

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

WHY NOT CHECK?

Livestock owners usually agree that winter and spring are the seasons that cattle are most likely to be sick with various ailments. There are several reasons why this is true, but most of them are related to the fact that the animals are being kept under artificial conditions. One of the most important is represented by the change to dry feed, since green grass is both a complete feed and a pretty effective tonic for cattle. The dry feed aren't many sections since the country where grass grows of the winter. However, owners can keep their cattle healthy during the cold months by observing a few simple "don'ts" in regard to management. You might check these over to see if you're doing right by your animals.

Don't over-ride the need of fresh air in barns. A lack of fresh air has lower resistance to disease of many kinds. Don't provide it through open doors. Cattle can stand plenty of cold as long as they don't stand in drafts.

Don't over-feed cattle. Book records can't always be followed since some animals are unable to handle prescribed amounts of feed.

Don't feed at irregular intervals. Cattle that get extremely hungry over-eat when feed becomes available again.

Don't feed muddled, spoiled or rotten feeds. Diets of such material may lead to poisoning and digestive upsets.

Don't take chances with too much fibre in rations. Feeds like cornstalks, over-ripe hay, etc., should be supplemented with concentrates and slightly laxative feeds like bran and molasses.

Don't neglect regular cleaning of quarters. Diseases of all kinds are favored by filth.

Don't fail to provide plenty of bedding. Dry, comfortable animals have more resistance to diseases.

Don't crowd cows into stalls that are too small for them. Ample room means fewer injuries and less mastitis.

Don't furnish icy water. Cattle don't drink enough of it in cold weather. Too little water intake increases the danger of digestive troubles.

Don't forget to check drinking cups regularly. Dirty or defective cups may completely deprive cattle of water.

Don't try to provide salt by hand or in grain rations since there is considerable variation in requirements of individual animals. Supply it free-choice and let cattle help themselves to as much or as little as they please.

Don't overlook the importance of exercise. Cattle will be healthier if they're turned out for a few minutes each day, even in cold weather.

Don't turn animals out in storms or extremely cold weather. Soaking with water may lower resistance to disease, while zero weather may result in frozen teats.

Don't forget that disease may be brought home with healthy looking purchases. Keeping such animals isolated from the home herd for thirty days may prevent an outbreak of something like shipping fever.

Don't forget that light is important in barns. Dangerous germs and parasites of all kinds are favored by dark surroundings.

Don't fail to watch animals carefully for the first signs of sickness. Those that are treated early always have the best chance of recovery.

Don't neglect the disinfection of pens and buildings after an attack of disease has been brought under control. Otherwise, germs or parasites may remain alive on premises for a long time to infect healthy animals.

Time spent in cleaning up farm machinery and applying an effective rust preventative is far from wasted. Hours of irritating work and possibly expensive repairs may be saved when equipment is used again in the spring.

Pregnancy Disease

This is essentially an ailment of pregnant ewes, especially those carrying twins or triplets. The condition usually occurs during the last month of pregnancy, and is more common in ewes being maintained on dry feed with limited exercise.

The exact cause of the disease is not fully understood, though the above mentioned factors all appear to be more or less involved.

Symptoms: — At first the affected animals stand off by themselves or lag behind the flock when being driven. Later they become dull and weak, urinate frequently, and grind their teeth. The breathing may become faster and nervousness commonly develops. The affected ewe may be stupid or excitable, and appears to be blind. She refuses feed and drinks little water, becoming weaker and finally unable to rise. The ewe may lie flat on her side or she may lie on the bricket with the head turned towards the flank, sometimes for days before death occurs. Lambs born at this time are apt to be weak and unthrifty and in many cases die.

Prevention: Pregnant ewes should receive a liberal allowance of clean, bright, legume hay. In addition, grain should be fed particularly during the last month of pregnancy. With the grain, small quantities of molasses, corn syrup, or pure dextrose may be given. Exercise is essential and to accomplish that the animals may be fed at some distance from the barn or pen where they are kept at night. The object should be to bring the ewes up to lambing time in good thrifty condition, neither thin nor overly fat. When available there is nothing better than a good pasture, which supplies both the necessary feed and exercise.

