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Irrigation Question in the Okanagan

(By an Okanagan Settler.)

There is no more urgent problem in the Okanagan Valley at the present time than the storage and distribution of water. Upon the successful solution of that problem hangs to a great measure the future prosperity of the whole valley.

It is very important that every one in the province, at least, should know the absolute necessity of a steady and abundant supply of water, if we are to produce those thousands upon thousands of carloads of food-stuffs which the country is so capable to produce and which the Empire needs so urgently.

The early settlers in this valley followed the ordinary branches of farming, viz., the raising of cattle, horses, sheep and swine, while their crops consisted of hay and small grain, and gardens and small orchards on some of the ranches. This system involved the cultivation of only a small part of the whole area, and the irrigation system at that time, while crude and small, and with little provision for storage, were sufficient to meet the needs of the district.

The greater quantity of the water ran away in the spring freshets and was lost and when the hot, dry weather came the water became scarce. There was always trouble between the ranchers, who cut each other's ditches, sold each other's water and fought many battles about it.

Then followed the later development, when it was discovered that fruit and vegetables grew to perfection, and enormous crops were raised under proper irrigation and cultivation. Out of this grew the land and irrigation company boom, when companies sprang up all over the valley, bought in some cases constructed reservoirs, and subdivided and sold acreage.

Systems installed under these conditions were very likely to be unsatisfactory, and buch proved to be the case. Both ditches reservoirs were often too small to proporthe lands were subdivided, advertised and land, with often a disregard of its capaland agents who would sell a stone quarry ered with snow at the time of sale.

Nome companies gave a contract to deone miner's inch of water per acre

twenty-four hours in each week for four months. This is about one acre foot per acre in the season; our rain and snowfall gives us about another acre foot. assured intending buyers that that amount of water was more than enough for all their needs and would be for all time. prove their statements they showed the buyer splendid young orchards two to four years old being cultivated, which had made wonderful growth with only two to four irrigations a year-much less than they undertook to give. The settler usually found out in five or six years, when perhaps all he had was invested in his orchard, that when his trees came into heavy bearing and some covering crops were necessary to keep the land fit, his amount of water was not half enough. When this stage is reached. usually, very much land is under cultivation and the demand for water is so extensive that there is not enough to give everyone the amount of water as per agreement, the ordinary shortage of water being aggravated by the bad condition of the flumes and ditches by which much is often

It is often the case, too, when this stage is reached, that the company has gone broke and its funds have disappeared, and possibly the company with them, involving the expenditure of heavy repairs by the ranchers themselves.

There are also companies who are working on borrowed money or on the proceeds of the sale of stock, put in large irrigation systems of a temporary character at a heavy cost and are able to deliver water much below cost of operation. Settlers who have been getting water at \$2 or \$3 an acre wake up to the fact that the system is old and needing repair, that no sinking fund has been provided, and that a large sum of money is necessary to refit it. They may also possibly find that, had proper bookkeeping been installed and a sufficient sinking fund been provided, the water would have cost double the amount which they had been paying, that in the future these contingencies will have to be provided for, including the cost of repairs. In some cases this will amount to \$6 to \$8 per acre, which a good many regard as a prohibitive price.

The problem for the settler is to know just how he stands regarding the water supply, the possibility of increasing that supply by storage, the present cost of operating per acre served, the possible acreage which may be irrigated, the status of the water company and the ability to fulfill their contract.

This is where the water comptroller can be of good service, as he has most of this information. The settlers should also ask the government to pass an order-in-council, which recent legislation permits them to do, prohibiting the sale of more land as irrigable than can be abundantly supplied with water at reasonable rates, and to prohibit the sale of any lands as orchard or garden land which is unfit for the production of all crops of that nature. This involves government classification of land and employment of experts to do the same.

The whole problem involves not only the grower but the consumer, as on this solution hinges the prices of produce. We have the land and the climate, and with enough water this country can compete with any. Unless the water supply is increased, and that very materially, the fate of this valley is one that should occasion serious concern to all involved.

There has been some agitation in the past in regard to the government taking over all water storage and land companies and creating new ones where necessary and supplying the different districts involved, which will become water municipalities. Information based on this has been in the possession of the government now for several years, but no action has followed. On one hand we have an appeal from the federal government to produce more food crops and we fail because of lacking assistance from the local government to irrigate our crops. Every year there is some crop shortage due to lack of sufficient water. last year, after a long, dry season, a very heavy rain came and saved the situation, but it was a near thing. This year, in like stress, the rain did not come, and a great crop loss is certain, as creeks are dried up. In the district in which I reside there are two creeks which were half full of water during July, but they have been dry since the first of August. The same conditions prevail generally in the valley.

The Minister of Lands and the Water Comptroller have been through the valley, and, while expressing sympathy and recognizing the serious condition, they suggest that it is up to the farmers to help themselves. The contract is too large a one for the individual farmer or for anyone but the government to handle. Many threaten that if the government do not take steps to prevent a recurrence of this loss and rendering it safe to plant crops, they will leave the valley. They consider agriculture is as worthy of aid in the crisis as railways, mines and shipbuilding, and if this aid is not forthcoming it is going to give a serious setback to agriculture in British Columbia for years to come.

A Study in Co-Operation

Some Pitfalls Which the Farmer Encounters

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Ask the average fruit grower what is the most pressing need in his district today and he will tell you in one word, CO-OPERA-TION. Ask him if there is a successful cooperative fruit marketing association throughout the length and breadth of the Fraser Valley and he will candidly inform you that there is not and that he does not anticipate there will be in the immediate future.

I asked a well-known Mission fruit rancher the other day why a successful cooperative agency could not be organized in his district and he gave the self-same answer that I had received from almost a hundred other fruit men when he replied:

"Every fruit grower thinks that he himself is a better salesman than his neighbor. I go further and state that practically every fruit grower is afraid that by joining up with a co-operative organization, which of necessity is to be controlled during the fruit season by one or two heads he will jeopardize, perhaps, his chances to procure a higher price for some portion of his product in some other manner, or by the old method of shipping to a broker in the Northwest. He refuses to place implicit faith in anyone, as a matter of fact, and that is the fundamental reason underlying the failure, partial or entire, of every cooperative organization which has started in the valley, and their name is legion."

Even the case-hardened old grower who has been shipping fruit L. C. L. to brokers or commission men for years past is willing to admit that conditions could be better, that there is too big a margin between the price he actually receives and that which the ultimate consumer is forced to pay. He knows the kind of co-operation he wants, he will tell you, but he is not prepared to join any organization which has not proven itself the success he desires.

In other words, he ardently desires cooperation, but he is not prepared to go in with his neighbor, form the organization, give it his undivided support for a season or two and take the bad luck with the good, until the organization is strong enough to withstand all opposition.

One man, who said he was convinced that co-operation meant the difference between a steady grind to keep the pot boiling and comparative affluence, said he would hesitate to join any co-operative agency, because the Northwest brokers and commission men, who guard their sacred (to them) rights as intermediaries between the producer and the retailer, would combine and balk every move by the organized fruit growers.

"They would get together," he said, and his tone left no doubt of his absolute faith in his own deductions, "and flood every city or town to which we shipped with berries from other sources, likely the American side, and would undersell us until we went to the wall. Let me tell you something from my own experience, young man: Not so many years ago a Fraser Valley co-operative organization was formed right here in Mission. It was flourishing in the year I mention, and we knew the brokers were stacking the cards for us somewhere; just how it was going to break we could not learn.

"There is a town in Alberta where at that time we had fully 90 per cent. of the business and were shipping there heavily, as it drew its trade from a rich farming section surrounding it. Well, one day we sent two cars of fruit there, worth about \$4000 at the current price. About ten hours before it was due to arrive our broker friends wised up, dumped a huge amount of the same fruit into the merchants, underquoted us 50 cents on a crate, and before arrangements for unloading our two cooperative cars were perfected the fruit was unmarketable and we lost the whole darn kaboodle.

"Less than one week after that story broke back here 50 per cent. of the growers had withdrawn from the organization, refused to fight the broker octopus, and quit cold. You can't do anything with co-operation with a bunch of quitters, can you? Yet that is what happened and would happen again if we tried a similar experiment and did not have a membership ready to carry the war into the enemy and keep it up despite a few losses and setbacks."

That co-operation is the keynote of successful fruit growing and means better prices for the producer and a lower consuming price, has been abundantly proven in other lines of commerce and industry. A notable example of successful co-operation is afforded by a glimpse at the books of the United Farmers, Limited, of Maple Ridge. A more recent, but none the less successful, merger was the amalgamation of the majority of the milk producers of the valley into the Fraser Valley Milk Producers, Limited. This organization comprises slightly more than 90 per cent. of the big milk shippers from Chilliwack to the Gulf of Georgia. Already they have come in for considerable adverse criticism because the price of milk per pound butter fat has been advanced, but the officials of this combine (and it is a combine or trust in the sense that every co-operative effort must be to attain stability) have as their primal objective a desire to secure higher rates for their product at the expense of the consumer.

It is not the consumer that the association is attempting to ride, but rather they wish to eliminate the present expensive and too elaborate system of overlapping distribution. As the fruit grower complains of the extra charge necessary through marketing his produce through the middleman, so do the milk vendors declare against the myriad host of milk distributors who purchase their wares from the producer and then boost the price in order to defray distributing costs and to ensure a fair margin of profit on the outlay.

The milk producers assert vehemently that once the unnecessary distributor is eliminated prices will reach and remain at a selling figure affording a proper margin of profit on their capital expenditure, and that the consumer will be the beneficiary. There is no valid reason for doubting their assertion, any more than there is to doubt the fruit grower's declamation that both himself and the ultimate consumer will be better satisfied when the broker vanishes. never to return.

Candidly, the British Columbia fruit grower, in his inherent distrust of a co-

operative organization, which he nevertheless acknowledges spells the difference almost between success or failure, seems to be given over to fears. They "feared" that reciprocity would take away from them their home markets. They "fear" to pack their crop in case the price may not stand up. They are "fearful" now that British war regulations may cut off their export markets for apples, and they profess to see "blue ruin" staring them in the face from every corner. In the same manner they "fear" to give their undivided support to any movement for co-operation because similar moves, through incapable officials or for lack of proper backing by the growers themselves, has failed in the past.

True, it requires a deal of courage and stick-to-itiveness to make a large co-operative organization such as the amalgamation of the fruit growers of the Fraser Valley would be, the success that it must become before the middleman is ousted, but it can be done and would be an undoubted bless ing to the growers and to the general public, who are not interested so much in the preliminaries of organization, nor how it was accomplished, so long as the particular fruit to which they are partial comes to their tables at a figure which does not cause the lord of the manor to squirm uneasily and mutter anent the outrageous prices one is compelled to pay for the ordinary luxuries of life.

Far-seeing growers and farmers are doing their bit in educating their more thought less neighbors to the urgency of forming general combination for protection of thelf vested interests. Sooner or later these seeds so planted must begin to bear fruit. cannot all fall upon barren ground. When that time comes the work will be taken up and pushed through with the customary vigor and energy which is inherent in every man who has made a success of the perllous business of fruit growing. Its final consummation and success must mark the beginning of a new era of prosperity for the grower and for Mr. and Mrs. Ultimate Con-

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The Raspberry

How to Grow It and Treatment of Soil and Canes.

(By Nurseryman)

The raspberry is a good garden market fruit because it comes into fruitage very promptly and very surely. Anyone beginning a country home near a market and wishing immediate profits, will find no berry more likely to meet his needs than the red raspberry. The fact that it cannot be shipped very long distances cuts off competition from the south.

