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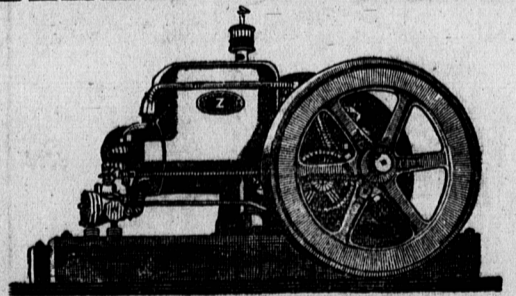
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Western Guardian

—SHOP from Holman's Catalog

—DR. A. J. LACOURSIERE, dentist, will be in Wellington Monday, March the 3rd until Thursday night, the 6th.

—NEW TEACHER APPOINTED. Miss Ida Dawson, the popular teacher of Chelton School, has resigned and taken a position on the staff of Summerside High School.

—SUMMERSIDE AGENT.—Mr. Byron MacDonald of the MacDonal Drug Co., is now Guardian representative in Summerside and will be pleased to receive news, advertising, new and renewal subscriptions and Job-Printing.

—WEDDING BELLS.—A quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Academy, Summerside, at an early hour on Wednesday morning, Feb. 27th when Miss Celina Gallant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallant, of Summerside became the bride of Mr. Edgar Houghton, son of Mrs. Lucy Houghton, also of Summerside.

—THE MAPLE LEAF.—The question of those who received the first casualties among the members of the American Expeditionary forces abroad during the World War has been officially settled after much research and verification of records by Col. Chas. Lynch of the Surgeon General's office.

—Nominating: Messrs. Fulton Simpson, John Stetson, W. H. Hayter. Resolutions: Messrs. Alfred Moreside, John McKinnon, Charles McKenzie.

PERSONALS

—Mr. Claude Mill, Marshfield was in Summerside Saturday on business.—S.

—Miss Bessie McKenna, Conway returned home after visiting in Summerside, the guest of Mrs. Geo. Horton.—S.

—Mr. Edward Pendergast, of Kensington has arrived home after an extended visit to friends in Boston and suburbs. He met many former Islanders, and speaks highly of the reception accorded him by one and all, and trusts that he may have an opportunity of repaying many of them when they come down to visit their old homes here.

Eastern Guardian

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—DR. FRASER WILL BE AT Murray River March 5th till 8th; Murray Harbor 10th to 13th and Georgetown 15th to 21st.

—EASTERN AGENT.—Mr. J. W. Murdock is now Guardian Agent in Montague and will be pleased to receive news items, advertising, Job Printing, new and renewal subscriptions.

—AUCTION SALE—CROP stock, farming implements and household furniture on premises of N. A. Morrison, Dundas, Thursday, March 6th at 12 o'clock noon. No reserve. See hand-bills. J. W. Scrimgeour, Auctioneer.—1776-3-3 31.

—BRIDGETOWN—Divine Worship on Sunday the 9th at 11 a. m. The greatest act of the Church's worship, the Holy Communion. Subject: "The Last Supper" Sunday School at 10.15 a. m.

—BIG CONCERT, PIE SOCIAL and dance in Odd Fellows Hall Montague Friday night, March 7 at 8 p. m. Proceeds in aid of rink. Seven piece orchestra will supply the music for the evening.

PERSONALS

—Mrs. Michael Melnis, Charnwood is quite ill. She is an old lady—an octogenarian.

—Mrs. Donald Whitty, Harmony Jet., is ill with pleurisy and her baby with what is thought to be pneumonia.

—Mr. John P. McIsaac, a member of the Expeditionary Force, arrived in Souris Thursday from Maine after an absence of about a year and a half. Mr. McIsaac purchased a farm on the North Side several years ago.

Annual Meeting

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on the Board of Trade, whether he succeed in carrying any measure or not. The farmer seems to be "knocked" every time, and it is time to wake up and see what can be done. What few lessons farmers have learned they have learned themselves. There was a time when the merchants had an absolute monopoly. They might have given the producers the benefit of education along producing and marketing lines, but the farmers had to find it out for themselves when they stumbled on co-operation.

