

FOR FARMERS, STOCK BREEDERS AND GARDENERS

NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

"LIKE A WATCH IN THE NIGHT"

Twenty three years have sped since I first set foot on the Island. Sometimes sad, sometimes glad, they have gone "like a watch in the night," as the royal psalmist says. Times were not prosperous in 1910 and money was scarce; people talked pessimistically and scared the immigrants—there were sixty—so that most of them stayed but a little while, and passed on to the States or returned to Britain. Then came the World War and prices soared; and finally the great depression, which will pass as others have passed. It is certain that it has taught us a lesson, albeit with a harsh countenance. Will we remember the instructions? Or will it be again as of old, "Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked?"

A question that was asked early and often, was "And how do you like the Island?" This was asking for a kind of snap judgment, but one could truthfully say that the Province had two admirable things; an unbounded hospitality for the "stranger that was within the gates," and a taxation the lightness of which was a matter for wonder. I was to learn much in the ensuing score of years, and never regretted my choice of domicile, except that the winter lingered too long in the lap of Spring.

The question of late years has been "would you like to revisit England?" Well, as a tourist and with a well-filled wallet, the trip could be made one of extraordinary interest; a sentimental visit to the old homestead and the adjacent village would, I am afraid be disappointing. I have before me the experience of a friend who recently went back and spent some time in his native village after an absence of three years. He does not say whether the village had altered any, but the most of the young people (his companions) had sought fresh scenes and pastures new, and he was quite out of touch with the interests of the remaining few. The district was not prosperous, and taking it altogether he was not sorry to get back to Canada. Another traveller tells me one need not go far afield to be disillusioned, and, comparing the Island towns with Halifax, he concludes "we are well off and don't know it."

It chanced that I came across an old school-book the other day; it was a "Fifth Illustrated Reader," adapted to the requirements of the Privy Council and dated 1874. This rather ambiguous title introduced a volume much above the average school reader of the present day, though it did not excel the "Royal Readers" which were a later introduction. It is I think, natural to look back to one's school-days as a sort of Golden Age; but we do this by forgetting that the childish troubles, disappointments, and ailments, were relatively as poignant as anything we meet with in our later years.

A letter, and a recent map of the district in which these early days were spent, show how the village has changed—I can hardly say for the better. Sixty years ago "our house" stood almost by itself, with the little village about half a mile away. The school, which was a "National" one, supported by the Established Church was the only near-by building; it served a very wide area, some of the scholars walked four miles to attend. It was all right for me—I had about one hundred yards to go. Now since

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Dairy Factories Prepare For A Busy Season

BY WARREN L. BRENTON, Provincial Dairy Superintendent

The dairy factories throughout the Province are getting every thing in readiness for a busy season.

A dominant spirit to produce more and higher quality dairy products is in evidence from Souris to Tignish. The Tignish Cheese Factory with a few minor changes will begin operations on June 3rd. Mr. J. A. Bernard, Secretary, and Mr. P. H. Morrissey as manager and maker.

The opening of the Alma Cheese Factory is yet undecided. The West Prince creamery and cold storage, with Mr. Robert Doucet as managing director, is in first class condition and their cream supply is increasing daily.

The Tyne Valley cheese factory will operate with Kenneth McIntyre as maker, Mr. D. R. Ramsay, Northam, as Secretary.

The Grand River cheese factory is putting in a new septic tank to take charge of their sewerage. Mr. J. D. McLellan, Secretary and Mr. Joseph McInnis as cheese maker.

The Egmont Bay cheese factory is in readiness for operations. Mr. H. A. Darby, Secretary and Mr. Dick Gaudet maker.

The Perfection Dairy, Summerside, Mr. Amos H. Hubley, manager, is fully equipped, centrally located, and is expecting a large increase in their make over former years.

Mr. Heber McQuarrie's new creamery and milk plant is busy catering to the town of Summerside.

The Kensington Creamery is again in charge of its capable manager, Mr. Leo F. Hughes, the Hamilton branch will again make cheese, with Mr. Cyril Connick in charge.

The Dunk River creamery is now making extensive repairs to the foundations and floors. The general Mr. Johnson is still manager and insists on everything being neat and tidy.

The Kinkora cheese factory is in readiness for a large make with Mr. Edmund V. Smith as cheese maker.

Mr. J. Austin Murphy will again be in charge of the Emerald cheese factory. Owing to its situation this company is meeting with very stiff competition from several neighboring creameries.

The Stanley Bridge Dairying Co. now making butter, will this summer again make cheese with the veteran cheese maker Mr. W. W. Keefe in charge.

The Park Corner Creamery will operate under the supervision of Mr. John E. Cousins, with Mr. William Storey as butter maker.

The New Glasgow creamery have purchased another pasteurizer to take care of their increased cream supply. Mr. Lewis H. Mabey is their efficient manager.

The Tryon Dairying Company, Mr. C. E. Gamble, manager is prepared for an increased supply of cream. This company also handles large supplies of mill feed at close margins for their patrons.

The Crapeaud Creamery, which so increased its make last year, is still aggressive. Mr. Lloyd Rogerson is again manager.

The North Wiltshire Creamery continues to make good progress, with Mr. Bruce Noy as manager and Mr. Bertram Lane as butter maker. The Pure Milk Company, Limited, Charlottetown, one of the best equipped milk and cream plants in Eastern Canada, will continue to make butter. Mr. C. M. Cox is managing director and Mr. Elmer Offer, butter maker.

The Central Creameries Limited, "The Home of Perfection Ice-Cream," Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown. Mr. J. P. Simmons, managing director, have everything in readiness for an anticipated increased production of butter and ice cream.

