

# Agricultural News

F. E. L. Department of Agriculture

## FERTILIZERS FOR 1955

Among the familiar fertilizer formulas farmers will see next spring there will be at least one new-comer. The old 5-10-10 is being replaced by 5-12-12.

You may ask why can't we buy 5-10-10 and who is responsible for this change. Actually 5-12-12 is the same as 5-10-10 but with more plant food units per ton. That is 1600 pounds of 5-10-10 is just as good as 2000 pounds of 5-12-10. The big advantage is that for every ton of the old 5-10-10 you pay freight on only 1600 pounds of the 5-12-12. This stronger fertilizer is made possible by the use of higher-testing chemicals — not by leaving out filler. Modern high-grade fertilizers do not contain any appreciable amount of filler. It is added only to improve the physical quality of the fertilizer and to prevent caking.

The Maritime Fertilizer Council consisting of Agriculture workers and fertilizer manufacturers from the three Maritime Provinces, meet every year and draw up the recommended list of fertilizer formulas. Their recommendations are based on field experiments and reports from farmers.

Should a demand for a special formula, such as 9-5-7, come from a number of farmers, the Council will then recommend it for that particular area. If an unusual formula is required the chemicals are available at the fertilizer mixing plant.

For a complete list of fertilizers for 1955 plus recommended rates, visit or write your Agricultural Representative or the Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.

## MINERALS IN LIVESTOCK FEEDING

Importance of Minerals: It has long been known that for the health of animals and even for life itself, often times, we have border. The deficiencies which show up as stunted growth, thin and weak looking animals, low milk production, etc. A young animal that is growing fast, requires these minerals for the normal growth of their bones, and for various other functions, if they are going to develop into big, sturdy, heavy producers. Unfortunately, there are far too many farmers today who neglect to provide their stock with these nutrients. Consequently, our stock never reaches their full growth and the result is small cattle with tucked up middles who will not pay for their keep.

It is not necessary to purchase complex and expensive mineral mixture to do the job. A simple mixture will provide all the essential minerals needed for normal growth and health.

The average farmer has poor quality hay in his barn this year due to the rains this past summer and since the hay is the main source of minerals and vitamins for livestock, it is strongly recommended that minerals be supplied to cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, etc.

Clover hay may be profitably fed to all stock and poultry on the farm. Hogs will eat a surprising amount and thrive on it. A slatted rack should be provided to keep the hay off the floor. The more leafy your hay is, the higher the protein mineral and vitamin content will be and the more nutritious and palatable. Since the hay that went into barns this year was cut too late it will contain little or no vitamin A, the essential for health, vitamins and therefore Cod Liver Oil should be added to the meal mixture. Approximately half a gallon of this feeding oil should be added to every ton of the meal ration fed, for all stock on the farm. This oil will supply both Vitamin A and Vitamin D. The latter is essential for the proper utilization of Calcium and Phosphorus in the mineral mixture or in the hay.

The main minerals most likely to be lacking in livestock rations are: Calcium, Phosphorus, Sodium, Chlorine and possibly Iodine and Cobalt.

The vitamin most likely to be lacking is Vitamin A. We can supply the minerals very economically by making our own mineral mixture.

**For Cattle, Sheep and Horses:**  
 100 lbs. feeding bone meal  
 40 lbs. ground limestone  
 40 lbs. iodized salt containing Cobalt.

**For Swine:**  
 100 lbs. feeding bone meal  
 100 lbs. ground limestone  
 100 lbs. iodized salt

**For Poultry:**  
 100 lbs. feeding bone meal  
 100 lbs. ground limestone  
 100 lbs. iodized salt

This mixture may be used when the salt licks or an additional salt is supplied.

Princes Edward Island is not known to be an Iodine or Cobalt deficient area, but these nutrients are included in the ration purely as a safe-guard. A lack of iodine can cause goiter (swollen necks) in young animals and pigs will be

born blind and hairless. Cobalt deficiency causes a form of anemia whereby cattle fall off sharply in milk production, become very thin with a ragged hair coat and often die. These deficiency symptoms and others are not always sharply defined and often times border line deficiencies occur. This may result merely in milk production falling off or pigs making slow gains in weight.