Treatment of the disease as it occurs in the lambing shed is seldom successful, though some animals may recover if taken in hand early. Calcium Gluconate and Dextrose solution may be injected into the blood stream, or molasses corn syrup or pure dextrose may be given in the drinking water or as a drench.

Death of Former Islander—Word has just been received of the death of Mr. Daniel Munn formerly of Mermaid, La. 48, occurred in Los Angeles, California, on Aug. 30, 1953. In his 88th year. Mr. Munn was the son of the late Donald Munn of Mermaid. He is survived by three daughters and four sons. His wife, formerly Margaret Anne Smith of New London, P.E.I., predeceased him on March 22, 1953.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

What with the increase of all kinds of motor vehicles on our highways both city and urban dwellers often complain about traffic noises disturbing their sleep. But if you lived in one apartment house in Zurich Switzerland you'd have to put up with the din of a trolley passing right through the building.

This apartment was especially designed to permit an elevated trolley line to pass through it. Cricket fighting is a National pastime in China. Records of the sport are kept in much the same way as we chalk up horse racing in Canada.

A Houston, Texas, policeman, A. J. Crow, pinned a speeding ticket on the windshield of Robert Peacock who lives at 2103 Bald Eagle Street.

Last August, two-year-old Vianney Thibault vanished in the dense bushland near his home at Maniwaki, Quebec. The police aided by a posse failed to locate the missing child. Then a professional hypnotist came into the picture — the Great Romeo. He hypnotized the 17-year-old daughter of the local theatre manager and, while under the influence of the spell, and under the scrutinizing eyes of the provincial police the hypnotized girl told the searchers the exact spot where the boy was found safe and sound. Strange but true!

Living side by side, neighbors in McNary, Oregon, duplex are Clarence Short and Phillip W. Short. And so that's the long and short of this item.

It's a good thing that Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Bourguault, of Angus France, are not a superstitious couple. Why? Because their last baby, born on Nov. 13, 1953, at 1300 hours, (1 p.m.) is in their 13th child.

Did the ancients see flying saucers and all the rest of those sky wonders people are seeing today? Here are a few incidents to prove that they did.

An ancient Saxon chronicle reports that in the year A. D. 1032, there appeared in the sky, "Wyld fire such as no man before remembered, and it did considerable harm."

Ten years later, in 1042, "Wyld fire killed many men and animals all over England. There were fires in the sky, fires in grain and corn fields, fires of undetermined origin and of a mysterious nature in Derbyshire. Many buildings were burned." (Anglo-Saxon Chronicle)

Mysterious radiological phenomena, as brilliant as the famous Reser mystery in Florida, in 1951, were recorded by ancient Roman historians.

In B. C. 220, a fleet of phantom ships were seen off the coast of Terracina, a port about 66 miles from the Eternal City.

Coming down to more recent times we have a startling story of the British gun frigate H.M.S. Barracouta, which in the year 1793 broke away from a squadron exploring the coast of East Africa. Some months later, the Captain of a British ship recognized the runaway frigate, cruising off Table Bay, South Africa. And now we come to the amazing part of the story, taken from the captain's log:

"She (the Barracouta) made no effort to join us but stood away. As we got near the port to which my ship and the Barracouta were bound I attached little importance to the event, and continued our course. At sundown, we observed the Barracouta heave to and send a small boat to pick up a man apparently drowning. Next day we dropped anchor in Table Bay, and waited a full month for her coming. Afterwards, we learned that when we saw the ship off the coast of South Africa, she was more than 350 miles distant, and no other vessel of the same class was even seen about the Cape of Good Hope at that time."

As recently as 1927 the crew of an Irish fishing fleet came to anchor off Baffin Island, after having been chased many miles by a ghost ship which never answered their hail. The fishermen thinking it was a bad omen returned to their home port pronto.