The Dunstaffnage creamery with Miss Florie Stewart, Secretary, as assistant to the manager Mr. Irving Thompson, is alive to the possibilities of bigger business.

The Hazelbrook Creamery has re-engaged Mr. Jock Pippy as manager and is expecting a larger patronage

(212) Virginia Rail, (214) Sora or Carolina Rail, (221) American Coot, Marsh Hen or Mud Hen, (222) Red or Gray Phalarope, (223) Northern Phalarope, (228) American Woodcock, (230) Wilsons Snipe or English Snipe, (231) Dowitcher or Red-breasted Snipe, (234) Knot, Robin Snipe, or Gray Snipe. (To be continued.)

When you hear a kind of whistling noise, like a peal of elderly laughter, high in the clouds at intervals in the spring, that is the "drumming" of the Wilson's Snipe.

FRUIT CROP PROSPECTS

The various reports from the fruit producing areas throughout the Dominion indicate that the prospects of the fruit crop, with few exceptions, for 1933 are satisfactory. Tree fruits have wintered well, although weather conditions in the Maritime Provinces have been backward, delaying development considerably, says the crop report of the Fruit Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture. The only frost damage reported is in the Essex-Kent and Lambton county districts of Ontario where the peach trees appear to have suffered.

In British Columbia a large crop of apples is anticipated, although the volume is not expected to equal that of the bumper crop of 1932. Prospects for cherries are exceptionally good in all districts but the peach and apricot crops are expected to be considerably lighter than last year, with some districts indicating a 50 per cent reduction. Early spring weather was backward but favorable conditions during the last week of April are anticipated to place the season at about the same level as last year.

Strawberries, the first Canadian fruit crop available, are somewhat later than previous years in most districts of Canada but are reported to be generally in good condition. Frost in November and December caused considerable damage in British Columbia, and in a few instances to uncovered plantations in Ontario. The acreage for the Dominion is estimated at approximately equal to that of last year.

Raspberries are reported to have wintered well in all provinces except British Columbia where frost caused serious damage to plantations in the Lower Mainland and Island districts. A greatly reduced yield is expected. Plantations in Eastern Canada are reported in good condition with little, if any, apparent damage. The acreage for the Dominion is estimated at approximately 3 per cent greater than in 1932.

In later issues the care of milk and cream, and other matters relative to the Dairy Industry, will appear from time to time.

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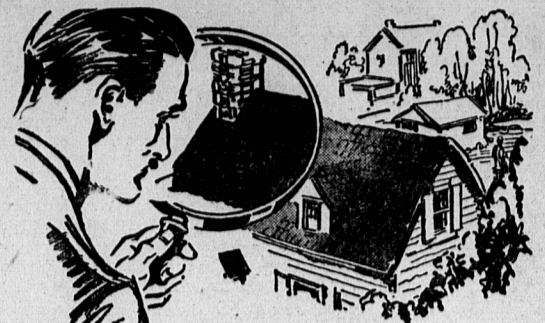
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The fertilized areas in 1931 had more than double the grazing cow days per acre, and from twice to almost three times the total production of milk during the season. In 1932 the increase of both days grazed and milk produced, were even more marked on the fertilized areas over the check field.—J. A. Clark.

(Experimental Farms Note)
Observation and experiments have demonstrated that June grass in this country provides the most economical ration for live stock and particularly for dairy cows. Methods of grazing and fertilizing have been tried out to see if this type of pasture could not be provided throughout a longer period of the summer. Dr. Frank T. Shutt, Dominion Chemist, Ottawa, and others have shown that June grass contains a much greater amount of nutriment or, in other words, much more protein than grass that is more mature. An increase in the percentage of clover in a pasture also increases the protein content of the ration.

At the Charlottetown Experimental Station pasture improvement work was started in the spring of 1929. Three four acre plots were fenced and one was subdivided into three sections so that the grazing might be rotated every week, or as frequently as necessary. The rotated pasture and one continuous grazed area were fertilized with the following mixture of chemicals per acre: One hundred pounds sulphate of ammonia, 300 pounds superphosphate and 75 pound of muriate of potash, the first year. In the second and third year the sulphate of ammonia only was used. Then in the fourth year the original mixture was applied, to be followed with sulphate of ammonia for two more years. The third plot was grazed continuously and received no fertilizer. The whole area at the start was covered with natural grasses, some clover and many weeds.

There has been a very marked improvement in the quality and kind of forage on the fertilized areas. These pastures produced

FARMERS MUST PRODUCE

To the man in the street, any attempts to increase production in these days of depressing world surpluses seem a waste of time, or even worse. He forgets, says Mr. L. H. Newman, the Dominion Cerealist, that the problem of the individual farmer differs vastly from that of the nation as a whole, in that the capacity of the farmer to carry on and pay his way is measured in no small degree by the yields he realizes per acre. To the farmer, the acre is his unit of production. If his average yields per acre, whether converted into milk, mutton, or beef, or disposed of in their raw state, are not sufficiently high to enable him to meet his obligations he must either succumb entirely or be forced to adopt a standard of living which removes him as an important factor in the problem of keeping the wheels of commerce moving.

Working in co-operation with the provincial governments of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the Dominion Department of Agriculture has made orchard surveys throughout the apple-growing sections in order that information regarding apple maggot infestations will be readily available at the time of packing apples for export. The law is that no apples may be exported from Canada from infested districts, and efforts are being made to keep the orchards 100 per cent clean during the coming season of growth.

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