The raspberry will grow in all soils, but it prefers loose and well-cultivated clay. It must not, however, be overlooked that the varieties of this plant are sharply individualized. Some of them dislike exactly what the others prefer. The Cuthbert, for example, prefers to be grown in solid rows, while some others prefer hill culture. In all cases the land where raspberries are to be grown must be thoroughly drained. It is also desirable that there shall be a very large amount of humus. Barnyard manure alone is not recommended for raspberriesthis neither acts as a good fertilizer to raspberries nor to increase the proper humus. On the other hand, it is liable to encourage the development of diseases, especially root gall. A very liberal application of autumn leaves is preferable to serve as a mulch and sort of cover crop during the winter; to be plowed under in the spring. This is the natural fertilizer supplied by nature to the bush in its wild state.

Set the plants deep for preference—that is, the red kind. The blackcaps are best set shallow and only in spring. A raspberry field will show its tendency to suckerage by filling all the space between the rows with young shoots. What you want is a good, solid row of new canes. Run your cultivator through and through to destroy the superfluous shoots and to keep the ground in good tilth. An old-established field must be cultivated from plowing time until picking time; in fact, cannot be too often loosened up with hoe and cultivator.

Trimming and care of a red raspberry garden consists in cutting the canes out that have borne; and this should be done soon after picking. You will then cut off the new canes, leaving them four to five feet high. It is not desirable to do this part of the work until growth has ceased, in October or later. Fork out the waste rubbish and burn. Now it remains with you to decide in what way you will keep the canes from being broken down by snow during the winter and out of the way of the plow when it is used. A system of double wires between which the canes are placed is admirable, the wires being clamped together at intervals. The wires should be stapled to stakes at the end of the rows and to other stakes placed about every twenty feet in the rows. When the work is done your garden is very neat and tidy; the canes are upright and will remain so through the winter, even if the snow is heavy. The ground is ready for fall plowing in October or November if you decide that it is de-

Purple caps are planted farther apart than the reds, and each cane should be staked separately.

If the winter has been very severe and killed back the canes, so that the buds start

feebly, it is better to go over the raspberry field once more, in the spring, with shears and cut back the canes sufficiently to remove the weaker buds, and concentrate fruitage energy below. In this way you will sometimes secure a very excellent crop; while if not thus cut back you will get a large lot of seedy and worthless fruit.

The growth of blackcaps must be checked by nipping off, whenever a cane has grown about 18 to 20 inches. This pruning must continue as long as the growth continues. The object is to produce a solid, thick bush, well armed with fruit-bearing limbs. Birds are very fond of blackcaps. Blackcaps are subject to cane rust, and the best thing to do is to dig up the affected plant and destroy. Do the same when the red raspberry is attacked by cane borer, cutting off the cane below the ring of eggs and burning them.

Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market, is a large, red berry of a rich crimson color and good quality productiveness. The dryness of the berry makes it a good shipper and it is fine for canning. It is not hardy enough for the interior of British Columbia. Marlborough is very early, large, good color and absolutely hardy. Herbert is perhaps the best all-round berry, being a very hardy, main-crop kind. Of the ever-bearing reds, St. Regis and Souvenir hold high places. Of the blackcaps, Munger is much better flavored and a better shipper than the aver-

age and is particularly fine for canning. The Scarff is very productive and quite hardy. Reds such as Cuthbert, Marlborough and Herbert should be planted in rows about seven feet apart and the plants two and a half feet apart in the row. Blackcaps and Purplecaps should be planted five or six feet apart in the row. Reds and purples require picking daily or alternate days, but blackcaps will stand three or four days without injury.

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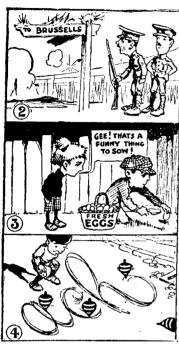
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The Work of the B. C. Goat Breeder's Association for 1917.

The above association having been fortunate enough to secure financial recognition from the government of the province to the extent of a grant of \$250, the question was how to spend it to the best advantage. Owing to the fact that the directors live in different parts of the province and the cost of meeting together would be too high, the business of the association has to be done by correspondence, which is, of course, a poor substitute. However, we have at last decided on the following expenditure, as in the best interest of the members: One hundred dollars or so will be reserved for refunds of transportation on pure-bred stock; i. e., bona fide members buying and shipping pure-bred goats will be refunded the transportation charges thereon which, however, must not exceed \$10 for any one animal. The sum allotted for this is not nearly as large as we would have liked, but it is expected that little will be spent on bucks this year, at any rate, as these should be taken care of by the government scheme for the supplying of pure-bred sires. Fifty dollars will be spent in issuing a booklet or leaflets to interest the layman; \$50 on exhibits at fairs, and \$50 on making a collection of lantern slides, cuts for illustrations, etc.

The association will also buy a tattoo ear marker, which will mark the goat indelibly for identification and other purposes. This marker will be loaned to members at a charge of 10c per goat marked, until paid for. A record will be kept by the secretary of all members' goats, and letters and numbers will be allotted to them. It is also suggested that the marker be used to indicate the percentage of pure blood in goats, marking in the other ear with 78 for seven-eights, 3132 for thirty-one thirty seconds, etc.

Later it is hoped to establish a record of merit based on milk yield, and for this we will probably have to rely on the affidavits of members, as the business would not bear the expense of testers to travel the province, as the Dominion government cow testers do.

In connection with the exhibits at the Vancouver Exhibition in August, the arrangements for same were left in the hands of a committee of the Burnaby district members, Messrs. Wilson, Tuplin and Holland, together with Mr. Mowat and Mr. Barker, assisted by Mr. French, who represents the association on the Vancouver Exhibition Board. Over 50 entries were made, and the exhibit proved a great boost for the milk goat. Mr. Wilson had charge during the week and was assisted by several ladies and gentlemen in milking and caring for the goats, selling milk and cheese, distributing literature and answering questions. The Vancouver Exhibition Association offered \$125 in prizes, and it is hoped they will be made to offer more next year, because this goat exhibit was one of the drawing cards at the fair this year. In this connection the thanks and appreciation of the goat men are due to the exhibition directors, and the manager, Mr. H. S. Rolston, for their sympathetic attitude towards the industry and their willing assistance in every way.

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NEW BLOOD FOR THE NUBIANS.

A fairly frequent complaint among goat breeders who want to take up the Nubian breed is the scarcity of stock in the country and the difficulty of getting new blood lines, and at a time like the present, when everything is unsettled and importations of stock are difficult and often impossible, the enterprise of Mr. D. Mowat of McKay, B. C., is all the more commendable. Some time ago Mr. Mowat entered into correspondence with the leading breeders of Anglo-Nubians in England, and ultimately placed an order for a pure-bred buck and doe from the famous herd of Sir Humphrey de Trafford. These animals were the highest priced in the herd, and are, of course, registered in the British Goat Society; they are claimed to be the best in England, if not in the world. In spite of enemy submarines, they have now reached Quebec in good condition and will be held there for a month in quarantine. While waiting at Liverpool for shipment the doe gave birth to two kids, a buck and a doe, also pure bred, and sired by Sedgemere Viking, N. N. 556, another of Sir H. de Trafford's herd.

The mature buck is Harborough Volunteer, N. N. 834, is hornless, light fawn in color and was born August 7, 1914, by Sad-

berge Berserker out of Sadberge Scaup. In 1916 this buck was shown at the Royal Show at Manchester, at Richmond and at Hexham, taking first each time.

The doe is Sadberge Plover, A. N. 654, hornless, brown in color, and was born March 22, 1913, by Coxhill Noodle out of Sadberge Stonechat.

Nubian men will welcome the importation of these animals, which, it is hoped, will leave their impress on the goat stock of this country.

HOW THE B. C. GOVERNMENT HELPS THE GOAT MAN.

For years past the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture has issued a small directory of breeders of both milk and Angora goats in British Columbia and adjoining States, and occasionally on request of interested parties efforts been made with the object of importing both kinds of stock. With the growing interest in goats, however—especially goats—it was felt that something more must be done, and in the Fall of 1916 circular was sent to all known parties interested in goats, to the secretaries of the Farmers' Institutes, and to the press, in an

How to fire charges of Giant Stumping Powder

THE following suggestions regarding the most efficient methods of firing charges in stump blasting or other agricultural work with Giant Stumping Powder are given to readers of Fruit and Farm Magazine by the Giant Powder Co. of Canada, Ltd., Vancouver:

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Method of Firing With Electricity

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When you are using the electric method instead of the fuse method of firing, the powder is set off by electric exploders instead of regular caps. Exploders are copper caps, like blasting caps, but with two insulated copper wires fixed in them so that a current from the electric blasting machine will explode them. They should be put into the sticks of powder exactly the same as blasting caps and fuse, except that there is no danger of setting fire to the powder from the wires as there is from the fuse, and the wires may be looped about the sticks, or bent as you wish, so long as the insulation is not broken.

The wires should be tied to the sticks the same as fuse, to prevent the caps from pulling out of the powder; but another good plan is to punch a hole straight through the centre of the stick to be primed, to double the wires six eight inches from the cap end, pass the doubled end through the stick and loop them over one end. Then the cap can be inserted in a slanting hole made elsewhere in the side of the stick, and the primed stick can be lifted by the Wires without pulling loose the explosive cap you have fixed.

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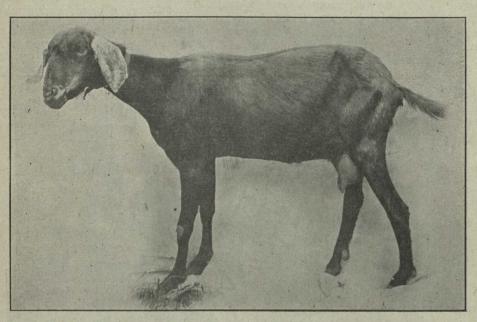
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STUMPING POWDER

endeavor to find out what support would be available for the formation of an association of goat breeders. The response was very gratifying indeed, and on February 3, 1917, there was incorporated the B. C. Goat Breeders' Association—the first of its kind in Canada. This association was formed under the B. C. Agricultural Act, with the approval of the Department of ister of agriculture, Mr. W. E. Scott, kindly agreed to extend the department's scheme for the supplying of pure-bred sires to cover bucks, and sent a circular to all the Farmers' Institutes in the province notifying this. Under this scheme the Live Stock Branch of the department, upon receiving a properly signed requisition from a Farmers' Institute, will, if possible, buy



Mr. D. Mowat's fine Doe, Sadburge Plover, A. N. 654.

Agriculture of the province, and has now over 130 members. Application was formally made to the government for a grant to carry on the work of the association, and the request was very favorably considered, but owing to the financial stringency and the necessity for the strictest economy it was only possible to allow the association the sum of \$250. This, however, is considered quite a satisfactory amount to start with, and it is hoped to inaugurate useful work for the goat industry which will justify larger grants in the future.

In addition to the above, the deputy min-

a pure-bred buck, either Nubian, Saanen, Toggenburg or Angora, as requested, and ship it to the party wanting it. All transportation charges are paid by the Live Stock Branch, and the buyer is charged only the cost of the animal, which is payable in two installments—one on delivery and the other a year later, no interest being charged unless payments are overdue. This scheme has proved of immense benefit to the farmers in securing live stock of all kinds, and it is hoped that it will prove equally beneficial in the building-up of a large and profitable goat industry.

