

Farming and Agriculture :-: Special Features :-: Interesting Observations

WHEN THE CROWS RETURN

Nature's prophecies are tremendous trifles. Ages before human skill invented an alphabet, the lowlier creatures had a primitive code of signals whereby they gave notice to each other and to all sundry concerning the change of the seasons. This is a transition month.

Stallion Enrolment

The attention of stallion owners is directed to the necessity of securing an enrolment certificate from the Department of Agriculture. The Act provides a penalty of not over \$100.00 and not less than \$25.00 in cases of contravention of this Act.

The Great Axworthy

Will make the season of 1929 at Lawdale Farm, East Royalty, one mile from Charlottetown. His sire is Burt Axworthy 2.08 3/4, dam Baroness Peter, trial 2.17 as a two year old. His breeding forms the Golden Cross, Peter the Great, and Axworthy.

LIVE HOGS

We are taking live hogs daily, excepting Saturday, paying highest market prices. Davis & Fraser

The Charlottetown Fox Breeders Protective Association

is established for the prosecution of any person or persons stealing foxes from the ranches of any of its members and have retained a Detective Agency and Legal Talent of highest repute to accomplish their purpose.

Fox Wire Complete Stock of Highest Quality Wire Always on Hand. FENNEL and CHANDLER

A Guide To The Canadian Plants

Plants native to Canada that bear seed, including wild flowers, grasses, weeds, vines, shrubs and trees are brought together in Bulletin 78 of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa in the form of a guide as to their habitat and botanical classification.

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED

"Our sun is just an ordinary star." Professor Eddington. We thought the thing was rather a success— A patient Djinn to fetch us heat and light.

"To gather the stir of the seed-buds in tune With the glamor of May and the glory of June And perhaps it is felt sense that somehow the high emotions of springtime hope and beauty mingle with the raucous salute of Jim Crow that inclines us to ignore its unmusical timbre, and welcome his message as a "black but comely" prophet of a renewed world and summer festival.

Prince, we had dreamed of Jove enthroned in might, Of Phoebus in a Rolls-Royce motor car, Of things unbearable to mortal sight— But "ours is just an ordinary star."

MEMBER OF OLD ST. JOHN FAMILY DIES BROOKLINE, Mass., May 14—Mrs. William Whitman, widow of a widely known textile manufacturer, who died at her home here recently at the age of 87, was a member of an old St. John, N. B., family. She was a descendant of loyalist families which left New York at the close of the Revolutionary War and settled in New Brunswick.

The Wealth of Trees

(Montreal Gazette)

Usually we are given to estimating the value of trees solely by the monetary profits they bring within reach by way of trade. And even in this respect the plea made that the Canadian people should employ their utmost endeavors to prevent destructive fires and the waste or mutilation of trees is sound. Commercially, the forests are one of the greatest sources of national wealth. Yet, aside from the timber values, there is much more to be said in favor of tree preservation. Trees attract moisture; and prevent floods; they are one of the most important factors in helping the growth of field crops; they tend to make the landscape healthy and breathe ozone into the air and if we want that beauty is any real asset to our life, what objects in the whole round of nature can claim a larger share of beauty than the tree? The poet Bryant calls the trees "God's first temples." Wordsworth could talk of a venerable brotherhood of trees. Shenstone opined that of all inanimate objects the most venerable is a large, branching, aged oak; which sounds very English and reminiscent of the Old Country landscape. And the same writer tells us that, in their growth and annual variety, trees prefer us a more lasting pleasure than the buildings reared by human hands. As an emblem of hospitality the tree can hardly be excelled, and who is not reminded of the service rendered the race when, gazing upon their "multitudinous leaves," or listening to the sea music that hymns their way through their foliage, or greeted by the chorister birds that sing from their branches, or conscious of the refreshing nuances of shade and shine that dance and glimmer within their fretwork of summer greenery?

GLENWOOD AND VICINITY

We are glad to welcome Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Harding of Summerside back to Hebron where he intends to spend the summer months.

Congratulations are being extended to Rev. Mr. Loring and Mrs. Loring on the arrival of a new baby girl.

Miss Lucy Clements, supervisor in this province for the California Perfume Company, recently paid a visit to her home in Glenwood. Her friends in this vicinity are glad to learn that she is meeting with good success in her work.

Our local merchant, Mr. E. L. McDougall, recently purchased from Mr. George H. McIsaac a dressed hog, eight months old, which tipped the scales at 313 pounds. This hog and another which dressed 290 pounds at less than seven months, was purchased last fall from Mr. Humphrey Oulton, Glenwood. One of these was kept for home consumption and the other (313 lbs.) sold at 14c. per lb., making a total of \$43.82 for one hog. This looks as though there is plenty of money to be made in this line of endeavour if proper methods of feeding and handling are used.

