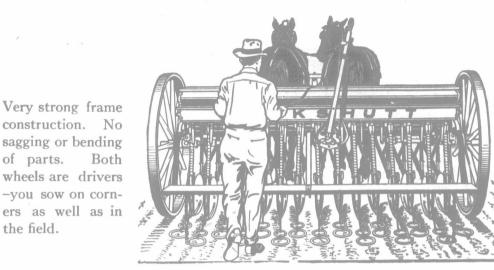
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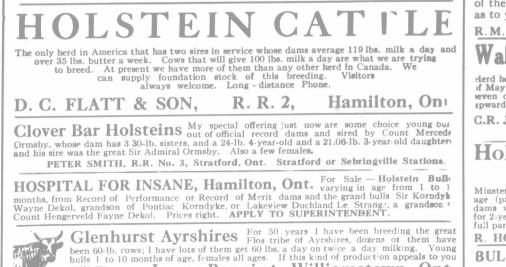
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### Miscellaneous. Holidays.

What are the holidays a farm laborer is allowed to take. E. L. S. • Ans .-- A farm laborer can claim as holidays New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Domin-ion Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, 1 **6** -Christmas Day, and any other day o days set apart as holidays by official proclamation.

#### Sheep Dip.

What' is a good remedy for sheep ticks? I applied insect powder. Would it be advisable to shear the sheep or should they be dipped? Is it too cold to shear them and hence the sheet too . to shear them as I have not a warm pen? R. McG. 

Ans .- At this time of year the sheep could be shorn and then dipped to destroy the ticks. It will be necessary to dip the lambs as well as the sheep. Any of the advertised sheep dip pre-parations should prove effective.

### Engine for Pumping Water.

I am desirous of putting a water system in my stable, and would like to have the pump and gasoline engine in the stable. The well is 40 feet deep, and is situated 163 feet from where the pump and engine would stand. The water must then be lifted about 12 feet into tank above the stock. Piping from bottom of well to top of tank would be 11/2 10 inches in diameter I wish to know if this would be practicable, and if so, what kind of pump would be required, and also what strength of a gasoline engine would be required to do the work? A READER.

Ans.-In order for a pump to work satisfactorily the sucker must be within 25 feet of the surface of the water in the well It is not stated how high the water rises in the well, but if it comes within 20 or 25 feet of the surface a pump located in the stable should draw the water. As the water must be forced to a tank it will be necessary to use a force pump. A  $1\frac{1}{2}$  horse-power gasoline engine would probably drive the pump, but a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  horse power engine would be more satisfactory

#### Executors Rights and Duties.

My father lived in the Province of Ontario, and he has just died, leaving his property valued at about \$7,000 to of us, and he has to give us each one cow and five hundred dollars, to be paid in instalments-the money in the way that the executors think best; and as my brother is one of them we thought he would look out for himself regardless of us. He did tell us that we could have our cows now, but he has been advised to still keep them this summer to get the milk from them, and he intends to do so.

1. Have we to accept them when he gets ready to give them if it is before the year is up? I hear he can keep them for a year for the executors have a year to finish the business. If he If he would want us to take them in the fall that would mean we pay for wintering and he have the use of them for the summer. The year is up the 28th day

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F. E. D.

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#### Questions and Answers, Miscellaneous.

#### Corn for Silo.

1. How much land is required to grow enough corn to fill a silo 11 by 26 feet?

2. What height is a line fence required to be?

3. If my neighbor's cattle damage my line fence who should repair it, or pay for damages? O. D.

Ans.-1. It will depend on the crop, which varies with the variety of corn, condition of the soil and the season With an average crop of corn about 5 acres will be required.

2. Regulations regarding line fences vary in the different municipalities. Consult your township clerk regarding the height a fence should be in your locality.

As a rule each man is supposed 3. to keep his share of the line fence in repair

#### Rheumatism in Poultry.

Sometimes in the mornings and afternoons our hens get so stiff on their legs that they cannot get off the roosts. When I lift them off they cannot walk, but simply crawl around and act as if they would soon die, but in ten or twelve hours they are all right again. Some hens are like this every day. What is the cause and treatment? SUBSCRIBER

Ans .- The stiffness is probably due to rheumatism, which is an inflammation of the connective tissues of the muscles and joints. The trouble is usually caused by exposure to cold or dampness, or to poor housing conditions. Treatment consists in protecting the birds from exposure, and feeding a ration which contains plenty of green feed. When spring opens up and the fowl are allowed free range the trouble will no doubt cease

#### Tumor or Actinomycosis.

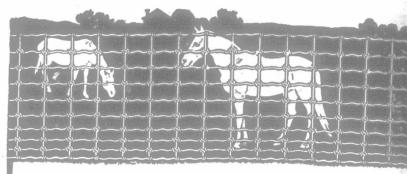
I have two heifers; one has a lump under one side of one jaw, and the other has a lump under the jaw on both sides. had the veterinarian look at these and he pronounced them as caused by an ulcerated tooth and said to paint them with iodine. I have been doing this for about ten days with apparently no result. The lumps are quite hard, and seem to be in the glands, as we can move them around They do not seem to be sore, or to interfere with the cattles' feeding. I would like to here cattles' feeding. I would like to know what you think these are, and what treatment you would advise. C. H. S.

Ans.—The lumps may be caused by a tumor or might possibly be lump-jaw. As the lumps are not attached to the bone they may be carefully dissected out, the wounds stitched and dressed with a five-per-cent solution of carbolic acid twice daily until healed.

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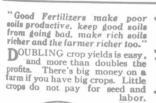
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