HORTICULTURE. CODLING MOTH TRAP

A codling moth trap has been devised by E. H. Siegler, of the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, to be used as a substitute for what is known as the "banding" method for destroying the codling moth. The banding method, in which a folded strip of burlap is wrapped around the tree trunk, demands a considerable amount of labor, and the new trap is designed to minimize this.

The trap affords an attractive place for the larvae to spin their cocoons, and it prevents the escape of the moth after they emerge from these. The trap, which consists of a burlap band covered by a strip of wire screen, is made as follows:

Strips of burlap 6 inches wide are folded into three thicknesses. The loose bark from the lower branches and trunk of the tree is removed and a strip of this burlap folded once around the trunk. It is held in place by large tacks, which should be driven in in such a way that the edge projects about one-fourth of an inch beyond the burlap. The burlap is then covered by black-painted wire screen with 12 meshes to the inch. This is cut into strips 6 inches wide and the edges of each strip are folded twice, allowing one-fourth of an inch to each fold. The strip of screen should be long enough to allow for an overlap of 3 to 4 inches when placed around the trunk of the tree. The wire screen is placed over the burlap band and tacked to the tree in such a way that both the upper and lower edges fit snugly against the bark.



Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of 21 years, renewable for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease may be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns shall be furnished at least once a year.

The lease shall include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 13th June, 1914.

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The projecting tacks used to fasten the burlap to the tree prevent the wire pressing against the cloth. To make sure that no moths may escape through openings along the edges of the trap or along the flap, a thin coating of pitch tar may be used. This material, when heated, may be applied readily with a brush.

The traps may be placed on the tree at any time during the winter or in the spring not later than one month after the petals have dropped. As long as no openings occur in them they will require no further attention. The codling moth larvae, having completed its feeding in the fruit, seeks a place to spin its cocoon, and for this pur-Pose generally crawls up or down a tree trunk. Meeting the trap, it enters through One of the openings in the mesh of the wire screen and spins its cocoon beneath the burlap band. When it emerges as a moth its larger size makes it unable to escape through the opening in the screen by which it entered the trap.

It must be clearly understood, however, that this trap is not a substitute for spraying, but merely an additional precaution. Nevertheless, some larvae will invariably escape, and the off-spring of these are largely responsible for the damage to the fruit crop. By the use of the codling moth trap, in addition to thorough spraying, the majority of the unpoisoned larvae may be Captured and injury by later broods will be materially reduced.

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DAIRY NOTES

Too little attention is paid to the subject of scientific hand milking. A poor milker may easily do enough harm in a herd of cows in one year to equal in loss the amount of his wages. In other words, it would pay to hand him his year's salary in a lump sum and "buy him off" instead of allowing him to milk poorly ten or twelve cows each night and morning. Such a milker, if he is rough, cross, noisy, unclean, irregular or imperfect in his milking, may quickly or gradually dry off the cows.

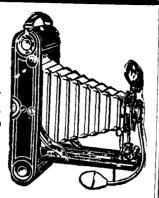
We know of one case in which a beginher, in two months, completely dried off the milk secretion in the cow upon which he was allowed to practise. In another case a new milker by his roughness and harshness so reduced the milk flow that the owner had to fire him in self-defence. It probably is a fact that in every herd where the milk is not weighed night and morning and close tally kept, one or another of the milkers is doing indifferent or disastrous work. In Great Britain, girls who are taking up farm work are learning to milk by practising upon dummy cows antil they become sufficiently expert safely to tackle the living animal. It would be well were our boys and would-be hired hands put through such a course of training to make them proficient without spoiling or injuring a cow or two in the process.

Seeking a cause for the many mysterious cases of intermittent garget experienced in some dairies, it must be suspected that the nilker often is to blame. We think that the new that is little suspected. The way a nilker feels at milking time will in many hatances determine the amount of milk to obtains. If he quickly extracts it all, it will be well for the cow and for the employer. If he is in a hurry, indifferent, cow clean, slight, unexplained garget may have profitless or dry off entirely and have profitless or dry off entirely and have to be discarded.

It would be a good plan for every dairyhan, especially in herds where slight cases garget are prevalent, to have an expert the cows ten minutes after the milkthe cows ten minutes after the same have finished. By this means some the rich milk will be obtained for us on the comparison and the same time a the farmer's table and at the same time a check will be kept on the work of each hilker, and some cases of garget possibly hevented. Knowing that the cows are gothe to be stripped the milker will, if contelentious and anxious to please, milk just well and completely as he knows how, the so all concerned will be benefited. If he is the other sort of worker he will be detected and discharged before he has done permanent damage.

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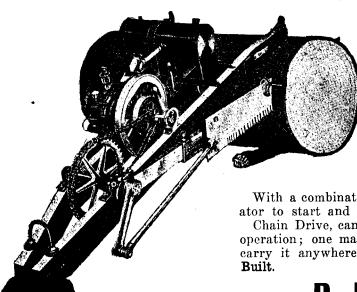
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The Sprott-Shaw Vancouver Business Ins itute, Ltd., booth was prettily decorated and showed an enlarged photograph, taking in the professors and pupils of the entire college, together with certificates and testimonials, while the president and principal and members of the staff were present to give any information on the courses of instruction.

Messrs, Begg Motor Company, Ltd., had a very comprehensive showing of various makes of automobiles and trucks, which was the centre of very great attraction. Included in the showing were the following: Cadillac, Hudson, Chalmers, Dodge Bros, Chevrolet, and Republic trucks, all of which this company has the agency for.
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Evolution of Agriculture

By L. S. Klinck, Dean of Agriculture University of British Columbia.

American Agriculture

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The wonderful impetus given to crop production was accompanied by a corresponding activity in the live-stock industry.

The result of this new interest in agriculture was that an increasingly insistent demand was made for the establishment of agricultural colleges and experiment stations for the conducting of teaching and research work in all matters pertaining to soils, crops, horticulture and live-stock.

Agricultural Education.

When the first agricultural colleges were established. the majority farmers laughed at the idea of attempting to teach boys how to farm by sending them to college. They persisted in calling the experimental farm in connection with the college a "Model" farm, and always spelled it with a capital "M." They regarded it as an extravagant public institution to be visited as a novelty, but not to be consulted in times of difficulty. Of the many adverse criticisms directed against these institutions one of the most persistent was that they did not pay dividends on the capital invested. These critics forgot, or else never knew, that colleges of agriculture are not established for the purpose of making money directly; but they are, or should be, concerned primarily with research, teaching and extension.

Nor was the idea of agricultural education received more favorably by the university authorities than by the farming population in general. The attitude of university men coincided with that of the conservative ruralist who pithily expressed his idea of the would-be agriculturist

in the epithet 'Book-farmer.' The farm boy who could not be dissuaded from gaining the best scientific training in agriculture available, found, upon entering the University, that he was generally ignored and rarely more than tolerated. Even those of his fellow students who possessed no educational qualifications or natural attainments superior to his own, and who not infrequently came from the same rural school, now considered themselves on a higher social and intellectual plane because they were preparing themselves for one of the so-called learned professions.

Fortunately, a radical change in viewpoint is taking place among educationists as well as among farmers, and we are coming to recognize the fact that technical education and the older literary conception of what constituted an education are not mutually antagonistic. The one no longer constitutes a challenge to the other. Each has elements of strength. Each has demonstrated its fitness for preparing men for more efficient service. But the most important point to remember is that it is possible to conserve and articulate the best in each system into a still more effective system, and that, what is possibly more important still after right educational relationships have been established and maintained, is to make ample provision for the extension of this more highly perfected system as changing conditions warrant.

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tural education in Canada during the past decade is nothing short of phenomenal. From one agricultural college in 1904, we now have seven, not including Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, where agriculture has been taught for a number of years.

Today the entrance requirements are much more difficult. Four colleges now require matriculation, or its equivalent, of all students who wish to proceed to a degree, and in at least four of the colleges a four-year course is offered instead of a three-year one as previously obtained.

With regard to the courses, and without going into detail, I may say that the impression still prevails in some quarters that agriculture is a 'one-man' subject. Many people evidently are not aware that in the larger agricultural colleges more than one hundred courses are offered. Cornell University offered three courses in agriculture in 1890, 37in 1900; 169 in 1910 and 234 in 1914. Naturally the division of agricultural thought and work has been carried further in the agricultural colleges The curriculm is being than elsewhere. divided into subjects and groups of subjects to an extent which, perhaps even ten years ago, would have been thought impracticable. This dividing and sub-dividing will, if I mistake not, continue, because specialization is absolutely essential to progress.

Of course specialization carried to such a degree calls for co-ordination of effort on the part of the different investigators, otherwise the largest benefits from the researches of each cannot accrue.

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Back of successful extension work, however, and underlying all effective teaching, there must exist that basic division of all permanently successful university workresearch. Without scientific investigation it would be impossible long to continue ofther teaching or extension work without their degenerating into mere channels for the dissemination of information gained only as the result of practical experience. Practically all our present knowledge in matters pertaining to agriculture has been evolved, either as the outcome of the slowly-accumulated experience of practical men, or as the direct result of original in-Vestigation. It is only when we combine science with practice that we lay the sure foundation for successful research.

I cannot refrain from speaking strongly on this question in its relation to agriculture, not only because of its importance, but because it is so generally misunderatood by the very people who have profited most by it. I grant you that it is not spectacular, that it calls for time, money and the most highly trained men; but let me emphasize this also, that the more progress we make the more essential it becomes that we have fundamental knowledge; and the men who have contributed largely to that knowledge are men who have labored the fields of pure science, and who little dreamed that the application of the principles they discovered would ever make any contribution to the advancement of scienthe agriculture. Progress can only be made by investigating the uncertainties, not the certainties.

This brings me to my last point in our consideration of the evolution of agricultural education—training for leadership. More and more we are coming to realize that leadership is the determining factor th rural progress. I take it, therefore, that it is one of the functions of the college of agriculture to train the necessary leaders. In order successfully to do this, the courses offered must be cultural as well as scientific and practical. The leadets scientific and practical. And the second as scientific and practical and the second and the second as veloped as the result of spending four years in the university in the study of agdeulture and the cognate sciences alone. Agriculture and agricultural science must stressed; but the essential elements in a liberal education cannot safely be ignored. The student who spends four years in acquiring a liberal education, and in developing skill in imparting the facts learned, the one who should be best equipped to tender the most acceptable service to the community.

Many public men, whose knowledge of rural people is more general than specific, have not yet learned that country people will no longer respond to untrained leaders. It is not not yet learned that country demand that the graduate of the agricultural college have not only a sound, practical and scientific knowledge of matters pertaining to his specialty, but they are also coming to insist upon a measure of culture, a capacity for imparting knowledge and some aptitude and training for leadership which heretofore they have not sufficiently valued.

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Conclusion.

I have dwelt much more fully with agricultural education than its relative importance warrants. Other phases of the evolution of agriculture must, perforce, suffer accordingly; but to the comprehending mind what vast fields are opened up by the mention of such far-reaching words as 'conservation,' 'reclamation,' 'organization,' 'co-operation' and 'breeding.' Even after their scope has been restricted to their bearing on the evolution of agriculture, I am sure you will breathe more freely when I state that I shall not attempt here to outline their contribution to the subject under consideration.