In Melbourne, Australia, a Polish immigrant named Ida Hampel was visited by her sister, who had been a prisoner of war in Germany. The German police had tattooed the number 22,025 on her arm and Ida, following a mere hunch, bought herself a lottery ticket with the tattooed number. It won her a grand prize of \$25,000. Strange but true.

Is it possible for a person to have two of the four possible human blood types, O, A, B, or AB? Nine medical men in every hundred would say "No." But the British Medical Journal, reporting in its July issue, 1953, tells about a woman whose blood was discovered to be a mixture of the O and A types of cells when she was a donor at a blood clinic in London.

Six blood specialists in London, working with the blood streams of the living members of the woman's family and came up with the theory that Mr. McKo's O type cells predominated and his antigens, whatever that is, produced protective agents in the blood which produced O and not her A cells.

It is one of the strangest cases in medical history, and the first time that a human being was ever known to have what they call in medical parlance "chimera blood."

Leave a country without churches for twenty years and its people will lose faith in God.

Every Eskimo firmly believes that each object, be it rock, animal, or ice, is endowed with life. Even ideas, notions, the weather, and what have you are thought either to be spirits or to be inhabited by spirits. When they kill a caribou they of course eat its flesh, but they make sure the spirit becomes before doing so.

When a relative dies these sim-

Major Cut In Excise Tax On Automobiles Is Urged

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Canadian Automobile Association today urged a major cut in the 15-per-cent excise tax on automobiles and parts on grounds that owning a car is a basic right, not a luxury.

"The car is as much a part of the Canadian way of life as the telephone," the association said in a brief presented to Finance Minister Abbott.

The association, which claims to represent 300,000 Canadian motorists, said car owners are burdened with an unfair proportion of sales and excise taxes.

The 15 per cent excise tax on automobiles, rubber tires and tubes netted the government \$89,883,000 in the year ended March 31, 1953. Another \$72,117,000 was collected through the 10-per-cent sales tax, making a total of \$162,000,000.

The excise tax and sales tax combined amounted to more than the total amount of wages paid in the automobile industry," the brief said.

The association asked the government to "reduce materially" the excise tax on automobiles.

Average Tax Bill \$424

The average Canadian motorist paid \$424 in taxes to the federal government, made up of \$254.40 in excise tax and \$169.60 in sales tax. The owner of a car in the United States paid a federal tax of \$134.

A resolution which accompanied the brief said "The modern car is a part of the Canadian way of life with Canadians convinced owning a motor vehicle is a basic right."

The brief said about 36 per cent of the adult population use a car every day, while another 3,500,000 persons use a car at least once a week. Approximately 83 per cent of car use is for essential travel and 6 per cent for every 100 miles of travel is directly connected with how Canadians earn a living.

British Farmer Faced With Marketing Problem

(By Arch MacKenzie)

(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON (CP)—The British farmer faces a crucial year in his campaign for "ordered abundance."

Since the war, agriculture has become sturdier and more efficient on guaranteed markets, price supports programs and subsidies.

But private traders will be buying most if not all Britain's food when meat is rationed in July. And the government is anxious to reduce the cost of its farm policy as much as it can, consistent with maintaining the agricultural revolution.

Thus the farmer is wondering whether he will have a market for the extra food he grows now that the home market is open to nations which are producing surplus. Or what government assistance agriculture will continue to receive under the 1947 Agriculture Act, which commits the government to maintaining a "stable and efficient" agriculture.

"These matters are the concern of the annual farm policy talks now under way between the government and the National Farmers' Union. They will plot a course of action for the next 12 months, deciding such things as how much the farmers' surplus will be, how much money will be allocated to reclaiming marginal land and whether produce floor price guarantees will be raised, lowered or eliminated.

Government Fears Costs

The main question is whether the government feels it can afford floor-price protection in an uncontrolled market. It points to the United States farm subsidy program as an example of the costs that might develop.

The farmers have asked for some leeway to take such a protectionist step, which it regards as politically repugnant and unwise at a time when it wants countries like the U. S. to open their markets.