Master Garfield Gorrill, son of Mr. John S. Gorrill, Glenwood, recently returned home after having spent several weeks in Prince County Hospital after having undergone an operation. His friends will be glad to learn that he is making a slow but sure recovery.

A meeting was held recently in Glenwood Hall to devise ways and means for raising money for renovations and repairs. It was decided to hold a concert and pie social. Committees were duly appointed and plans made for a suitable program. As Glenwood is well known for the excellent concerts which have been staged here, a full house is assured.

Plans have been made for the renovation and enlargement of the Union Church at Glenwood. This church was formerly the Methodist Church at Milburn and was hauled to its present site after church union was established. Last summer it proved quite inadequate to hold the congregations which assembled. Consequently it was decided to remodel it and tenders have been called for the performance of the work.

Mr. Walter Lidstone of Knutsford is in charge of this work.

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uments from the forest primeval; as also in their seasonal habit the index of our own lives; we naturally fall to musing upon the mystery of their precipitation from the invisible energies of the atmosphere. Oliver Wendell Holmes in his little story, "Isis" has a fine passage on this aspect of tree growth. As by some species of magical alchemy, roots, blade, trunk, branches, leaves, blossoms and fruits, are all distilled from the texture of the clouds; and the light of the firmament above; and they gradually grow into those delightful structures whereof Keats has in his poetry given us such apt description— "Those green-robed senators of the mighty woods, Tall oaks, branch charmed by the earnest stars, Dream, and so dream, all night without a stir."

Indeed, trees are themselves the poetry of the landscape, and in Canada we have as rich and ample variety of noble trees as may be found in any land upon the face of the globe. They adorn our parks and our thoroughfares. Of the attraction they lend to our avenues and streets, and the grace they impart to the general ensemble of the city, there is no need to speak. Who shall say what quiet entertainment, what simple and refined joys, what wholesome influence and pure emotions, they bestir within our minds by their stately poise and glorious architecture? Let anyone saunter down the main avenues of Montreal, and gathering from the trees the hazy, quiet eye, note how varied their styles and what an artistic spectacle of beauty they present, picturesque, refreshing, charming to the mind, and singing to the eye. Such persons may easily understand that in planting trees we are making our homestead a healthier place for ourselves and for those who come after us.

THE DOMINION

I have before me the Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, to March 1928. It is replete with interesting information along all the varied lines which the science takes, and is important as an index to the many activities carried on by the various "branches." Numerous Bulletins are listed each under its proper industry. The Experimental Station, Charlottetown, is noticed on page 18, and though necessarily brief, notes are given on some of the work which has been successfully carried on there. The Experimental Fox Ranch at Summerside has also contributed notes on feeding problems which will help the rancher to get better results.

LAYING CONTEST FOR TWO YEARS

In connection with the world's Poultry Congress to be held in London, Eng., in 1930, a two-year egg-laying contest has been promoted by the London Daily Mail and the National Utility Poultry Society, to be held at Milford, Surrey, the contest commencing on October 1, 1929. The competition includes an international section, open to poultry keepers throughout the world, one-half the accommodation to be reserved for breeders in Great Britain and the other half for entrants resident in foreign countries and the British Dominions.

Pens are to consist of seven pure-bred pullets of the same breed and variety. The promoters reserve the right to mate up all, or any, of the pens during the second year of the test and to sell settings of eggs. One-half of the net proceeds of the sale of settings will be divided among competitors in proportion to the number of first-grade eggs laid by their birds during the period of the test.

The following prizes are offered: For the three highest scoring pens, gold, silver and bronze medals; £50 gold cup by the Daily Mail for the highest scoring pen.

The Daily Mail also offers £200 cash prizes to be awarded in respect of the first year's records as follows: To the highest scoring pens owned by competitors in Great Britain, £50, £20, £15, £10, and £5. To the five highest scoring pens owned by competitors resident in foreign countries or British Dominions, similar prizes.

Entries close on June 1, 1929, and full details and entry forms can be obtained from the manager, National Egg-laying Test, Milford, Surrey, England.

Quite a lot of potatoes are being hauled from this vicinity. Many of those have been graded by using the grader which of course takes considerably less time than when hand grading is practised as it was in former years.