Agriculture is still in the process of evolution. Many of the operations in connection with its practice are as they were in the days of Hartlib, "mysteries." To quote once more from Mitchell, "They are, however, lively mysteries, mysteries that pique and tempt and reward endeavor. They un-

fold with an appetizing delay. If our plummet lines do not reach the bottom, it is only because they are too short; but they are growing longer. Every year a new secret is laid bare, which, in the first flush of triumph seems a crowning development, whereas it presently appears that we have only opened a new door upon some further labyrinth."

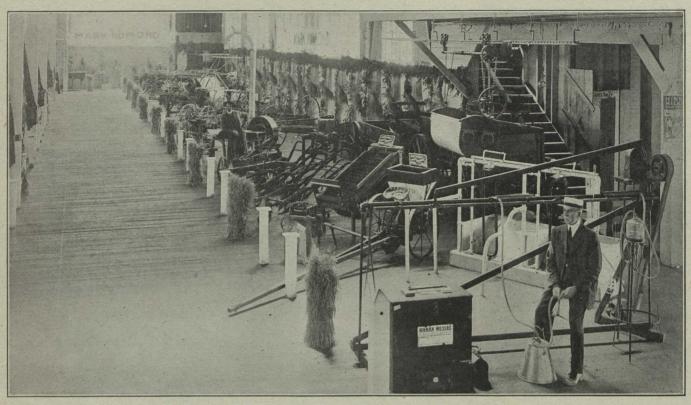
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Fattening Pigs

Finish Them With the Self-Feeder and Save Grain-Fat Must be Put on Rapidly.

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for an increase of 19 per cent in the rate of eating caused an increase of 28 per cent in the rate of gaining. The object in feeding is to put on fat as rapidly and with as little grain as possible. A method which will increase the rate of gaining 28 per cent and at the same time decrease by per cent the grain required to produce a unit of gain is certainly worthy of consideration.

How to Use Self-Feeder.

Fill part of the self-feeder with corn or similar carbonaceous feed and the other part with protein supplement; also take care to see that it is kept filled. Induce well-grown shoats to eat when and what they choose, and save grain, save labor, and get your hogs to market at the earliest possible date.

Teaching Farming at the University

An Outline of the Experimental Work Being Done at Point Grey

(By Prof. Clement.)

The College of Agriculture is an integral part of the Provincial University. Its class rooms and laboratories are located on the same campus as are those of the other faculties of the university. During the coming year lectures in agriculture will be given in the temporary quarters occupied by the university at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Willow Street, Vancouver. Laboratory work will be given in the fields, gardens and live stock stables at the permanent site, Point Grey.

For the past three years land-clearing operations and field experimental work have been proceeding at the permanent site, Point Grey. One hundred acres are now

under crop.

A substantial two-story horticultural storage barn has just been completed, and plans are being arranged for the erection of additional buildings and for the purchase of live stock and general farm equipment.

Two distinct lines of study are offered, as follows:

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The first two years of work are devoted to acquiring a knowledge of the basic sciences upon which agriculture rests, in adding to the student's knowledge of mathematics and language, and in laying a foundation for more advanced studies in practical agriculture. The third and fourth years are devoted almost wholly to courses in applied agriculture.

Except under special circumstances, students will not be eligible for registration who have not attained the age of seventeen. Specialization begins at the commencement of the third year. Students who have not had at least one full season's practical farm experience will be required to obtain this preliminary training before registering for

the third year.

The short courses are planned for those men and women who are unable to take, advantage of the longer course, but who desire to extend their knowledge of agriculture in one or more of those branches in which they are particularly interested. The work throughout is intensely practical. Lectures are reduced to a minimum. Illustrative material and periods devoted to demonstration and judging work are strong features of the courses. No entrance examination is required, nor are students asked to write an examination at the conclusion of the course.

The first short course to be offered this tall will be given in Horticulture, and will extend from November 20th to November 10th, inclusive. The time in this course will be devoted entirely to Commercial Pruit Growing, Vegetable Gardening and telated subjects. If interest warrants it a special course of one week will be offered hanateur Vegetable Gardening, Land-appe Gardening and Floriculture.

The second course will be a combined one in Agronomy and Animal Husbandry and will be arranged to meet the needs of the general farmer. Under Agronomy, soils and their management, field crops and their cultural requirements will be studied. Under Animal Husbandry, special attention will be given to the judging of all classes of live stock and to their care, feeding, breeding and management.

In addition to the above, special courses will be arranged for returned men who are desirous of taking up farming, and a two weeks' course in Poultry Husbandry and Apiculture will be announced if negotiations now under way result in satisfactory arrangements being made.

For the past two years a course on "The Scientific Basis of Agriculture" has been

given as an elective to junior and senior students in Arts. The first short course to be given under the auspices of the university was offered last February and proved a decided success. During the past six months the members of the faculty of agriculture have been assisting the Provincial Department of Agriculture in numerous institutes and short courses in different parts of the province. They have also rendered valuable assistance to the Department of Education in connection with the Summer Schools for Teachers. With this foundation laid at the university and at different important centres in the province, the faculty of agriculture is looking forward to a steadily growing interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement of agriculture in the province of British Columbia.

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EDITORIAL

The Useful Goat.

Until recently the goat in this country was regarded as more ornamental than useful-something for the children to play with, but with no niche to fill in the economic life of the country.

But in two or three years it has come into its own-so much so that at the recent Vancouver exhibition a building was devoted to a goat exhibit. One of the breeders assured us he could average three quarts a day from his does, and so excellent was the milk and so superior was it regarded by his customers that he had no difficulty in selling all his herd produced, at the door, for 25 cents

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A Marketing Problem.

Bulletins issued by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa indicate that the exhortation to produce has not fallen upon deaf ears and that in some lines of produce the acreage and yield promises to be exceptional. This is particularly true of potatoes, which this year will run into an enormous acreage, without taking into consideration the intensive cultivation of backyards, gardens and vacant plots, which will, in the aggregate, mount into many thousands of acres.

This fact will add further anxiety to the marketing problem this year, the task of the grower being to determine how far the extra demand occasioned by the war will offset the big increase in the yield. Added to this is the fact that, so far as this province is concerned, dry weather in the interior has materially reduced the prospects of even an average yield. Commissioner Abbott in his current market reports counsels farmers to hold for a high price, and predicts that the

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crop will not be sufficiently bountiful to affect a high figure for this season's yield.

It is well in this connection to remember that the food controller may take action to commandeer both this and the apple crop. It would seem to be the duty of the nation, if it urges its citizens to increase the product of the soil, to take steps to see that the very abundance thus created is not made an instrument in the hands of the middleman to "bear" the profits of the grower.

We think it very probable that an announcement on this matter may be soon expected from Mr. Hanna.

The Irrigation Problem.

In another column in this issue an Okanagan farmer states the situation with respect to irrigation in that valley. It is a very grave condition which he discusses, and unfortunately one for which there seems to be no immediate available remedy.

The government, in this instance, finds itself in much the same situation that it has been placed in with respect to roads in the case of other settlers. In various parts of this province settlers have been brought in and settled on lands exploited by clever real estate operators. After a year or two the primitive roads provided by the land company have fallen into disrepair and the government has been compelled to build roads, bridges, school houses, etc., in districts where the settlement did not warrant large expenditures.

In the dry districts the situation is somewhat similar. Here land companies constructed reservoirs and flumes, sold the land, guaranteed ample water, and, after their holdings had all been sold or the boom had collapsed, they left the district behind them with a large-sized problem. Frost and poor workmanship played havoc with the flumes where the needs of the district did not outrun their capacity. The government hesitates about incurring the large expense which a rebuilding or extension of the system would entail, and the farmers dare not undertake such a large problem. But without relief of some kind, as our correspondent says, hardships will be created which will cause an exodus from the country. We hope the government will take vigorous steps this fall to insure that next year the farmers of the Okanagan valley may be spared the losses of this summer because of inadequate water supply.

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ALL SOLDIERS DON'T WANT TO BE FARMERS

Should Portion Natural Resources of Fishing Mining, Lumbering, Etc., Be Reserved for Our Boys?

By Rusticus.

"Back to the land" is an old cry. It was heard before the Great War, before the South African War, is heard now, and doubtless ever shall be. It is a hardy annual political cry, of all politicians, and today is being hitched onto the future of the soldiers who will have fought the great fight and will have to face stern realities of civilian occupation in peaceful times. To go "back to the land" will appeal to those with hopes and ambitions for a life on a farm or ranch with the success that breeds contentment. From the mouths of public men and the columns of the press through-Out the wide Dominion the great endeavor seems to be to advance a scheme to make 80ldiers into farmers by means of land grants and governmental advice and monetary aid. Yet many farmers who are close students of current events and sentiment feel that, while the adoption of a soldiers' land settlement scheme in this or other provinces might prove a success and incidentally a boon to the agricultural sections and the country generally, they want to know what will happen if, as is not impossible, only a small number of the thousands of returned soldiers desire to go onto the

After South Africa.

Contributing his opinions to a returned Soldiers' magazine, Mr. Murdock McIntyre, of Merritt, who has had wide experience in mining and for years has conducted a ranch, Warns against what happened after the South African War, when "the soldier received a few paltry dollars for his scrip and the speculator got the land."

Why not, he suggests, have the various Provinces set apart sections or percentages of their natural resources—fishing, mining, lumbering, farming, etc., for the use of our boys when the war is over? They could choose the occupation they wished to follow and have the benefit of expert advice of practical men and financial assistance by the government. Whether in farming, fishing, mining, lumbering or other spheres of activity, they could live and thrive in colonies and communities, co-operate with each other in their labor, disseminate indi-Vidual knowledge, and, under a competent manager, progress until they became independent of outside assistance. By such a linking up of the brain and brawn of men back from the war with the natural re-Sources, those to whom the nation's fullest gratitude and generosity are due will be helped to benefit directly from the products of the land for the protection of which they fought at the risk of life and limb.

Scheme Must Be Broad.

Discussing the possibilities of land settlement for the soldier after the war, a promhent Fraser Valley farmer said that, while the whole agricultural community in the province hoped, and would greatly desire to see idle land farmed by soldiers to the extent that politicians and some public officials seemed to expect, still these advisors failed to realize that "it is not every man who is or can be a farmer." He believes that any civilian reoccupation scheme, to be successful, must be broadly drafted to

embrace more than "farmers in the mak-When they enlisted, the boys came from the farms, forests and fisheries, banks and benches mills banks and stores-from all avocations. To these classes of occupations only some will return; many after their great war experiences, it is generally conceded, will seek-instead of inside or sedentary employment-such free, healthgiving occupations as farming, fishing, lumbering and mining.

Questioned as to his views on the question, another well-known man says: "It will be up to the governments of the provinces of Canada, and thus British Columbia, too, to shoulder its great after-the-war responsibility to the country's fighters by providing them with the munitions of resources and opportunity to fight the battle of life. And, if a soldier doesn't happen to want to be a farmer, he shouldn't be denied aid in other directions. The development of the agricultural industry by soldiers' land settlement schemes operating successfully, this man thinks, would in itself be large, but if it were augmented by similar schemes to cover other leading industries, agricultural development would be greater still.

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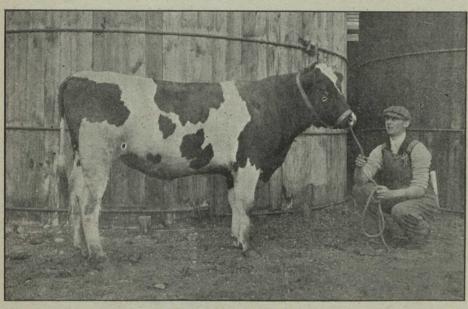
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Thus reads the pedigree of this young gentleman and the farmers of the Kamloops district no doubt feel pleased with such good stock at their command.