**AMOUNT OF MINERALS TO ADD TO MEAL:**

Include 3 lbs of the above mineral mixture to each 100 lbs. of meal fed.

**COBT:**

Any one of the above mineral mixture will cost approximately \$3.00 per hundred. On this basis, 3 lbs. will cost only 9 cents for each animal will consume less than one cent worth per day in the meal ration.

When farm animals graze bones, wood, or other objects, or eat dirt, it often indicates a deficiency of phosphorus or some other mineral.

However, horses and pigs have been known to show these symptoms even when receiving an adequate mineral supplement.

Since we cannot always tell for certain when animals need minerals, it is the wise farmer who makes it a policy to keep his stock well supplied with minerals.

**THE SIRE'S FEET**

A fact that we often fail to consider is that a herd bull, depending on his age and condition, must carry all of 1500 to 2000 pounds of his weight on four hoofs, which are roughly the size of an ordinary saucer. Taking this one simple fact into consideration we can then realize the full importance of having the bull's feet in proper shape so that the weight is distributed evenly and the animal has freedom of movement.

One of the results of untrimmed hoofs is that possibly nothing tends to reduce a bull's activity, affects his physical condition and general usefulness more than feet which are sore and callused resulting from the fact that his feet were left untrimmed. A heavy mature bull with long splayed runner hoofs will soon begin to limp and display an almost creeping gait when he walks. This hindrance to his normal freedom of movement is evidently caused by the spreading of his feet under the pressure of his body weight. It does not take much imagination to know, or effort to find out, that when this spreading takes place the soft tender part between the toes on the base of hoof, are let down until those vulnerable parts come in contact with the ground causing hoof to become sore and tender. A hoof that is thus sore footed is not likely to be of much use for breeding.

Ordinarily nature takes care of the trimming of animal's hoofs. This was accomplished by the fact that bulls and cows travelled a good many miles each day on different types of soil. The constant wear would keep the hoofs trimmed or worn down and in proper shape. It is not only important to trim older bull's feet alone, the care of the feet and hoof trimming is equally important when the bull is young. If a young animal's hoofs are allowed to grow too long he eventually will stand in an abnormal position and as his body grows, he will take on some of these abnormal conformations.

One of the first essentials of the cattle man's equipment are cattle stocks. Stocks can be useful not only in trimming hoofs, but also in administering other medical attention to herd individuals. Always remember that stocks must be substantially built so that it is made easy to restrain the animal. If you want some ideas or plans in constructing animal stocks, contact your agricultural representative or write to the Department of Agriculture, Box 9, Charlottetown.

Before trimming the hoof it might be helpful to soften the hoofs by keeping the animal standing for several hours on wet straw, shavings or sawdust, or allow him to run at night on pastures covered with heavy dew and trim before hoofs have become dried out again.

The equipment needed other than stocks, is not extensive — that is, a pair of hoof nippers, a one and a half inch or one and a quarter inch wood chisel and a hoof rasp. The technique to follow is very simple. First, using the hoof nippers, cut away any excess hoof on the bottom, then cut back the toes. Thirdly, with a hoof rasp, level off the bottom of the foot. Use the chisel to pare down the heel and level up the entire surface of the bottom of the hoof. Give particular attention to the inside points of the toes. Lastly, take the rasp to shape up the toe to its normal form.

**CALBHOOD VACCINATION**

Calbhood vaccination is a method of protecting animals against an active infection of Brucellosis. This method of protection is widely practiced throughout other provinces and in the United States. It has afforded a protection to cattle owners against devastating and disastrous results of contagious abortion.

Frequently the question is raised "Will the vaccination of calves cause the disease?" It has been proven beyond any doubt that vaccination against Brucellosis will not cause or transmit the disease. The calves are vaccinated between the age of six to nine months. The wise breeder will have all his calves vaccinated between these ages. There are many benefits derived from such a program. The two main ones are protection against invasion of Brucellosis and a more ready sale in the export market. Consult your district veterinarian concerning this program.

**COLDS**  
 CUT FROM DAYS TO HOURS — For 35¢  
 BUCKLEY'S CAPSULES

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The Luscoe Products Company of Toronto recently paid a fine of \$1000 and had their cough medicine with a powerful kick confiscated.

