

NEWSY FARM NOTES

By Agricola

WINSLOE NORTH SCHOOL FAIR

By the time this appears in print the school fair at Winsloe North will have become a pleasant memory to the young folk who took part in it. It is a gratifying feature that the committee of the fair have decided this year to offer prizes for the best collection of insects. The subject is not only very interesting as a "hobby"—every scholar should have a hobby—but highly important also since insects work for and against us in many ways. In fact the harmful insects are man's chief rivals for the possession of the earth, little as we imagine it; and if their numbers were not kept down by natural and artificial checks our food supply would speedily be cut off. For this reason observers in all parts of Canada under the direction of the Dominion Entomologist, have this year for the first time, instituted an "insect pest survey" and the results of their observations have appeared during the summer condensed into a monthly bulletin. There seems to be a lack of observers in P. E. I. as compared with the other provinces, but with the good work carried out by the School Fairs, this will be remedied in time. Who knows but that the future Dominion Entomologist this year exhibited his insects at Winsloe North.

Last year a proposal was made that a school song contest be inaugurated at the School Fairs and it is hoped the idea will not be lost sight of, since besides introducing a new and agreeable feature, the practice of singing has effects both direct and indirect. It makes for health both physical and mental; it teaches co-operation, and is an aid to discipline. In Britain, where the educational system is probably the best in the world, great stress is laid upon the practice of singing in the schools.

Soy Beans again

As I write, about 75 per cent of my experimental crop of soy beans is ripe. It has been an exceptionally warm summer of course, but the first beans ripened in 96 days as which permeates the loose starch against 113 as given in the bulletins, and holds it in shape after the pot and it may be possible to work up an early strain suitable for this Is-

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on being told the invariable reply is "Soy beans"? That's what—is made of naming a proprietary beverage of a nourishing character "like cocoa". It is a fact, I believe, that Canada imports about half a million pounds of soy bean oil for use in the arts and manufactures, and I read that at a meeting of the Wisconsin Fox Breeders, it was proposed to use soy beans as a substitute for meat, in part. This is because they have a high protein and oil content.

Potato Digging

Some farmers have been tempted by the fine weather to dig early, and found that their potatoes "skinned" badly. This untoward result was due to a certain immaturity of the tuber's corky protection, and it would have been better to defer the digging till every trace of green had left the stems. A weightier reason for postponing the operation is that the spores of the late blight infect the potato (causing rot in the cellar) when it is dug just after the leaves die. Fortunately it has been discovered that these spores have only a short life, from ten to fourteen days; and if the ground allows the potato stems to die down, and then waits for that period before digging, the chance of infection is reduced to a minimum. This point cannot be too strongly insisted on.

Years ago, at a "Summer School" course in Charlottetown I heard a professor lecture on the principal substances contained in the potato tuber. The most striking fact that 80 per cent of the tuber is water; that is, 48 lbs in every bushel. (A great price for water when potatoes are \$1. a bushel.) This readily explains the short crops in a dry season. Following this came the calculation that 18 per cent is starch, a food producing heat and energy; and 1 per cent protein, which is the flesh and muscle builder. The protein is disposed in a thin layer just under the skin, and paring, especially if carelessly done, removes most of this valuable material. The remaining 1 per cent is woody tissue, which permeates the loose starch

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Ploughing Time
The heavy rains are rapidly bringing the ground into condition for ploughing. This operation—the basic cultural work in farming shows to a great extent, the character of the man engaged in it. If the work is uniform with no sod thrown out of place or missed if the crown is even and the furrows well cleaned up, then we look at the field with pleasure and say "that is a careful farmer." And care is one of the essentials of success.

In the North of England and in Scotland in the days of my boyhood good ploughing was encouraged by "ploughing matches" and I verily believe some of the old veterans could have driven a furrow for half a mile without inch deviation from the true. The "ploughing match" is becoming popular in some parts of Canada, and might well be introduced here.

'Twas ever thus
"I'm kind o' worried about that boy o' mine", said Farmer Corntosel. "He's one o' those young fellows that's too smart to take advice, and not quite smart enough to think it up for themselves."

Egg Laying Contest

Notes on the Prince Edward Island Egg Laying Contest for the week ending September 18, 1930.

Mr. James Tuplin's Barred Rock pen No. 12 led the contest for the week with 42 eggs, 47 points; Mr. William Sanson's Barred Rock Pen No. 10 was second with 40 eggs, 41.6 points; and Mrs. A. Fyfe's Barred Rock Pen No. 7 was third with 38 eggs, 41.5 points.

The Kensington Baby Chick Hatchery's Barred Rock hen no 9 still leads the contest for individual laying with 242 eggs, 267.1 points. The Charlottetown Experimental Station's Barred Rock hen No. 7 in Pen 5 is second with 229 eggs, 253.3 points; and Mrs. J. F. Easton's White Leghorn hen No. 8 is third with 223 eggs, 256.1 points.

Mr. William Sanson's Barred Rock pen No. 10 has taken the lead for production to date with 1947 eggs. The Kensington Baby Chick Hatchery Barred Rock pen no 2 leading which has been leading since the start has fallen to second place with 2047.7 points. Mr. James Tuplin's Barred Rock Pen No. 12 is third with 1819 eggs, 1995.8 points.