Alexander Rag Apple Pieterije

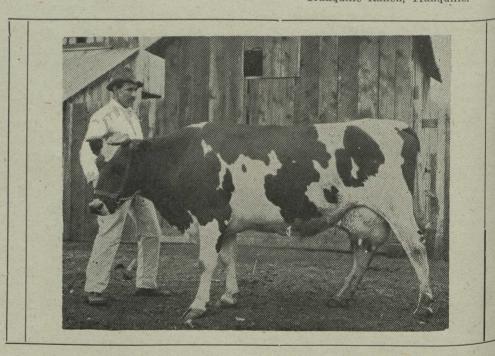


Mr. D. W. Strachan, Manager Tranquille Ranch, Tranquille.

one year old, first in herd boar and two sows, second in boar under six months old, second in sow under six months old; also champion sow of exhibition. While in the fruits and vegetables classes he carried off first prize for corn for ensilage, which stood over 12 feet high. In the fruit section he secured first prize for Winter Banana apples, McIntosh Red, Maiden's Blush and Flemish Beauty pears.

In the Holstein class Alexandra Rag Apple Pieterije, a bull, 18 months old, won first prize and championship. A son of Aaggie Cornucopia Newman, a proven son of Aaggie Cornucopia Johanna Lad jr., and from the great 32-pound cow Margie Newman, the dam who made requirements at less than two years old, combines in the closest degree the blood of Rag Apple Korndyke and Aaggie Cornucopia Lad jr.

The sire Aaggie Cornucopia Newman, sire of Glassa Cornucopia Newman, won first prize and reserve championship as a two-year-old at the Dominion Exhibition, Ottawa. The one-day milk record of his dam is the largest ever made, while her seven and thirty-day records have been equalled by but one other cow.



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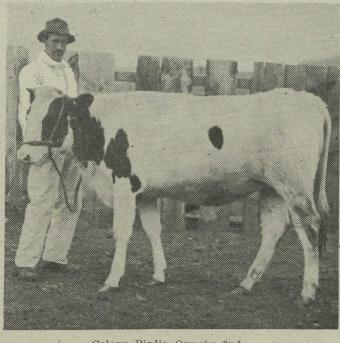
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"What a pity that the world is coming to the brink of famine and that there are not men enough to till the fertile soil and feed the hungry and starving nations.

"Wool is also so scarce that before the present year closes it is feared that many mills will be idle. We do not grow enough wool to clothe our own Canadian peoplenot more than 14,200,000 pounds annually, or enough to clothe one Canadian in every four. The state of Montana alone raises over 16,000,000 pounds. Where is the wool to come from if there is another year of Wholesale stocks of goods are almost depleted—the retailers' shelves of woollens are almost bare. Owing to the high prices the general public have not been buying for two years. The old garments have been made to do service and are now almost worn out. Wools are now held at famine prices. Fleeces have been selling as high as \$5 and \$6 and choice ones have brought more than this figure.

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Annual Meeting of Hudson's Bay Company Held in London—Canadian Directors Are Re-elected.

A Montreal dispatch of August 15 says: The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hudson's Bay Company is being held in London today. Last year at the meeting of the shareholders it was announced that the company would pay a dividend of 20 per cent on its capital of five million dollars, the distribution thus amounting to a million dollars which was paid out on January 1 and July 1. It is believed here that a declaration of a similar character will be made today and that a similar distribution will be made in the year to come.

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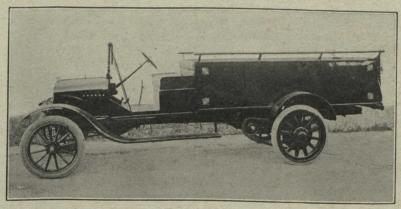
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Beekeeping in British Columbia

By Williams Hugh

VANCOUVER EXHIBITION, 1917

The 1917 Vancouver fair has come and gone, hard and incessant work brought it into being and fruition, its limpid glory remained with us one week, and now it has passed into history. As it recedes into its place, along side of past exhibitions, it will stand pre-eminently above all the others, being distinguished by its perfect organization, the excellence of its exhibits, and the unanimity of all, in their effort to make the whole thoroughly representative and worthy of the province.

The apiarian exhibits, according to the press and the opinion of those who ought to know, was the best that has ever been staged in this province. The Prime Minister said it was excellent, the Minister of Agriculture called it a fine exhibit and Mr. Deputy Minister W. E. Scott told everyone he was particularly pleased with the honey show. Alderman Miller, President of the Exhibition, was enthusiastic over the efforts of the beekeepers, and there was every reason for all the encominums showered upon the display of honey and the kindred products.

Okanagan Exhibit.

Mr. L. Harris, of Vernon, foul brood inspector of the Okanagan district, set out the products of his apiary. The whole display was a glimpse into the fairyland of the honey bee and showed the master hand of a clever apiculturalist. Dainty individual portions of comb honey were artistically displayed on dishes covered with colored paper, showing up the beauty of the delicately cut portions set out. Golden hued clover in specimen jars, looking more beautiful than pillars of solid gold, the sunlight glistening through the luscious liquid, spread its softening gleams over perfectly formed sections of clover honey, adding a touch of beauty to the whole display.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard, foul brood inspector of Kootenay, brought jars of mountain honey, a display of wax made from wax cappings showing the pure delicacy and texture of the refined product, uniformity of the coloring, all of which was greatly admired. Several appliances were donated by Mr. Sheppard to the experimental aplary at Hastings Park. Mr. F. D. Todd, foul brood inspector for Lower Mainland, displayed jars of honey from his Lynn Valley apiary.

The whole of the exhibits entered were above the normal and the winners were in most cases those who had not won many prizes before, excepting our hardy annual John Brooks, who has exhibited continuously during the past six years, usually taking first prizes, but the redoubtable John came up smiling with a second prize in the 50-pound class. He is determined not to be outclassed or squeezed out; in common language, he is a "sport."

Everyone was pleased to see the blue ribbon (gold medal given by Hudson's Bay Company) for 1917 go to Mr. C. Chinnery of South Vancouver, because it was won on merit, and his display was excellent. This exhibit, while not showing so much density as another exhibit in another class, received full credit for all qualities, excepting one point, the density was 82-0. There were eight entries, the winner being six points ahead of the second, the fourth being one point behind the third, then three tied, so

those who lost can comfort themselves with the fact that they were all three points from the second prize.

If work and outlay was a contributing factor in winning the \$25 prize in the 500-pound class, no one will begrudge Bevan Hugh the prize, but the uninitiated will understand the severe tests all exhibits were subjected to when I say that the winner in density scored one point more than the winner of third place. The following is the record: First, 81.8; second, 80.1; third, 80.7, the last losing one point on flavor, aroma and brightness.

Judging

This year will mark high in the knotty question of judging. Science having come to our aid, there will be no turning back to the old methods. Thanks to the exhibition management, the Beekeepers' Association was handed the privilege of recommending judges for the apiarian exhibit, and the following well-known men kindly consented to act: Mr. S. Dawson, Dominion government analyst, and Mr. E. S. Knowlton, druggist, of Vancouver. The wonderful invention of a Frenchman, the refractometer, used in the analysis of foods by the Dominion government chemists, was used in testing the density of the sugar content of honey in all the exhibits. It registers to a fraction, and has proved B. C. honey equal to the best on the North American The average water content of continent. American honey, according to the average of 99 pure samples analyzed in the Washington Bureau of Chemistry is 17.59 per cent. The returns given by our judges show B. C. honey in the majority of exhibits examined to be several points higher.

Okanagan Beekeepers About to Organize Association.

Mr. D. E. McDonald, of Rutland, B. C., with Mr. L. Harris, foul brood inspector, are willing to assist in forming an association of beckeepers for the Okanagan district on the same lines as the Kootenay

and the Beekeepers' Association of B. C. Will interested friends write to Mr. L. Harris at Vernon, B. C., Mr. McDonald or the editor.

Prime Minister Brewster writes appreciating the work of the beekeepers: "I have been interested in this exhibit and in the instruction your association is able to give through the assistance of the Vancouver Exhibition Association and the Department of Agriculture.

"Rest assured of my warmest interest in your good work and of my best wishes for your success.

(Signed) "H. C. BREWSTER."

Honey and Apiarian Products Awards

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Section 1—Extracted honey, 10 jars: First, J. H. Holmes; second, J. Reagh; third, Duncan McIntyre; fourth, C. Cooke. Section 2—Amber honey, 10 jars: First, A. Smith; second, W. H. Turnbull; third,

J. Reagh; fourth, C. Sprott.
Section 3—Bulk honey comb in glass:
First, J. Reagh; second, William Hugh;
third, Mrs. Turnbull; fourth, J. Brooks.

Section 6—Bees wax: First, W. H. Turnbull; second, Bevan Hugh; third, C. Sprott. Section 8—Honey extracted in jars, 50 pounds: First, Charles Chinery; second, J. Brooks: third, J. Reagh.

Section 10—Best display of apiarian products containing not less than 500 pounds: First, Bevan Hugh; second, J. Reagh; third, W. H. Turnbull.

Section 9—Best exhibit of bees: First, Bevan Hugh; second, J. Brooks.

Section 4—12 sections of comb honey: First, A. Smith; second, J. Reagh; third, D. McIntyre.

Section 11—Best three sections: First, Mrs. Stone; second, A. Smith.

Notes on the Exhibition are reserved for September issue. W. H.

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WINTERING BEES

(By L. Harris, Provincial Apiarist for Okanagan District, B. C.)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—The few remarks I have to make are based on my own experience and conditions existing in the Okanagan district. They may or may not agree or apply to existing conditions prevailing on the coast; so that I am not going to ask you to accept them, only as suggestions. I believe that most of you here will agree that the wintering troubles are the greatest difficulty with which the beekeeping industry has to contend.

Foul brood is bad but a far greater per cent of colonies are lost in winter than are lost by foul brood. Now, to get uniform and satisfactory success there must be a right principle or foundation somewhere on which to build.

I believe that you will agree that there has been a good deal of guessing as to what the right conditions really are. We want to give up speculating and get down to something more definie. We must sooner or later get on to something at least regembling scientific lines if the industry is Soing to make satisfactory progress. Then we will know why some of our colonies die while others survive, as all have been equally well prepared and put under idendeally the same conditions as far as can be seen. And after they have been nicely tucked up we hope that all will be well and that they will survive, but the trouble at they do not all survive, and we are at our wits' end to know what we have not done or what we ought to have done to have saved them.

We have thought that if a colony in the tall is well provided with food, bees and protection that it ought to survive the severest winter; and a very reasonable argument, yet many of them do not live through an ordinary winter our preparation and trouble have all been wasted and we very naturally are disappointed, not to taky discouraged.

A good deal has been written about outble cases for winter protection, and I supble everybody would admit that protection ought to be a good provision. I myble firmly believe in abundant protection,
thou because, but in spite of, this proteclon many colonies are lost.

I have come to the conclusion that the best Winter case that was ever constructed winter case that was ever conditions and not save a colony if other conditions are not present. And what are these other conditions? It is a simple matter of the age of the bees, old bees or young bees, late in the bees, old bees of young and the the through the winter, but as soon as they become active and begin to raise brood their Vitality gives out and they die by the thoutand. They have come to the end of their hatural existance and we find upon openhe the hive two or three inches of dead bees on the floor board, with the result that what few bees might have lived are inagined to be one of our best colonies at the time it was put into winter quarters.