At the farm talks last March, the farmer was provided with a system of dual marketing. He could sell his eggs on the just-decontrolled open market, or he could sell to the government at a guaranteed price of four shillings a dozen.

Egg prices rose at first and the farmer could get a better price on the open market. Then, British eggs embargoed on Nov. 11, 1953, and market prices dropped below the guaranteed price and the food ministry recently applied for another \$24,300,000 for egg subsidies.

Cost Exceeded Estimate

The sum contributed to the total \$25,000,000 which, it is estimated, the government must fork out in farm subsidies this fiscal year ending in April. Yet the original estimate last year was for \$21,000,000.

Despite such problems, agriculture has in fact made more progress in post-war years toward efficiency than in the last century. Production is more than 50 per cent higher than in 1939, partly in response to a government-inspired farm productivity scheme begun in 1932 to save dollars and reduce Britain's dollar dependence on food imports.

It is hoped that when the scheme ends in 1956 farmers will be producing at a rate 60 per cent higher than pre-war. The government has just announced that

ple souls give his name to a dog, so that the spirit will have a place to rest until a child is born to inherit it. Sounds like a lot of nonsense to us; but to the Eskimo it's just diplomacy.

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We And Our Neighbours

by Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

Even though a cold rain is falling from a leaden sky, I ask myself, "With Spring suits and hats and lovely shoes blooming in every shop window on Fifth Avenue, can Spring be far behind? Definitely not! Perhaps this column will bring you the same reassurance, whatever the weather on the island.

How is it that the suits of this season manage to seem different though the large majority show the same colors and lines that were popular last year? Grey and navy and beige are still the leading colors. Most of the jackets are still short and fitted. Skirts are again either straight or gored.

Perhaps certain materials are more in evidence this year. Flannel — particularly grey flannel seems a favorite once more, but definitely, English tweed in shades of bronze — green, and in cream and pastels is close in second. Worsteds, and worsted-and-silk are also used more than last year.

There are a few suits here and there with a slant toward the Empire style, and a turn-back to the pleated skirt. If the trend lasts until Easter-time, I shall tell you about it. But by and large, details and not sweeping changes, give suits their new, fresh look.

Collars alone would reward a day's study (if one had the time). We are familiar with the velvet band, for instance, on the classic notched reverse. A clever touch is the way this is fastened on with the prettiest buttons.

One collar is entirely new. An ingenious designer took the wide stand-away collar often seen on dresses, and attached it to the neck of a flower, rising out of its folds. For pretty young women in dresses, the effect — as it does in dresses, less fortunate women can fill in the opening with colorful scarves.

I mentioned buttons a number of times and these are certainly used artfully. One bolted suit (belts are not common) is trimmed with the belt with three dark buttons. Plant pockets are outlined with glittering buttons. An English tweed suit (mentioned before) achieves special distinction from its white linen collar and the four large porcelain buttons that fasten the jacket.

As for hats, I am quite sure the ones in the shop windows now, do not tell the entire hat story for the season. They are mostly small, and white and navy and grey and straw-colored. They sit level on the head and they have little trimming. Here and there large trimmed ones are appearing. Will they triumph over their more modest sisters? Red hats, and pink ones, and oranges, will the ladies take to them?

Suits and hats — and shoes, are featured on Fifth Avenue. Dresses and coats will probably come a bit later. For some reason, shoe displays seem more prominent than in other years. High-heeled pumps in black, navy, ginger and red, are the most conspicuous. One fine shoe-shop had a large glass jar of ginger cookies standing beside ginger colored shoes that looked

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late William MacKenzie wish to thank their friends and neighbors who helped in many ways; also those who sent cards and letters of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent bereavement.

WEATHER FACT SIGNED

BRUSSELS. (Reuters) — A 13-country agreement for the operation of nine permanent floating meteorological stations in the North Atlantic was signed here Monday. The countries, which will contribute technically or financially in the employment of 21 ships in the services are the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Israel and Switzerland.

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