Magistrate C. A. Thoburn who reviewed the case ruled that the medicine was an intoxicating liquor containing 56 per cent alcohol, 16 per cent more than liquor sold by the Liquor Control Board. In other words, the cough syrup did not contain enough medication.

The Japanese beetle is one of the most destructive pests ever to get a foothold on this continent. Bluish-green in color, they are believed to have first entered North America in 1916. The pests have huge appetites and they will eat garden products, roses, and just about any form of growing vegetation.

So, if ever you see any Japanese beetles on the march, be sure you go out of your way to destroy them.

A Norwich, Ontario, woman had her lawn paved when a dump truck ran off the highway and upset a load of 7 1/2 tons of cold pack over the green sward.

The driver of the truck told police that he had fallen asleep behind the wheel.

Ontario Highway Department officials rushed to the scene but found the stuff had begun to solidify. It is the only case on record where a lawn was paved as the result of an accident.

It is estimated that the transcript of the Army-McCarthy hearings consists of 1,800,000 words, which makes one wonder what, if anything, was left unsaid.

It is already well known that they cause more insanity than they prevent. One person maintains his mental balance by taking up a hobby and drives a number of others crazy telling them about it. This ought not to be so for no matter how fearful a fellow may be of the future, he hopes to live to see a lot more of it.

Our greatest love and most priceless treasure is liberty. True liberty is justice and regard for truth. It is the right to earn a decent living and spend our money where we like to do the most good.

That is the equality which our pioneer parents proclaimed. We cannot be equal in possessions, ability, efficiency. But equity — fair play — is liberty as Canada knows it.

To guard this liberty has cost us thousands of lives, countless struggles, and much suffering. It also cost time in building a better Canada. Indeed, it cost the labor of heart, mind and hand. To guard this priceless possession we must be ever on the alert to lurking dangers from within and without, lest we lose what we have.

True liberty cost much to build and maintain but it is worth what it costs.

Samuel Smith's patriotic song to the American public: My Country 'Tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, etc., has the same tune to which the British sing "God Save the Queen."

## In Memoriam

MRS. MARY ANNE CURLEY

In the death of Mrs. Mary Anne Curley on Friday, Nov. 12, 1954 the school district of Brookvale and the parish of Kelly's Cross lost one of its oldest and well beloved citizens and parishioners. She was in her 88th year.

The late Mrs. Curley was, before her marriage, Mary Anne MacDonald of Kelly's Cross. She was a sister of Father Frank MacDonald at one time pastor of St. James Church, Summerfield.

Mrs. Curley was one of the old Irish stock whose ready wit and jovial disposition coupled with her natural kindness and friendliness endeared her to young and old alike. She could ever show love and sympathy in the trouble and sorrows of others while in her own she would say "It is God's Will and we must bear our crosses."

During the time of her infirmity and last illness she was frequently visited by her pastor, Fr. James Smith and died fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church of which she was always an exemplary member.

The sons and daughters left to mourn are Wilfred and O'Leary in Ottawa, William in Summerfield, Mark and Amos at home, Clarence in Kelly's Cross, Lena (Mrs. Joseph Carragher) Brookvale and Mtherva, Rollo Bay.

There are also two sisters and one brother: Mrs. J. P. Rielly (Terese) in Salem, Mass., Mrs. J. P. Carragher (Flora), Kelly's Cross and John A. MacDonald also of Kelly's Cross.

The funeral which was very largely attended in spite of the bad condition of the roads, was held from her late residence to St. Joseph's Church, Kelly's Cross on Monday morning, Nov. 15th. Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Fr. James Smith assisted by Fr. W. A. Keefe, deacon and Fr. Charles McCarthy, sub-deacon. Fr. George MacDonald, St. Margaret's was also present in the sanctuary.

The pallbearers were J. P. Carragher, Aeneas Kiggins, William Carragher, Justin Sturdy, Maurice Coady, and Adrian Smith.