Now, look at a colony which kept breedhaps into the first week in October, with the fall as there were in the hive we have son considering and we find by comparibeing several weeks younger will live longthaps only half the number of bees in been considering and we find by comparibeing several weeks younger will live longthap the spring. They will be full of the spring of dwindling away as being and instead of dwindling away as become they had commenced to perish, the younger ones will forge ahead and will bring their first batch of brood to maturity and be ready for anything that comes along weeks before those colonies having old bees which are struggling along for perhaps months between life and death to make headway, and if they do pull through the season has so advanced that they are often of very little use as far as strong honey goes.

It often happens that a strong colony will consume the stores on the side of the hive where they have been clustering early in the winter and very little honey will be available immediately in or around the cluster; then comes a period of very cold weather. There may be ample stores on the opposite side, or even a couple of combs away, but as soon as a bee attempts to cross over to reach the stores they become chilled, drop to the bottom of the hive and die. Then sometimes the whole cluster will make an attempt to cross over to reach the stores, with the result that we sometimes see clusters of bees during very cold weather in and around the entrance, and a great noise will be heard. This is due to their attempt to raise the temperature in order to reach the stores, but it spells disaster to the colony, and if they do not die they become so weak that the season is so advanced before they are strong enough to store any surplus.

I have had opportunity of examing hundreds of colonies during this spring and summer of 1917 and the best colonies I have seen anywhere were wintered on their summer stands, without the least protection whatever, all exposed to the four winds and to a temperature of 26 below zero. Yet they survived and have given very satisfactory results; so that it is certain that protection alone will not save a colony. Neither will numbers alone nor food with numbers and protection combined, not if the bees are too old when put into winter quarter. The fact that we can and do winter very small colonies every winter which are provided with young queens, hence young bees, abundant stores, ample protection, contraction of the brood nest to a space the bees can actually occupy, and slow upward ventilation, is a pretty good proof the principle outlined is the correct solution of our wintering troubles.

Some districts are so situated that the desired conditions will be natural, while in others artificial means will have to be used to bring about the desired results.

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BEEKEEPING EXPERIMENTS IN THE KOOTENAYS, B. C., SEASON 1917.

(W. J. Sheppard, Provincial Apiarist for Kootenays and Boundary)

A Good System of Swarm Control and Proper Treatment of Swarm Greatly Increases the Honey Yield.

This is the second season that the method of swarm control, known in America as the Demaree plan, has been tried in the Kootenays. It has secured many adherents as it has been found that it can be depended on, in this territory, to reduce swarming to a minimum, and to considerably increase the amount of honey obtained. Briefly the Demaree system is as follows: Just before the colony is ready to swarm put all the brood, except one frame, in a second storey, over a queen excluder, leaving the queen below with the one frame of brood, and preferably empty combs, failing which frames containing full

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sheets of foundation. Cut out all queen cells in the second storey about the tenth day afterwards. The brood frames above as soon the brood hatches out will be used by the bees for storing honey. In my small apiary of from six to eight colonies, which is run on experimental lines, several variations of this method have been tried. I have found that when only one frame of broad was left below the queen would sometimes be neglected by the bees, and be subsequently missing, so have come to the conclusion that the safest plan is to leave two frames containing brood. I have also tried putting a set of empty combs (if this is done shallow frames are best) in a second storey, with a wire screen above, and the remainder of the brood in a third storey, with an upper entrance. While this plan works very well, as one of the queen cells can be left in the top storey, and a young queen subsequently get mated and be laying there, my experience is that less honey is obtained by this method than when the brood is put in the second storey, and the honey supers placed directly above this, all queen cells being destroyed. I have not had any swarms during the two years these experiments have been tried.

Another system, that is somewhat a reversal of the Demarce plan, has also been tried with success this season by an experienced beekeeper in the Kootenays, and seems in some respects to be an improvement on it. It is worked as follows: About the end of May, or as soon as the bees cover nine or ten frames, find the queen and place her in a second storey of empty combs, with two frames of brood, in the centre, over a queen excluder. The bees will then build queen cells below, all but one of which must be destroyed about the tenth day afterwards. After the young queen below is mated and laying the old queen above can be removed. If she is provided with two or three frames of brood and put in a fresh hive this will make a good nucleus. By this system, if it is carefully followed, it is practically impossible for the bees to swarm, the old queen being above the excluder. A powerful colony is built up in readiness for the honey flow. and a young queen is assured to each hive every year. After the old queen is removed from the second storey queen cells will probably be built there. These must, of course, be found and destroyed about the tenth day.

There will probably always be beekeepers who prefer to let their bees swarm. In this case if much increase is desired, as well as honey, the old plan of hiving the swarm in a new hive on the old stand and dividing up the brood combs into several nuclei, with a queen cell to each, is an excellent mode of procedure, and hard to beat. If only moderate increase is wanted the following has been found to be a good method. After a swarm issues put it at first in a new hive containing two frames of built-out comb. In a short time the queen can be easily found, as she is sure to be on one of the two combs, when she should be caged. Go through the old hive and cut out all the queen cells but one. Take out two or three frames of brood and put them into a new hive on a fresh stand. so as to make a nucleus, to which the old

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Production of Sections.

Considerable difficulty has hitherto been experienced by beekeepers in the Kootenays in the production of sections and experiments have made this season to try and solve the problem. What is known in the States as the Townsend system was tried, by which comb and extracted honey are both produced in the same super. By this method the sections are so arranged that they are placed in the centre of a shallow super with a shallow extracting frame of built out comb on each side, the idea being that the latter act as a bait to the bees and brings them up quickly into the super. It was found, however, that this plan was not entirely satisfactory, so it was decided to try alternating shallow extracting frames with each row of sections. This seemed to act like magic, the sections being built out and filled in quick time, and I feel sure that if this method is followed the merest tyro at beekeeping will have no difficulty in the future in producing sections, even with the short honey flows that we usually experience. A hanging frame to take four sections has been devised and the separators hang on each side so that all are very easy of removal. Super foundation can be used in the shallow extracting frames and they do not require to be wired.

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Potato Storage

Use of Pits, Dugouts and Masonry Storage Houses for Holding the Main Crop.

The storage of potatoes of the main crop can be accomplished most satisfactorily throughout much of British Columbia in the dugout pit or potato cellar in some of its various forms of construction. In general, no attempt is made to store potatoes of the early crop, since usually they are sold for immediate consumption.

While the dugout storage house is in most general use, concrete or masonry houses with frame superstructures are, perhaps, most satisfactory in cold climates. In some sections, especially where drainage is poor, insulated frame structures built entirely above ground must be depended upon.

Purposes of Storage.

The primary purpose of storage, it is pointed out, are to protect the tubers from extremes of heat and cold and from light. Account also must be taken of conditions of humidity and ventilation and of the size of the storage pile.

The temperature should be the highest at which potatoes can be maintained firm and ungerminated, and which will at the same time hold fungous diseases in check. Experiments of the department with artificially refrigerated storage indicate that 36 degrees F. is sufficiently low for all practical purposes and that in the earlier portion of the storage season a temperature of 40 degrees F. is just as satisfactory as a lower one except where powdery dry rot infection occurs.

All natural light should be excluded from potato storage houses, because when the tubers are exposed to even modified light they are soon injured for food purposes. A practical rule in regard to humidity, the bulletin already mentioned says, is to maintain sufficient moisture in the air to prevent the wilting of the tubers and at the same time to keep the humidity content low enough to prevent the deposit of moisture on the surface of the tubers.

If potatoes are piled in too large piles they may become overheated and deteriorate. Six feet is a good maximum depth to which to pile tubers in bins, and the area covered by each pile also should be limited. A good plan is to insert ventilated division walls at intervals through the pile or bin. These may be made by nailing relatively narrow boards on both sides of by 4 uprights, one-inch spaces being left the whole storage house usually is accomplished through ventilating shafts in the roof.

Methods of Storage.

The possible ways to store potatoes, says the bulletin, are pits or earth-covered piles, in dugout pits or potato storage cellars, in insulated wooden structures, in substantial fleightly refrigerated storage houses. The latter two methods are the most expensive. It is in the most primitive method of the storage, but if properly done on well-the preservation of the potatoes is concerned. The chief drawback to pitting is

that the potatoes are not always easily accessible in the winter.

Potato Storage Cellars.

The dugout pit or potato storage cellar is probably more widely used than any other type of storage space. Fitted with watertight roof, it is especially popular in the central portions of the United States. In the arid and semi-arid sections a type with sod or dirt roof is in most general use. As a rule, the exeavation for the cheaper structures of the dugout pit or cellar type when erected on level or nearly level land does not exceed three feet. The soil removed from such an excavation, particularly if the dugout is of any considerable size, is ample for banking the side and end walls and also for the roof. The cost of construction may be greatly modified, according to the character of the location.

In the cheaper dugouts, where the soil is of such a nature as to remain intact, it is allowed to form the side and end walls, the roof being supported on plates resting on the soil and held together by boards or joists. This form of construction involves a deeper exeavation and a constant element of risk from a cave-in. In the more expensive and substantial structures the side and end walls are built of concrete.

Insulated Frame Structures.

Insulated frame potato storage houses are not used very extensively. As a rule they are better adapted to southern than to northern climatic conditions. The construction feature of such houses is the thorough insulation of their walls, cellars, doors and windows. This type of storage house is not to be recommended for northern locations, nor is it advocated for the south, except where poor drainage conditions will not permit the use of the dugout or cellar style of house. It is not recommended, because it cannot be so economically constructed, nor does it furnish as good a type of storage as the properly ventilated cellar storage house.

The Arostook Type of Storage House.

The Arostook type of storage house, with concrete or masonry basement walls and wooden superstructure, seems to be dis-

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tinetively a product of Maine, and so far as has been observed is not found to any extent outside of that state. It is an expensively constructed house and is almost always located on a sidehill or knoll in order that advantage may be taken of a ground-level entrance. That such houses have proved satisfactory to the potato grower in Maine is evident from the fact that practically no other style of potato storage house is in use in that state.

The Artificially Refrigerated Storage House

The artificially refrigerated potato storage house is as yet hardly in existence. The present use of this type of storage house is confined practically to the holding of northern-grown seed potatoes in cold storage for second-crop planting in the south.

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Gardening for the Home

By H. M. Eddie, F.R.H.S., Manager Growing Department B. C. Nurseries

The Vancouver Exhibition this year has shown that year after year a liveller interest is being taken in the matter of growing all kinds of garden produce for exhibition, and likewise an improved standard of quality all round on former years. The above institution and the various shows held in and around Vancouver and throughout the province are doing a great work in stimulating an interest in horticulture and encouring the home gardener to put forth his best efforts to raise vegetables, fruit and flowers of the very highest quality.

One of the chief ends of a show of any kind is that it be educative, and one had only to keep one's ears open when quietly inspecting the exhibits at the fair to find out that their end at least was attained. More than once I heard the remark, "Now, this is a better variety than I have got. I must grow this one another year," and down goes the name in a notebook. Another will express surprise at the fine quality of an exhibit and give voice to his intentions to give a little more time and attention to his another year.