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NEWSY FARM NOTES

By Agricola

SPRING FLOWERS

Spring is late and cold this year, and the only garden flowers thus far are the crocuses and Siberian scillas or "squills" as our forebears called them. The daffodils and tulips will be seen a little later, although here and there a stronger or earlier bulb is opening its flower to a mostly grey world. There are two genera of bulbs which our flower lovers should plant next fall; the "Glory of the Snow" (Chionodoxa lucilliae) and the "winter aconite," Eranthis hyemalis. The Chionodoxa has a variety called "Heavenly Blue" which is much sought after; the plant is very hardy in fact I have seen the blue star-shaped flowers protruding from a spring snowbank. The winter aconite is hardy also; it bears a large buttercup flower on a short stalk, and in England (where it grows wild but is rare) I have found it in bloom in the first week of February during a mild winter. I recommend these plants also on account of their being prolific; for they will increase and multiply more rapidly than does the crocus, if left undisturbed.

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The dairy grading reports show that in pasteurized Butter the Island look very high marks; the percentages being 13.5 in special, and 84.6 for first grades. Cheese also graded high, the special and first combined being 91.9 per cent.

Egg production in Canada has risen from 84,132,802 in 1901 to 278,277,227 in 1927 and while the population has just about doubled in that period, the per capita consumption has increased from 15.1 dozen to 29.67 dozen.

In the hog grading records the Maritimes are easily first with 37.88

per cent bacon selects and 42.24 per cent thick smooth. Canada as a whole had 17.46 per cent of the former, and 62.17 of the latter.

Space forbids further mention of the many other interesting items found in the Report.

INCREASE OF STATURE

Science has done wonderful things and promises others still more wonderful. Dr. Oscar Riddle, of the Carnegie Institute Station for Experimental Evolution, says that man's stature will some day be increased by the preparation and use of a hormone of the anterior pituitary gland of animals. This hormone will, he thinks, be obtained pure in the course of a very few years, and when it is obtained it will be possible to treat human beings during the period of normal growth, and thus increase their size.

The pituitary gland is a small nut-shaped ductless gland at the base of the brain, and produces a secretion (hormone) which affects the connective tissues and bones. Salamanders—we call them "lizards"—and rats have been fed on the pituitary glands of other animals, and doubled their normal size. This was no advantage to the rats, however; for when one was turned loose to see what would happen, he soon perished. One result of his size was that he could not find cover readily; no ordinary rat-hole could shelter him.

There is, moreover, a lesson to be learned from palaeontology; we find "fossil" races appearing first as small individuals. As time went on their size increased, and just as the race became gigantic—like the dinosaur which once roamed our Island—it disappeared, why we know not, and some new race took its place in the evolutionary scale.

Size is no advantage to modern animals either. The African elephant for example, conspicuous and too large for concealment, has been saved, at the eleventh hour, by creating sanctuaries and prohibiting its destruction.

SWISS WANT NO PROHIBITION

GENEVA, May 15—Switzerland, it appeared today, is not in favor of even the most modified prohibition. In balloting, yesterday, an initiative bill to authorize local option as to prohibition of hard liquors were beaten badly.

Every one of the 24 Swiss cantons rejected the measure by an overwhelming majority.

Curbs Strains

For horses suffering from inflamed, swollen joints, sprains, bruises, soft hunches, boils, poll evil, guttles, scuffs and infected sores, use Absorbine. It is economical and effective, will not blister or remove hair, and the horse can be worked during treatment. Booklet on the horse sent free. \$1.50 per bottle at your druggist's or general merchant's. W. F. Young, Inc., Lyons Bldg., Montreal.

ABSORBINE Heals Cuts and Sores

Argentuil Boy

Pure Bred Clydesdale Stallion. This horse needs no introduction as he was first prize winner at Charlottetown for Fall of 1928. As a stock getter is hard to beat having 9 colts at the Exhibition 1928. They winning 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the three classes and one of his colts winning the special. This horse will make the season as follows beginning May 6th. Leave home at noon to Will Deckendorf's over night, Tuesday May 7th at or near Cornwall at noon, thence to Boyd Livingston's over night, Wednesday May 8th to James McNevin's, Canoe Cove at noon, thence to James Taylor's Nine Mile Creek over night, Thursday, May 9th to Reuben McKinnon's Fairview, at noon, thence to Nell McEachern's, Long Creek, over night, returning home Friday at night where he remains till the following Monday, May 13th at noon where he will leave for Eddie Newman's at Hunter River, night, Tuesday, May 14th to Cecil Laird's, New Glasgow, at noon and W. A. Simpson's, Bay View over night, Wednesday, May 15th to Nelson McCoubrey's, Saturday at noon thence to Eddie Rollings, Rusticoville over night, Thursday, May 16th to Norman Ling's, Wheatley River at noon, returning home at night. This route will be continued fortnightly, health and weather permitting. Terms \$8.00 for season. Mares at owner's risk. GEO. C. KITSON, Owner in Charge. 3818-5-14-61.

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