

Among The Farmers

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course imposes the necessity of an earlier start at haying and will be followed by a superior stand of aftermath for pasture, ensilage and possibly seed. Late Red or single cut on the other hand produces a very coarse hay and is not followed by nearly so good a second crop.

The only real advantage in late haying is the fact that haying does not have to be started so soon. Otherwise the early variety has everything to recommend it. The fact to be noted is that double cut and early are the same and possess marked advantages.

Good Roughage
Dr. Peterson, a noted American authority on animal nutrition in an address this winter to the Manitoba Dairy Convention made some interesting observations on the value of roughage. We feel the following paragraphs are of interest and very significant.

"Roughage, when pasture is included, is the most important crop in America. More than 70 per cent of the total production of dairy cattle is obtained from rough feeds and pastures. A very large proportion of our total sheep and beef cattle growth is from roughages.

Roughage is characterized by a high fiber content and relatively low digestibility as contrasted to concentrates or grain. As a rule, the roughage that is fed livestock is of such a poor quality that the results are poor unless concentrate is added.

There is now enough experimental work at hand to make the following assertion without risk—that roughage can be so good that for dairy cattle at least, the highest inherited production can be obtained without the addition of any concentrate. Put another way—we feed concentrates to dairy cattle only to make up for the deficiencies in the roughage.

The question may be asked, what is there about roughage that makes for this big difference? The answer, to be complete, would be long—but mainly, the chief difference between roughages as to performance is based upon the amount of lignin it contains. The young roughage plant, almost without exception, has high nutritive quality. The fibre in this young plant is mainly cellulose. As the plant grows older and prepares for the bearing of seed, lignin is formed. Cellulose is highly digestible by the ruminant, while lignin is not only indigestible, but depresses digestibility of other constituents.

Trench Silos Are Here
The announcement by the Department of Industry and Natural Resources that orders are on hand for the digging of 40 Trench Silos is evidence that farmers are keenly interested in this method of saving feed.

The Department is to be commended on being in a position to provide such a service to farmers and assisting in what will be a very significant and profitable development.

Indications at present point to an abundant clover crop this season and its storage in trench silos can provide a reserve of feed when crops are not so good.

Beef Problems
The past week has not done much to clarify the uncertainty existing in the beef business. Recent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease have added to the uneasy feeling and the fact that the operation of the floor price structure is not definitely worked out tends to aggravate this uncertainty.

The very small percentage of good and choice beef offered to our Maritime packing plants makes a floor of very little real value on these grades in the Maritimes. In this Province most of our better beef goes into the medium class which is selling at a price very much below the floor. It hardly seems probable that the Dominion Government will purchase good beef at \$25.00 per 100 cwt. on the hoof and at the same time permit the purchase by the trade of the medium grade at much lower than the customary spreads.

Should this condition be permitted to continue we fear that the consumer would possibly not benefit to the full extent of the reduced prices received by the producer.

Reports from the U. S. A. indicate a 5% reduction in the spring

St. Louis And Vicinity

Mrs. Jerry Bernard has returned to her home in St. Louis after visiting relatives and friends in U.S.A.

Mrs. Frank Ellsworth, teacher of Palmer Road South school, recently visited relatives in Charlottetown.

Mrs. James Richard was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Perry, Tignish Shore.

Mrs. Eddie Bernard attended the funeral of her niece, Miss Marcia LeClair, which was held in Tignish Tuesday, April 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters were in Charlottetown recently on business.

Friends of Mr. Joseph Bernard of DeBlais are sorry to know he is a patient at the Western Hospital.

Mr. Alfred Doucette, Summerside, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan.

Mrs. John G. Arseneault is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Gallant and Mr. Gallant in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Mr. Peter Callaghan of Ebbfleet recently visited his daughters, Mrs. James Lawless and Mr. Lawless in Norboro, also Mrs. Louis O'Connor and Mr. O'Connor in Clinton.

Mr. Austin Aylward has returned to his home in Waterford after spending several months in Halifax, N.S. where he was employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arsene Bernard were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bernard in Harper Road.

Mr. Raymond Gallant of Palmer Road was a recent visitor at the home of his brother Mr. William Gallant and Mrs. Gallant in Free-town.

Miss Evelyn Chaisson spent last weekend at her home in St. Roch, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Anville Chaisson.

Mr. William MacKendrick, road supervisor for West Prince, was in St. Louis recently to see about the condition of the roads.