That the Exhibition is educative to the exhibitors themselves is also apparent. I have judged in this section for several years and it is perfectly apparent to me that the standard of quality is year after year being raised, and the preparation of the various exhibits for the show table is being better understood. In this latter phase there is still room for improvement, and I would advise would-be prize winners to study the winning exhibits from this and every standpoint and try and find out in what way they could be improved. Some exhibitions sinned in overdressing their produce and others in not dressing at all. Vegetable exhibits, unless otherwise stipulated, should be staged in a fit state for cook to handle, clean and neatly trimmed, but not skinned as some exhibits of certain vegetables were. In most cases quality carries more points than mere size, especially in roots such as carrots, beets and turnips for table use.

In the matter of exhibiting fruit the custom of polishing divers kinds ought to be discouraged. Most apples have a beautiful "bloom" on the outside of their skins which serves a useful purpose in nature and ought to be scrupulously preserved on exhibition specimens.

What is meant by "bloom" is most easily demonstrated on the black varieties of plums and is that waxy coating on the outside which is so easily spoiled by handling or rubbing. Specimens of fruit intended for exhibition should be handled as much as posible by the stalk, and may even be clipped from the tree with a pair of scissors rather than plucked.

The magnificent displays of roses, sweet peas and dahlias, flowers which take "some growing," show that the high cost of living has not crowded out the taste for the aesthetic from the garden, while annuals, blennials and perennials appear to be as much in favor as ever: indeed in looking around one finds that the wild land has in most cases been taken in to help feed the family, while the space devoted to flowers remains the same.

There is much work to be done in the vegetable garden in September; tomatoes are ripening up and must be given attention in the way of keeping cut out superfluous growths and exposing the fruit as much as possible to the sun. After this

time the fruit is apt to dwindle in size unless the plants are well supplied with water and some liquid fertilizer. It is a good plan to plunge a sack of chicken nanure in a barrel of water, allow to stand for a few days and use the liquid diluted to the color of weak tea once or twice per week.

Pole beans should be gathered every two or three days as they become fit and the Those of you who have grown beans specially for drying will likely find that the crop is pretty well matured by now and fit for harvesting. Pull the plants by the roots and leave in the sun and wind for a few days until the tops rustle sharply when moved, when they can be stored in the barn to be threshed out later, but better still, thresh them out immediately. Some



surplus put away in crocks in salt for winter use. A much larger crop of green beans will be obtained in this way, and if seed is required for another year a few hills ought to be left entirely to produce seed. Dwarf kidney beans will be over now, the early sowings at least, but it is just possible that some of the pods may have been missed when picking the green ones and will now have become mature. Pick those when they have become quite dry, expose the beans to the sun for a day or two and store away somewhere for seed or for dry beans in winter.

tramp out the seeds with the feet but quicker and better work will be done by beating them with a long handled manure fork. When any quantity is to be threshed the separating of the seed afterwards is quite a chore. First lift all the tops you can with the fork, and put to one side as bedding for chicksen, pigs or cattle; then put the remainder through a sieve with a mesh large enough to let the beans through throwing what is retained in the sieve amongst the bedding. Next put what passed through the first sieve through a second one with a mesh small enough to retain the

beans but let the dust and as much as possible of the chaff through; there will still be quite a proportion of chaff and rubbish left with the beans and this is got rid of by winnowing. Select a dry, windy day and perform this operation by placing a quantity of the mass on a sack, let two persons get hold of opposite ends of the sack and hold it.at right angles to the direction the Wind is blowing; by a concerted movement of the two holders of the sacks the beans are thrown a short distance up in the air, the wind will blow the light chaff away and if the sack is skilfully handled the beans will land thereon, do this twice or thrice and you will find that your beans will be cleaned as well as any machinery. Looks like a complicated job but is very easily performed. Peas can be handled the same way as beans.

This has been a splendid year for onions, the dry summer appears to have eliminated the troublesome disease mildew, and the bulbs are ripening up splendidly. Those still inclined to grow after the middle of the month had better have their necks given a half twist round and the top bent over to help ripen them. Before the end of the month they had better all be pulled, tled in bunches and hung up on a fence to dry previous to being stored in a frostproof

In the fruit garden prune out the old canes of raspberries, thin the young ones to the proper quantity but do not tip the

canes left until spring.

Clean off the strawberry beds and see that the everbearers do not suffer for want of water. The latter are the last word in Strawberries, are in fact the most valuable acquisition to the fruit garden in recent years and should be in every garden.

I have left little space for the flower garden. This is the month when most of the half-hardy bedding plants are propagated and some useful hints may be got by turning up back numbers of Fruit and Farm for this month. H. M. EDDIE.

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Home Storage of Vegetables.

To those persons fortunate enough to possess land for the growing of vegetables sufficient in quantity for the needs of the family, storage is an economic necessity. Likewise it is an economic necessity to grow vegetables to store. A half-acre garden should produce far more vegetables than the average family can consume during the maturing period of the crops. Only a small portion of the garden should be planted to those vegetables which must be used as soon as they reach maturity. The remainder should be devoted to crops that are to be canned, dried or stored. It is comparatively easy to keep by storing such vegetables as potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, turnips, cabbage, celery, onions, sweet potatoes, dry beans and dry Lima beans. Some of the crops may be stored in the cellar under the dwelling, in pits or banks, or in caves or outdoor cellars. Others can be kept in any dry place, such as the pantry or attic.

The Storage Room in the Basement.

Many houses are heated by a furnace in the cellar. The pipes are, as a rule, carried under the joists, thus warming the cellar to some extent. For this reason it is best to partition off a small room in one corner of the cellar to serve as a storage room for potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify and turnips. If possible, this room should have at least one window for the purpose of regulating the temperature. The floor should not be concreted, as the natural earth makes better conditions for the keeping of vegetables. Bins may be constructed for the various products, or they may be stored in boxes, baskets or barrels. This room will also serve as a storage place for fresh fruits and canned goods. The vegetables to be stored should be harvested when the ground is dry, allowed to lie on the surface long enough for the moisture to dry off before placing them in storage. The tops should be removed from beets. turnips, carrots and salsify before placing them in storage.

Outdoor Pits or Banks.

Outdoor pits or banks are very generally used for keeping potatoes, beets, carrots, turnips, parsnips, cabbage and salsify. Select a well-drained location and make a shallow excavation, some six or eight inches deep, and of suitable size. This is lined with straw, leaves or similar material, and the vegetables placed in a conical pile on the material. The vegetables are then covcred with straw or similar materials, and finally with earth to a depth of several inches. The depth of the earth covering is determined by the severity of the winters in the particular locality. It is well to cover the pits with straw, corn fodder, or manure during severe weather. Such pits keep the above vegetables very well but have the objection that it is hard to get the material out in cold weather, and where the pit is once opened it is desirable to remove the entire contents. For this reason several small pits rather than one large one should be constructed, so that the entire contents may be removed at one time. Instead of storing each crop in a pit by itself, it is better to place several vegetables of similar keeping quality and requirements in the same pit, so that it will only be necessary to open one pit to get a supply of all of them. In storing several crops in the same pit, it is a good plan to separate them with straw, leaves or other material. The vegetables from the small pit may be placed in the basement storage room where they can be easily secured as needed for the table.

Cabbage,

Cabbage may be stored in a special kind of bank or pit. The excavation is made long and narrow and about the same depth as for the other vegetables. The cabbages are pulled and placed in rows in the pit with the heads down and roots up. The whole is covered with dirt—no straw or litter need be used. These pits are made as long as desired, as it is possible to remove portions of the stored product without disturbing the remainder. Cabbage need not be covered as deeply as potatoes, as slight freezing does not injure the cabbage. The heads of cabbage are sometimes stored in banks or pits in a manner similar to potatoes, turnips, etc. This method is

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According to Dr. Frank T. Shutt, Dominion chemist, lime water is one of the best preservatives, and we quote the following from his Exhibition Circular No. 42:

The method of preparation is simply to slake one pound good quick lime with a small quantity of water and then stir the milk of lime so formed into 5 gallons of water. After the mixture has been kept well stirred for a few hours, it is allowed to settle. The supernatant liquid, which is now "saturated" limewater, is drawn off and poured over the eggs, previously placed in a crock or water-tight barrel.

As exposure to the air tends to precipitate the lime (as carbonate), and thus to weaken the solution, the vessel containing the eggs should be kept covered. The air may be excluded by a covering of sweet oil or by sacking upon which a paste of lime is spread. If, after a time there is any noticeable precipitation of the lime, the lime-water should be drawn or siphoned off and replaced with a further quantity newly prepared.

General Precautions Necessary to Take.

It is essential that attention be paid to the following points:

1. That perfectly fresh eggs only be used.

2. That the eggs should throughout the whole period of preservation be completely immersed.

Although not necessary to the preservation of the eggs in a sound condition, a temperature of 40 to 45 degrees F. will no doubt materially assist towards retaining good flavor or rather in arresting that "stale" flavor so often characteristic of packed eggs.

Respecting the addition of salt, it must be stated that our experiments—conducted now throughout fifteen seasons—do not show any benefit to be derived therefrom; indeed, salt frequently imparts a limey flavor to the egg. probably by introducing an interchange of the fluids within and without the egg. Our advice is: Do not add any salt to the limewater.

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"Canned chicken" may be made at home in your own kitchen out of the old hens that ought to be killed anyway.

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Add salt and pepper (about a teaspoonful of salt and 1-8 teaspoonful of pepper).

Fill to within 3-4 inch of overflowing with the liquid that comes from the balance of the chicken, process for preparing which is given below.

Place in boiler or other vessel containing warm water and gradually bring to a

For pint jars boil 21-4 hours.

For quart jars boil 3 1-2 hours.

For the Balance of the Chicken. Place in kettle and boil till the meat will

strip free from the bones.

Strip off all meat and pack in jar.

Pour thereon the balance of the liquid in the kettle that has not been used in the first jar. If there is not enough liquid to fill the second jar, add water. Place in boiler, as above, and boil as follows:

For pint jars, 13-4 hours. For quart jars, 21-4 hours.

If desired, the whole of the chicken may be prepared the same as the last part.

In all cases take care not to expose the gem jars to a sudden change of temperature. Also, after the jars have cooled off, examine the tops to see that the covers are air-tight.

During the cooking of the product, place the glass tops on the sealers, but do not fasten them. Any steam or gas which may be generated will escape. As soon, however, as the process is finished, fasten the tops securely.

While describing the method of canning, something should be said about the poultry to be canned.

What is preferred are good, plump fowls with a fair proportion of chickens, the bones of the latter giving a firmer jelly

and lessening the danger of a soupy or slushy product. As a precaution against this condition, where the pack is straight fowl, gelatine may be, and often is used.

So much has been said and written about the proper methods of starving bleeding and plucking poultry for market that it is useless to go over them again. One can only emphasize the necessity of exactness in carrying-out the accepted principles in connection with these points, which are just as applicable to poultry to be canned as they are to those intended for the market.

There is another point which is important, although possibly its carrying-out may detract from the appearance and affect the sale to an inexperienced buyer, namely, that all poultry intended for food, canned or otherwise, after being properly starved, bled and plucked, should be left undrawn and kept in a suitable temperature for a day or two in order that the chemical changes which follow the killing of the bird may have an opportunity to take place.

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LANGLEY FORT NEWS.

A meeting of the directors and flower show committee of the Langley Fort Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. R. Rennie on Monday, August 6. Full arrangements were made for he management of the flower show and picnic to be ment of the flower show and picuic held in the town hall and grounds on Wednesday, August 22. Mrs. Kent was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Taylor who has Sone on a lengthy visit to the prairie provinces.

The monthly meeting of the Langley Fort Women's Institute was held in the town hall on Tuesday, August 14. Mrs. Coulter, president, was in the chair. There was a very good attendance.