The production for the week was 527 and to date 33610.

P. E. I.

Prince Edward Island, How well you are named, "The Garden of the Gulf". A Jewel set in sparkling waters Reflecting the beauty of thyself.

Trees with foliage dense and lovely, Hills and valleys more than fair, Garden farms where fields in blossom Meet the vision everywhere.

Homes that nestle in the shadow Of ever green and leafing trees Flowers and ferns of pleasing beauty The wild rose that scents the morning breeze.

And the hearts that make a people Honest, noble, fearless, free; Hearts that love, hearts that sorrow Hearts so full of sympathy.

Here man lives who loves his neighbor To give in need a helping hand; Wealth unknown, yet wealth abundant. In this garden fairyland.

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Belle River School Fair

Class 1 Oats

Sec. 1.—Hilda Beaton, Flat River; 2. Marion Smith, Belle River; 3. John Cook, Belle River.

Sec. 2.—Wheat. 1. Earla Beaton, Flat River; 2. Hilda Beaton, Flat River; 3. William MacRae, Flat River.

Sec. 3.—Sweet Corn. 1. Mary MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 2. Donald MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 3. Maurice Stewart, Belle River.

Sec. 4.—Threshed Beans. 1. Margaret Riley, Belle River; 2. Dorothy Young, Belle River; 3. Maurice Stewart, Belle River.

Class 2
Sec. 1.—Green Mountain Potatoes. 1. William MacRae, Flat River; 2. Annie Smith, Belle River; 3. Lemuel MacRae, Flat River.

Sec. 2.—Turnips. 1. Edwin Bears, Belle River; 2. Miriam Smith, Belle River; 3. Preston Gillis, Melville.

Sec. 3.—Carrots. 1. Emily Compton, Belle River; 2. Annie Smith, Belle River; 3. Ethel Jardine, Belle River.

Sec. 4.—Parsnips. 1. Ida MacMillan, Flat River; 2. Donald MacMillan, Flat River.

Class 3
Sec. 1.—Tomatoes. 1. Donald MacQueen, Wood Islands West; 2. Sinclair Crawford, Wood Islands West; 3. Billie MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Sec. 2.—Cucumbers. 1. Margaret Gillis, Melville; 2. Ida MacMillan, Flat River; 3. Goodwill MacDougall, Belle River.

Sec. 3.—Beets. 1. Helen Compton, Belle River; 2. Elmer Compton, Belle River; 3. Harold Grant, Belle River.

Sec. 4.—Pumpkins. 1. Maurice Stewart, Belle River; 2. Ida MacMillan, Flat River; 3. Willena Cook, Belle River.

Class 4
Sec. 1.—Alexander Apples. 1. Alberta Stewart, Belle River; 2. Sinclair Crawford, Wood Islands West; 3. Edith Compton, Belle River.

Sec. 2.—Plums. 1. Mary MacQueen, Wood Islands West.

Sec. 3.—Crab Apples. 1. Earla Beaton, Flat River; 2. Hilda Beaton, Flat River; 3. Flora Gillis, Melville.

Sec. 4.—Pears. 1. Mary MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Class 5
Sec. 1.—Mixed Dahlias. 1. Ida MacMillan, Flat River.

Sec. 2.—Mixed Flowers.—1. Mary MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 2. Ida MacMillan, Flat River; 3. Hilda Beaton, Flat River.

Sec. 3.—Geranium. 1. Mary MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 2. Kathleen MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 3. Ruby MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Class 6 Canning
Sec. 1.—Raspberries. 1. Ida MacMillan, Flat River.

Sec. 2.—Beets. 1. Ida MacMillan, Flat River; 2. Earla Beaton, Flat River; 3. Hilda Beaton, Flat River.

Sec. 3.—Beans. 1. Ida MacMillan, Flat River.

Class 7 Cooking
Sec. 1.—Loaf Bread.—Division B. 1. Margaret Crawford, Wood Islands West; 2. Grace MacDougall, Belle River; 3. Rubena MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Sec. 2.—Biscuit. 1. Verlie MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 2. Margaret Crawford, Wood Islands West; 3. Florrie Beaton, Flat River.

Sec. 3.—Ginger Snaps. 1. Grace MacDougall, Belle River; 2. Mary Cook, Belle River; 3. Florrie Beaton, Flat River.

Sec. 4.—Lemon Pie. 1. Florrie Beaton, Flat River; 2. Mary B. Cook, Belle River; 3. Grace MacDougall, Belle River.

Sec. 5.—Fudge. 1. Annie Smith, Belle River; 2. Verlie MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 3. Hilda Beaton, Flat River.

Class 7—Division A—Cooking
Sec. 1.—Biscuits. 1. Ida MacMillan, Flat River; 2. Dorothy Young, Belle River.

Sec. 2.—Apple Pie. 1. Earla Beaton, Flat River.

Sec. 3.—Fudge. 1. Grace MacDougall, Belle River; 2. Ethel Jardine, Belle River; 3. Earla Beaton, Flat River.