Rev. Claude Shea of Seven Mile Bay, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Wilfrid Shea of Tignish, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gaudet.

Mr. Andrew Arseneault of Killdare Capes was a Sunday visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sam Myers and Mr. Myers in St. Louis. He was accompanied by Lee and Marie Gillis.

Mr. Ben Perry has returned to his place of employment in Moncton after spending a week with his wife and family in St. Louis. His young son Clifford Perry who met with an accident at school, is doing nicely and is able to be out and around again.

Sincere congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. LePine on their marriage at St. Joachim's Church, South Forcupine, Ontario, on April 23. Mrs. LePine was Miss Yvonne Kinch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinch, formerly of St. Louis.

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pig crop the first drop after five successive yearly increases. It could well be that reductions in U. S. A. hog production during the next year could mean substantial increases in present U. S. A. hog prices—and this in turn—the Dominion Government will purchase good beef at \$25.00 per 100 cwt. on the hoof and at the same time permit the purchase by the trade of the medium grade at much lower than the customary spreads.

As in all these matters, the in-and-out in farming is generally out when he should be in and vice versa, and farmers who in the past have made a success in any particular branch of livestock production, or farming, would undoubtedly be well advised to continue a reasonably steady programme, rather than trying to guess the market.

Farm Prices & Market Report

Excerpts from the weekly report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, prepared by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister:

The beef situation, in view of pressures and conditions, has maintained its level in a fairly satisfactory manner.

Prices offered for live cattle in the Province have varied to a very great extent according to locality, and the conviction is expressed by Mr. Shaw that some of these prices are entirely too low and out of line. "We have reports of offers for 'good' commercial cattle of 17 cents to 18 cents, which is a ridiculous price. Packing houses are quoting 21 cents and 22 cents for 'medium' steers." He urged that unfinished cattle be placed on pasture and keep their pressure off the market. This would enhance the value of the better class of commercial or medium cattle.

"It was my understanding some time ago that the floor price of 25 cents on 'good' steers or 'blue' brand would have some relationship to other grades, and that there would be an automatic setting of a floor price in accordance with the usual differentials between the different grades," Mr. Shaw stated, "Buyers, however, claim that they have had no such instructions and consequently prices on other grades will have to find their own levels. In this area where we have very few 'Red' and 'Blue' brand cattle the influence of such a policy almost removes completely the value of a floor price attached to one particular and scarce grade.

There are no doubt some difficulties in adjusting prices on the basis of grade differentials, but I do think that the present situation would place the buyer and seller in a much better position if cattle were bought on rail grade. There would be a greater assurance and definiteness to both price and quality."

Hog prices are being maintained at the levels announced a week or so ago. Sows at Charlottetown have advanced some in value this week. It is interesting to note that on our first Broadcast in November the price of choice steers at Charlottetown was \$27.00 to \$27.50. Just a year before that, however, the price was \$23.00. Consequently our present prices for steers compare very favorably with the prices of a year and a half ago. At the same time hogs were \$29.50 for Grade A, and \$23.00 a year previous to that. While there is some difference, therefore, in hog prices, our cattle prices are not so much out of line after all with previous quotations.

Dairying
The dairy situation as announced last week has weakened some. Prices at Charlottetown are 61 cents for milk, and 59-1-2 cents wholesale, at the moment. We are making about 60,000 pounds of butter weekly, and we should export about 20,000 pounds of this. Nova Scotia prices are one-half to one cent higher than ours, and butter is moving freely in the

Potatoes
The potato market has been quiet. There has been a slight pile-up at Toronto and Montreal, incidental, we believe, to producers cleaning up available supplies before planting. In addition quite large quantities of early potatoes have come in from the United States, and it is surprising how our consumers buy these up at 15 cents per pound, even on the

The Wandering Deer



The tameness of the young deer brought into this Province within the past couple of years is well illustrated by this animal which wandered out on the main highway at St. Peter's Lake. It walked up to one bystander and permitted itself to be patted while it licked the hand of another spectator.

Charlottetown market. In any event, importers had to get rid of these expensive potatoes, and while doing so we are not particularly keen to buy or deal in old stock.

"It is an amazing thing to me, too, how many potatoes are coming out of storage," Mr. Shaw states. "During the past week I have met farmers who had not sold a bushel of potatoes and were now grading their supply. Naturally, they were looking very happy. A great many had a surplus over their seed requirements and these are now all showing up. The price sagged off a bit during the past few days and is now at a price of \$3.00 delivered. While the American early supplies are not large they do have an impact on Canadian prices. I do not consider, however, that they will be sufficiently influential to crash the Canadian structure. But then—who knows?"