There was quite a pleasant surprise when Dr. McBurney gave an instructive address on "Sanitation," as we had given up all hopes of having our busy doctor with us. Mrs. Haldi also gave a very amusing reading on a "Scotch Courting." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Coulier and Mrs. Rennie.

SURREY'S W. INSTITUTE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Surrey Women's Institute was held August at the home of Mrs. E. T. Wade, one of the oldest residents of Surrey. The meeting was held on the lawn in the shade of the maple trees that had been planted by the Wade family. After the usual business the president, Mrs. Whiteley, called upon the members for three-minute addresses. This was responded to by a number of the ladies giving short readings, and an amushg recitation was given by Mrs. E. Lonie, atter which a very sumptuous lunch was served by Mrs. Wade, her daughters and grand by Mrs. Williams. granddaughters, assisted by Mrs. Williams.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Malleyneux to Mrs. Wade for the use of her home and grounds to the institute. This was heartily responded to by all present. The meeting then adjourned, to meet again at Cloverdale, September 4, when a haper will be given by Mrs. Crosby on "Feeding Hens for Winter Egg Laying."

COBBLE HILL.

The Women's Institute gathering at Mrs. Oldham's residence, "Balgonie," was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Reports of Red Contributions of Red Cross work showed contributions of 1109 in cash, as well as the regular suboriptions to the prisoners of war, Belgian ellief and Y. M. C. A. camp funds. Mrs. Oldham's recitations were appreciated, as Was the tea served under the trees.

SOME COOKING HINTS

When stewing fruit, housewives should hemember that if the sugar is added just before that if the sugar is accepted by the fruit is taken from the fire, it bill take less to sweeten it than if it had een added earlier. Lemonade and other

beverages may be sweetened more.economically with syrup than with sugar, because it dissolves more completely and is not wasted by settling at the bottom of the glass. Make it by adding a cupful of sugar to a cupful of water, stirring until the sugar is dissolved and then boiling slowly for ten minutes without stirring. Cool the syrup and put it in a bottle or jar until

Quick Cucumber Pickles.

Take small cucumbers, wipe clean and put in a small crock. Allow one quart coarse salt to a pail of water. Boil the salt and water until the salt is dissolved. skim and pour at once on the cucumbers. Cover tightly and let stand for 24 hours, then drain. Boil as much vinegar as will cover the cucumbers and skim well. Put the cucumbers in glass jars and pour the boiling vinegar over. Put a piece of alum the size of a bean in each and seal. They will be ready to use in two or three days. Add peppers and whole spice if liked.

Good Recipe for Apple Dumplings. Make a rich biscuit dough and divide into portions about the size of a biscuit. Roll out to about a quarter of an inch in thickness and place in the centre of each a pared and sliced apple, with a tablespoonful of sugar and a dash of cinnamon. Moisten edges of crust with cold water and pinch together over apple. When finished place all in a baking dish, being careful not to have them touch. Half cover with boiling water, to which has been added three-fourths of a cup of sugar and a tablespoonful of butter. Bake for threequarters of an hour in a moderate oven. Baste frequently. Serve with the sauce in which they were baked and cream. See if the family doesn't ask for more.

Meat Pies.

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according to the acidity of the fruit, and are improved in flavor if several varieties of fruit are mixed. After the fruit paste is made (see recipes), it can be colored red, yellow or green with harmless vegetable colors. The coloring is stirred into the boiling mass after removing from the fire. Different flavors also can be added at this stage if desired. The paste is poured up in a half-inch layer on flat dishes, marble or glass slabs, which are first rubbed with a cloth dipped in a good salad oil. The dishes are then exposed to draft for a couple of days, after which the paste is cut into figures. If the paste is well boiled down it is dried more easily. (Many small forms useful for outling the paste is a couple of useful for cutting the paste can be had on the market.) The paste can also be cut with a common knife or with a fluted vegetable knife, or it can be again cut into round cakes, the centre of which is again cut with a smaller circular cutter; there will thus be both rings and small round cakes. The cut paste is placed on paper, sprinkled with crystallized sugar or common granulated sugar. Then it stands again a couple of days exposed to draft, is dipped in crystallized sugar, and packed in a tin or wooden box lined with parchment paper and with layers of the same paper placed between the layers of paste.

The paste can be kept thus and served as desesrt, and as garnishing on creams and custards, frozen creams, large cakes, etc.

Apricot Paste.

One pound powdered sugar to one pound fruit pulp. Rub the fruit pulp through a puree strainer and weigh it. Add the sugar, put it over a slow fire, and cook until very thick, so that when a spoon has been passed through it the mass does not run together immediately. Then pour the paste upon flat dishes which have been rubbed with oil and allow it to dry. Cut and pack in layers as directed above.

In the same manner raspberry, strawberry and current pastes are made.

Quince Paste.

Three-fourths pound powdered sugar for each pound of fruit pulp. Wipe the fruit, cut into quarters, remove flower and core, and cook in water until very tender. After rubbing the pulp through a sieve, weigh it and add the required amount of sugar. It is then cooked until very thick. Scalded and chopped nut kernels may be added. The pulp remaining after the juice has been extracted for quince jelly may be used also.

Apple Paste.

One-half pound powdered sugar to one pound pulp as rubbed through a sieve. For this product apples that are of lower grade than is required for some other purposes can be used. Cut the apples into quarters. Remove flower, stem and core. Put fruit into cold water until it is ready to be cooked. Boil tender under cover and over a very low fire in order not to scorch. Rub the tender apples through a coarse sieve, weigh, and put into the kettle to be cooked with the sugar under constant stirring until it is rather firm. It can be varied in taste by the aid of different additions, as, for instance, vanilla, peppermint or orange flavor, or cooked with either finely cut citron, finely cut lemon peel or blanched and cut nut kernels. The paste is poured out, dried, and kept as the others.

Other fruit pastes can be made of cherries, plums and other fruits.

It is often advisable to make several different pastes. When nearly dry (before cutting) place different colored or different flavored layers on top of each other as in a layer cake. With a sharp knife cut in



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MAPLE NUT PUDDING.
Stir together 11-2 cup of brown sugar,
6 tablespoons flour, 1-2 cup cold water. Add 2 cups boiling water and boil 10 minutes. Remove from fire and stir in the stiffly whites of two eggs. Add 1-2 cup chopped walnuts. Turn into mould, serve with cream.

QUEEN'S PUDDING.

1 cup cake cut in cubes, 1 pint of milk,
1-2 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, jelly or jam. Mix milk, sugar and egg as for custard, pour over cake which has been placed in buttered baking dish. Bake in moderate oven until slightly brown. Make meringue of whites of eggs, spread over pudding a layer of jam, then meringue and brown in oven. Serve cold.

BROKEN CHINA.
China may be mended so that the join is scarcely perceptible in the following way: Take a little of the best carriage varnish and apply it carefully with a camel hair brush to the broken edges. When thoroughly dry the china will stand usage and washing again.

Home Storage

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open to the same objection as when it is used for potatoes—it is hard to get at the material when it is needed. Another method of storics method of storing cabbage consists in setting the whole plant in trenches side to side with the roots down and as close is gether as they can be placed. Dirt is thrown over the roots and against the stalks to the depth of several inches. low fence is built around the storage place, and rails good! and rails, scantling or other supports agrees the term across the top. About two feet of straw or other material is then piled on top of the storage nit the storage pit.

Celery.

Celery may be stored in a modified type of outside pit or in the row where it is grown. When stored in a pit or trench, the plants are the plants are taken up and set side as side in a shallow at side in a shallow pit as close together as it is feasible to read it is feasible to pack them and wide boards set up along the set up along the outside of the pit. the is banked against these boards, and the top covered ever the covered ever top covered over with corn fodder or similar material. lar material. When celery is kept in row where it is row where it is grown, the earth is banked up around the up around the plants as the weather gets cold. When freezing weather occurs, the dirt should be brought to the tops of the plants and the ridge covered with coarse manure, straw or fodder, held in place by means of stakes or boards.

Outdoor Caves or Cellars.

Outdoor caves or cellars are superior to banks or pits in many respects. They re-Quire no more labor to store the vegetables than an indoor cellar, yet give a uniform and low temperature during the entire Year. They possess practically all the ad-Vantages of the bank or pit, yet may be entered at any time during the winter for the removal of any portion of the stored product without endangering the keeping quality of the material that remains. These Storage cellars are usually made partially under ground, although in the southern portion of the country they are usually entirely above ground. In sections where severe freezing occurs it is well to have the cellar partially under ground. In order to avoid steps down to the level of the floor, with the consequent extra labor in storing and removing the vegetables, a sidehill location is desirable for the cellar. An excavation is made into the hill of the ap-Proximate size of the cellar. The dirt from this excavation may be used for covering the roof and for banking against the sides of the structure. A frame should be erected by setting posts in rows in the bottom of the pit near the dirt walls, sawing these off at a uniform height, placing plates on top of the posts, and erecting rafters on these plates. The whole should be boarded up on the outside of the posts, with the exception of a space for a door in one end. The whole structure, except the door, is

covered with dirt and sod. The thickness of the covering will be determined by the location. The colder the climate, the thickner the covering. The dirt covering may be supplemented by a layer of manure, straw, corn fodder, etc., in winter time. Outdoor cellars are usually left with dirt floors, as a certain amount of moisture is desirable. These cellars may also be made of concrete, brick, stone or other material. Such cellars are to be found in many sections of the country and provide almost ideal storage facilities for potatoes, beets, turnips, carrots, parsnips, salsify and celery.

Irish Potatoes.

Irish potatoes can be stored in pits, roof cellars or above-ground, frostproof storage warehouses. Small quantities, or even carload lots of potatoes are often placed in pits in the field when other storage facilities are not available. Immature potatoes cannot be successfully stored for any considerable period even in the best of storages, and should never be pitted or buried. Well-matured tubers of either early or late sorts, if sound and in a dormant condition upon the advent of freezing weather in the autumn, may be kept until required for table use or for planting by pitting, storing in potato cellars, of which there are many designs, or in above-ground, frostproof buildings.

Sweet Potatoes

Sweet potatoes should be thoroughly matured before harvesting, dug while the ground is dry, carefully handled, and thoroughly cured by holding them at a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees Farenheit for a week or 10 days after harvesting. After

this they should be stored in a place where the temperature remains in the neighborhood of 55 degrees Farenheit. Such a location is usually near the furnace in a cellar or near the furnace chimney on the second floor of the house. There is little merit in wrapping them in paper or burying them in sand. Sweet potatoes are stored in outdoor pits or banks, but this method is not to be recommended except where no other facilities are available. Sweet potatoes stored in pits are not as good in quality as those stored in houses. For further information on storing sweet potatoes write for Farmers' Bulletin 548.

Onions.

Onions should be well matured before harvesting, and should be allowed to become thoroughly dry before being stored. They may be put up in baskets, crates or bags and placed in a cool, dry place. The attic is better than the unheated cellar for storing onions. Temperatures slightly below the freezing point do not injure them, provided they are not moved or handled while frozen.

Beans, Peas and Other Dried Products.

Such vegetables as may be kept in the dry state should be grown to as great an extent as possible. Various kinds of beans, including lima beans, should be allowed to dry on the vines. Lima beans should be gathered as they mature, and placed in a warm, dry place until dry enough to shell. Navy beans and kidney beans are usually harvested when a maximum number of pods are mature and before the ripest pods which they are threshed or shelled.



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