Class 8—Sewing etc.—Division A.
Sec. 1.—Velma MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Sec. 2.—Hemstitching.—1. Earla Beaton, Flat River.

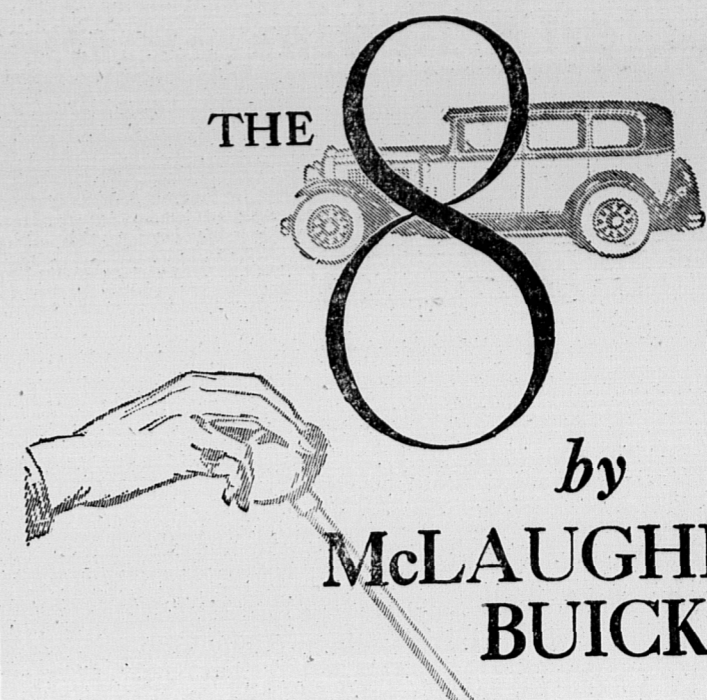
Sec. 3.—Mended Sock. 1. Velma MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Sec. 4.—Embroidered Linen. 1. Mary MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 2. Velma MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 3. Mary MacMillan, Wood Islands West.

Class 8—Sewing etc.—Division B.
Sec. 1.—Hemstitching. 1. Sarah MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 2. Annie MacMillan, Wood Islands West; 3. Hilda Beaton, Flat River.

Sec. 2.—Mended Garment. 1. Margaret Crawford, Wood Islands West; 2. Ethel Jardine, Belle River; 3. Mary Cook, Belle River.

Sec. 3.—Embroidered Linen. 1. Margaret Crawford, Wood Islands West; 2. Florrie Beaton, Flat River; 3. Annie MacMillan, Wood Islands West.



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Sec. 2.—Mail Box. 1. Alvadore Grant, Belle River.

Sec. 3.—Bird House. 1. Goodwill MacDougall, Belle River.

Class 10—Livestock
Sec. 1.—Calves. 1. Dan Bears, Belle River; 2. Alexander Beaton, Flat River; 3. Lester MacRae, Flat River; 4. Goodwill MacDougall, Belle River; 5. Poultry, William MacRae, Flat River; 2. Frank Cook, Belle River; 3. Vergene Stewart, Belle River.

Sec. 2.—Poultry. 1. William MacRae, Flat River; 2. Frank Cook, Belle River; 3. Vergene Stewart, Belle River.

Class 11 Collections
Sec. 1.—Noxious Weeds. 1. Belle River School; 2. Flat River School; 3. Wood Islands West.

Sec. 2.—Leaves. 1. Belle River; 2. Flat River; 3. Wood Islands West.

Sec. 3.—Samples of Wood. 1. Goodwill MacDougall, Belle River.

Sec. 4.—Weed Seeds. 1. Belle River; 2. Flat River.

Class 12—School Work
Sec. 1. A.—Exercise Books. 1. Belle River.

Sec. C.—1. Flat River; 2. Wood Islands West.

Sec. D.—1. Wood Islands West; 2. Flat River; 3. Belle River.

Sec. B.—1. Wood Islands West; 2. Flat River; 3. Belle River.

Sec. E.—1. Wood Islands West; 2. Belle River; 3. Flat River.

Sec. 2. A.—Maps. 1. Belle River; 2. Wood Islands West; 3. Flat River.

Sec. 2. B.—1. Belle River; 2. Wood Islands West.

Islands; 3. Flat River.
Sec. 2. C.—1. Belle River; 2. Wood Islands; 3. Flat River.
Sec. 3. A.—Art Work. 1. Belle River; 2. Wood Islands; 3. Flat River.
Sec. B. 1.—Belle River; 2. Flat River.
Sec. B.—1. Belle River; 2. Flat River; 3. Wood Islands.

River; 3. Flat River.
Sec. 4. D.—1. Wood Islands; 2. Belle River; 3. Flat River.
Sec. E.—1. Belle River; 2. Wood Islands; 3. Flat River.

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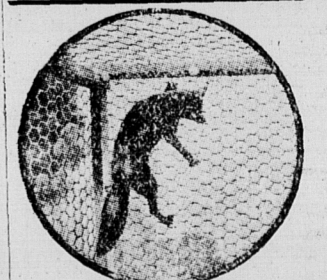
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