Mr. Harold Clay, of the Federal Department Live Stock Branch, said his department had never received so much encouragement from any man in his position as from Hon. Mr. Myers, the Provincial Commissioner of Agriculture. His own work had reference to marketing. He stressed the importance of keeping up the quality of products if the best price is to be maintained.

Mr. Calvin McLeod, Murray River, said the representatives sent to Ottawa were neglecting the farmers' interests and as a result, as indicated by the dropping of the agricultural grant, the farmers are being injured.

Mr. Hayter said the Federal representatives should have come to the people and asked if they were willing to cut out the agricultural grant. It was a fatal blow at agriculture. It has come almost to the parting of the way. Economy should begin at the top. Let the Federal Parliament members first cut their salaries. It was a dangerous measure to strike at one of the basic industries of the country.

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Mr. A. E. Dewar said the railway was already at two wharves in the city. What was wanted was another berth dredged at the railway wharf, so that two steamers could load there at once. This would be satisfactory as far as farmers were concerned.

The following directors were appointed: Prince County: Stanford Phillips, O'Leary, Alfred Simpson, St. Eleanor's; John Profitt, Freetown. Queen's County: Sidwick Simpson, Bay View; Wallace W. Owen, Frenchfort; C. E. McKenzie, Milton.

King's County: W. H. Hayter, Murray River; J. A. McKinnon, Bear River; P. A. McIsaac, Souris.

Resolution of R. R. The following resolution, moved by Mr. P. A. McIsaac, seconded by Mr. John A. McKinnon, was passed:

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Oleomargarine.

A resolution, moved by Mr. P. A. McIsaac, seconded by Mr. Peters, was passed, protesting against any legislation being enacted whereby the importation, manufacture and sale of oleomargarine be permitted in Canada. It was further resolved to send a copy of the resolution to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, and to the provincial representatives at Ottawa.

The following address was then delivered by Superintendent J. A. Clark, of the Experimental Station:

Our P. E. I. Soils in Relation to Crop Production.

Our Soils.—What do we know about them? Mr. Clark gave some very interesting details in connection with the physical and chemical analysis of quite a number of soils in the neighborhood of Charlottetown. These detailed analyses were published last autumn in all the local papers.

Do our island soils differ greatly from the soils of other Provinces? They do: (1) In color, as every one who travels knows. The red cliffs of P. E. Island are cherished in the memory of Islanders wherever they may go; (2) From careful analysis our soils, for the most part, derived from soft sandstone and other representatives of Triassic formation, would be classed as "fine, sandy loam." They are known as light soils, and do not rank in natural productiveness with the best soils in Canada; (3) Though below the best soils in plant food content, as measured by chemical analysis, they rank with good Canadian soils in available plant nutrients. That is, though they may not have plant food, such as nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, in equal quantity with the best Canadian soils, yet the proportion of these present in our soils that is made up of less immediately available, or relatively high priced, nutrients that respond to good treatment much more quickly than is the case in what are usually considered rich soils.

A study of our analysis suggests that for the maintenance and increase of fertility of our island soils we should keep three lines of work definitely in mind. First.—The addition of humus-forming material as furnished by the application of farm manures, the turning under of green crops, particularly clover, and the adoption of a comparatively short rotation of crops may have clover available for turning under.

Second.—The application of ground limestone or other lime-bearing material to correct acidity and furnish lime for crop use. Lime is the one material most quickly depleted in the soil by the re-accumulation of heavy applications of farm manures.

Third.—The appropriate and rational employment of commercial fertilizers in accordance with the findings of soil analysis and the special requirements of the crops to be fertilized.

Crop Production.

After this examination of our soils which are the foundation on which our agriculture stands, we will turn, for a short time, to Crop Production, a thing in which we are all most vitally interested. At a meeting of this Central Farmers' Institute, I figured out for you what certain crops cost, and showed that it costs almost as much per acre to put in, cultivate and reap a poor crop as a good one. If we produce a full crop of extra quality, we get a great gain in the cost per bushel or per ton of the crop grown.