**KEPT OUT LATE**

HALIFAX (CP)—Welfare agencies here say they have received numerous complaints about children selling soft drinks and cakes late at night at various types of social entertainments.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In Loving Memory of  
 MRS. THOMAS HOGAN,  
 who passed away January 5, 1920.  
 As Angels watch her above  
 Please God just let her know  
 That we down here do not forget  
 We love and miss her so.  
 Inserted by the Family.

## City and Central

CRASWELL for Better Photographs

"WE TREAT THE SICK WELL" — Giggey's Pharmacy, open evenings till 8 o'clock.

ADELLA'S MILLINERY — All winter hats clearing at greatly reduced prices.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT at 8 o'clock in Zion Presbyterian Church.

TUNE INTO C. F. C. Y., 7.45 Thursday evening, for the first of the Season's Provincial Market Broadcast.

ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bryenton, Hamilton, P. E. I., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Thura Eleanor, to John Ashley Nicholson, son of Mrs. Mildred Nicholson and the late Everett Nicholson of Marysville, N. B. Wedding to take place in the near future.

AT THE C. N. I. B. Women's Auxiliary Christmas Party for the blind Mrs. Angus McEachern was the soloist. This was inadvertently omitted from the report in yesterday's paper.

SEED SHIPMENTS — A shipment of 14,000 bags seed potatoes left the Island yesterday on the "Rexford Kent" for Norfolk, Va. Completing the loading of a part cargo of seed is the "Irvingwood" which will take on 40,000 bags of seed before proceeding for Georgetown where she will complete her cargo with an additional 15,000 bags of seed, before sailing for Norfolk, Va. It was stated in yesterday's issue that these two ships were loading tablestock. It should be pointed out, that up to the present time, there has been little or no market for Canadian tablestock in the United States.

**Salvage Crews Clear Suez Canal**

PORT SAID, Egypt (Reuters)—Engineers and salvage crews, racing against time, have cleared the obstruction of the Suez canal caused when a tanker rammed a railroad bridge and went aground in the narrow channel.

The Liberator - registered tanker World Peace was refloated late Sunday night, and shipping circles said navigation on the vital waterway would be resumed early this morning.

Direct traffic between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea was halted since Friday, when the 10,000-ton tanker rammed the bridge at El Ferdan and then went aground with a span of steel structure wedged between it and the shore.

More than 200 ships rode at anchor at the entrances to the canal as the salvage work proceeded.

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## Auto Accidents

### Kill 717 In 6-Month Period

OTTAWA (CP)—Auto accidents in Canada killed an estimated 1,062 persons and injured 25,967 in the first six months of this year, the bureau of statistics reported Tuesday.

No Canada-wide comparative figures were given for the same period of 1954 since they were not available from Quebec which was not then reporting on a quarterly basis.

But the bureau said its total of 717 deaths and 18,884 injured for all provinces except Quebec compared with 714 death and 19,999 injured in the first half of last year.

The bureau said that including an estimate of 37,082 auto accidents in Quebec in the January-June period this year the Canadian total was 102,868 accidents.

Traffic deaths by provinces in the first six months of this year with last year's figures in brackets include: Newfoundland 7 (13); Prince Edward Island 2 (5); Nova Scotia 81 (45); New Brunswick 50 (44); Quebec estimate 365 (unavailable).

Injuries: Newfoundland 276 (238); Prince Edward Island 82 (82); Nova Scotia 1,060 (1,119); New Brunswick 640 (612); Quebec estimate 7,073 (unavailable).

Mrs. Thomas McCabe read a very inspiring letter written by Cardinal McGuigan regarding the spiritual training of children.

It was decided to buy flowers for the altar for Christmas. It was also decided that we buy some cards of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Some of the members offered to teach Catechism in their homes on Sunday afternoons during the winter months.

A letter received by Rev. Fr. Wood from Rev. Fr. Peyton concerning devotion to the Rosary was read. As a result of this letter twenty copies of Father Peyton's Rosary Prayerbook were ordered.

The next meeting will be held in the vestry after Mass on Jan. 9th. The meeting was adjourned and the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary was read.

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COVERHEAD C. W. L.

The St. Eugene's sub-division of the Catholic Women's League held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas McCabe on December 12th, with the president, Mrs. Charles O'Brien presiding.