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NEWSY FARM NOTES
 By Agricola

NO REASON FOR IT.
 Farmers are disposed to think that the oldest profession in the world—that of gardening—is of little account, and it will perhaps surprise them to learn that Canada, during the year ending July 1st 1929, imported garden and vegetable seeds (mostly from the United States) to the extent of almost 4,900,000 lbs. or to be more exact about 1,905 tons. These resoid, according to the catalogues, at from 50cts to \$2.50 per lb according to the kind and the growers netted probably half of the catalogue value. Think of the sum of money which leaves this country annually for articles which, with very few exceptions, we could produce ourselves. Take spinach seed, for example. It sells at \$1 per lb and 43,259 lbs were imported in the time specified, a little under half of this coming from Germany. Spinach grows like a weed in P. E. Island. It sows, itself and makes vigorous growth in the spring till it is cultivated out. With the aid of a few sieves I grade my own spinach seed in the winter to whatever quality I desire and always have enough to supply any of my neighbors who want it.
 Of the 1,948,595 lbs of garden peas which came into Canada since July 1st 1929, 1,833,375 came from the U. S. A., 115,148 from England and 72, from New Zealand. Garden peas are catalogued at 50-60 cts per lb and it may be supposed the growers get 30 or 25 cts of this. At least 389,719, then, leaves the country for this item alone. Last year I put in two short rows of peas. Little Marvel and Telephone. After picking all summer, the residue was threshed out, picked over to remove "wormy" peas, and the result is 10 lbs of good looking seed. Perhaps the most expensive seed is that of kohi rabi at \$1.75 per quarter pound. Of this little known but delicious and easily grown vegetable 196 lbs of seed were imported from Holland, 45 from the U. S. A. and 27 from England. Nearly \$700, sent abroad for this and it is no more trouble to grow than turnip seed! Last year I grew almost a quarter of a pound from two roots. Beet seed to the extent of 274,750 lbs (sold at \$1.40 to \$2 mostly the latter) and lettuce seed 13,880 (at \$1.50) are two others from the first, though I think we could not grow the latter.
 Brother Jonathan is a shrewd lad, and would not tackle any proposition that had no money behind it; and the fact that he is engaged in garden seed raising should go far to convince our farmers that gardening has one aspect that is worth considering. There is evidently a home market for seed and the "Garden of the Gull" should wake up to its possibilities.
 I have not touched upon field seeds, but enormous quantities of these are also imported. In the year ending July 1st 1929, 5,502,036 lbs of timothy were imported, and since that date 3,294,909 lbs were brought in, entirely from the U. S. A. A complete list of seed imports may be had from the Dominion Seed Branch, and it is of such a character as to cause Canadians "furious to think" as the French say.
 I strongly suspect that British Columbia will capture this market while the maritimes are making up their minds, that Province is already in a fair way to drive Holland grown peas out of Canada and has developed a certain amount of trade in ornamental seeds.
Disinfection of Stock Cars
 It may not be generally known that for years the Health of Animals Branch of the Department of Agriculture has maintained inspectors at various points to see that all cars used in the transportation of stock, and all yards where animals accumulate for selling purposes are properly whitewashed and disinfected. During the past fiscal year thirty-one such railway centers are listed with inspectors at each, whose business it is to see that this is carried out on each car unless it shows evidence of having recently been so treated. Cars containing wool, hides, or any other product under restrictions, are also treated in the same manner before being put to other uses. All this work is done under the superintendence of the Veterinary Director General, and the most careful precautions are taken to apply approved disinfectants at proper strength.
 B. C. G.
 On Feb. 13th, 1928, according to my note-book, the French Academy of Medicine (Paris) called the attention of doctors throughout the world, to an anti-tuberculosis vaccine which had been proved by numerous tests, to eliminate the danger of infection from children even if born of tuberculous parents and living in the worst slums. This vaccine was called the "Bacille Calmette-Guerin" from the two discoveries, a name afterwards abbreviated to B. C. G. During the previous three years of its use 52,772 children (of whom 5,740 lived with tuberculous families) had been inoculated. In the first year the death-rate from tuberculosis amongst these children was 0.9 per cent; it fell to 0.2 per cent in the second year of the test and in the third year there was not a single death from this disease.
 On the recommendation of the health section of the League of Nations, various governments have instituted courses of experimentation on cattle to determine whether B. C. G. would render stock immune from bovine tuberculosis. The work done at Ottawa has shown in increasing resistance to the disease in very young cattle, but only for a limited time and degree. The great majority of the vaccinated animals when exposed to natural infection; two years after the treatment, showed stages of progressive tuberculosis. As the animals advanced to maturity the percentage infected was manifestly increased.
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An Attic Saltshaker
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 HERE'S another: A Suffragan Bishop when paying a visit to an English village to hold a confirmation at a little church, noticed the flag of St. George waving from the church flagstaff—but at half mast. He accordingly asked the old verger why it was flying in that mournful position, and was rather taken back when the verger replied: "I pulls it up to the top when a real Bishop comes 'ere, but when it's only a sufferin' Bishop, I only pulls it up 'alf-way."
 FRANK RUTER, the art-critic, whose father had been Ruskin's "man of affairs," tells of the great critic walking across Trafalgar Square during a dreaching rainstorm in company with Fred F. Footlet, the painter, who had been a pupil of Ruskin's. As he turned his collar up, Footlet incautiously remarked to his companion: "I'm afraid, Mr. Ruskin, we're in for some bad weather."
 "Bad weather!" thundered Ruskin. "There's no such thing as bad weather. There are only different sorts of good weather."
 HUGH WALPOLE declares that he knows an old lady in London who has read two novels a day for many years. She gets through one in the morning before luncheon after which she goes for a drive. Then she tackles another which she finishes before going to sleep that night.
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