It might be of interest to discuss the relative value of some of the crops usually grown on our farms, but I am satisfied that we need considerable diversion, that it would not be well for our farmers to "tip all their eggs in one basket," as the old saying goes. There is quite a temptation to do this when a good demand arises for a money-making cash crop.

Prince Edward Island has always produced excellent root crops. Root crops are valuable for the winter feeding of stock, and for milk production, but few of us realize what our roots are costing us at the present time. Since the advance in the cost of farm labor our turnips and mangels are costing at least twice as much as they used to cost. For this reason, it will pay us if we can grow other crops that will replace to a certain extent roots that require so much manual labor. Silage is about the only feed that can in any way replace roots, and while it does furnish us with cheaper dry matter for our stock in succulent form, it does not have the same effect on improving the digestibility of other foods fed with it. Silage, however, is one of the means by which we can cheapen the cost of production of our

of farm crops and other marketable products of our farms. The tendency today is towards the use of the silo for storing corn, oats, peas and vetches and sunflowers. There is no doubt but that this is a move in the right direction.

Crop Production is a general term and we should look for some of the principles underlying it. Once we have the best seed obtainable, in order to secure a crop we must have a home or seed bed for it, the necessary water or moisture requirements, heat, light and plant food. Many think of fertility first of all, and often think of it in terms of seed bed. We should indeed be in a bad way if nature had not provided us 99 per cent. of the requirements of our crops at almost no cost to us. The one per cent. we supply looks very big to us, but I doubt if it is even one per cent. We stir the soil already there, for we seed bed. We sometimes do a little to remove surplus water. The heat and light are entirely beyond our control for farm crops. We sometimes add a small percentage of the food actually used by our plants and it costs us a lot of real money.

Increasing Production.

We can increase crop production by using the best seed. By protecting plants from enemies. By improving the home and soil conditions, by controlling to some extent moisture conditions and by supplying increased plant food.

The use of the best seed obtainable is a vital factor in crop production. Protection from enemies is necessary. We have insects and diseases that if not controlled destroy crops.

The preparing of the home or the field for the crop is one of the real problems in crop production. We have secured a lot of data from some 300 plots under cultural experiments for several years. Some of these experiments have greatly helped us in our farm practice. The early plowing of sod land has increased the yields of all our principal crops. Sod plowed in August, harrowed occasionally during the autumn, gave better results than autumn or spring plowing. It has been found that it is not necessary to plow land after a good crop has been raised. The working of the land with cultivators and harrows gave better results without plowing. The autumn ridging of the land is not only a preventative from washing but destroys the roots of some of our worst perennial weeds.

Ridged land is ready for working from a week to ten days before last frost. This often means the difference between a poor crop and a good one. There are many other factors in connection with keeping the home in order for the plants throughout the growing season that we do not have time to mention, unless you have questions you wish to ask. Some of the best paying ones are: Rolling of new meadows before plants lifted with the frost dry out. Thorough cultivation for all hood crops, and the cutting of clover before the weeds ripen.

Drainage. The area of our Province that requires under-drainage is comparatively small. When necessary it pays to do the work right. Many of our fields that are inclined to be wet at certain seasons and after heavy rains could be greatly improved by plowing the fields in narrow lands, thus providing surface drainage. These lands would, of course, have to follow the contours of the fields.

Fertilizers. The supplying of plant food to our crops is a big subject. Many letters go from my office almost every day to all parts of the Province on special problems, re fertilizers or farm manures. This is one of the subjects Mr. Boulter is discussing at the Short Courses and I discuss with many of you Thursday at the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association. We have conducted many experiments with fertilizers and can strongly recommend the use of commercial fertilizers for potatoes when used in economical quantities.

We have not found that the amount of fertilizer that gives good results on one field will give corresponding results in another, even on one nearby, and would suggest that before spending such money on commercial fertilizers it is always well to try them out in small plot first.

Barnyard manure is the great banking institution for our island farms; besides furnishing the required plant food in about the right proportion it is the great reservoir for soil moisture. Holding the moisture that enables plants to grow normally through dry periods and ripen full crops at harvest.

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