The following are quotations from three or four points in the Province:
Tignish: Not many potatoes left. Only odd lots. No prices quoted.
O'Leary: Loading at \$3.00, but feel \$2.80 would be more correct. Around forty cars in region.
Montague: Slow movement. Still paying \$3.00.
Summerside: Prevailing price \$3.00.

Feeds
Feed prices on grains have been high, and I doubt if they will go very much lower. Bran is somewhat lower at the present moment, and there is some reduction in the price of oilcake at \$5.15 delivered in paper. Prices on local grains range round about \$3.00 per hundred. There may be some improvement in grain prices as the Western harvest proceeds and grains are harvested on the market. It is well to watch the quotations in this respect. Farmers are urged at this time to secure their requirements in good seed, and to return to the good old-fashioned system of mixing their own grains on the farm.

Freeland and Vicinity

Mr. James Winn has gone to resume his work on the dredge at Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Palmer of Borden are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hardy.

Miss Norma Palmer spent the weekend at the home of Miss Jean Smith of Victoria West.

Miss Adah Millar has accepted a position as clerk at R. T. Holman's, Summerside.

Miss Joan Hardy spent the weekend at Conway, the guest of Miss Ruth Ramsay.

Miss Jean Smith of Victoria West was a visitor for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Palmer.

Miss Enid Smith spent a few days recently visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas MacNevin of Summerside.

Mrs. Gerald MacArthur of Enmore spent a few days recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Yeo of Harmony, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tuplin and daughter, Myrna, who have spent the winter months in Charlottetown are being welcomed back to their home.

Mrs. William MacDonald spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. Beatrice MacFadyen and her sister, Mrs. Harold Palmer of Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Murphy were recent visitors to Charlottetown, where Mrs. Murphy had a medical check-up.

Mr. Preston Oatway and Mr. Lawson Oatway went by car to Toronto where they will seek employment. Their many friends wish them every success.

The Bible class met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Palmer on Saturday evening, April 26. Next meeting is to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Palmer.

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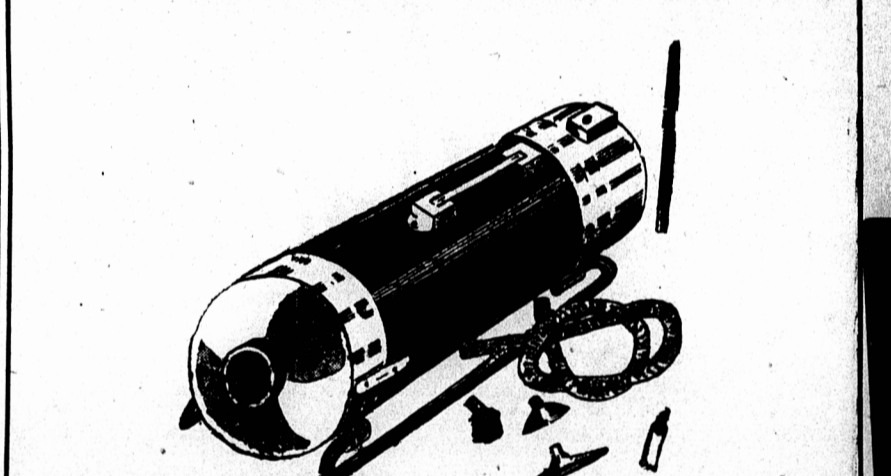
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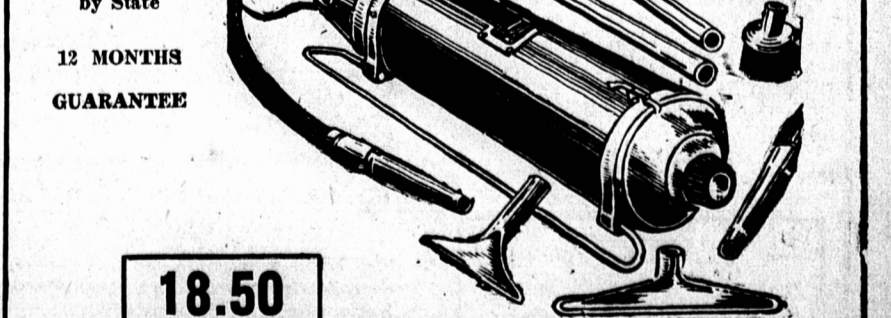
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