

scrubbed over. The necessity for anti-toxin in such slight wounds is not at present sufficiently recognised, particularly by those who have not worked in a district where the soil is heavily infected."

Bear in Mind—

As the cause and mode of transmission of tetanus are known, the preventive measures are indicated. Persons who work among cattle and horses and those who work in an environment of animal-manured soil can hardly avoid contact with tetanus or its spores. Wherever practicable, gloves should be worn when working in manured soil. When soil-contami-

nated skin is injured by cuts, scratches, or pricks, the part so injured should be thoroughly washed and then swabbed with weak solution of iodine. Where the wound is deep and dirty, clean as well as possible and syringe with a solution of hydrogen peroxide, and medical advice should immediately be sought. In any case it is very desirable that the hands should be thoroughly cleansed with soap and water after being contaminated with garden soil.

Prevention lies in a high standard of personal hygiene, careful, early, and skilled treatment of wounds, scratches, etc., which have been exposed to infection, and injection of anti-tetanic serum.

the law with regard to animals; incidents connected with land and chattels such as the wrongs of trespass and of nuisance, and liability for dangerous property and chattels; the law as to fencing; the statutory requirements for farms prescribed by various Acts and regulations; land valuation and rating; and the legal processes available for the enforcement of rights.

One is impressed with the entertaining manner in which the various topics are discussed, and by the clarity with which the principles of the law applicable to each topic are expressed. A work of this sort would not be complete without a discussion on the control of property after death, and this topic is appropriately left by the author for treatment in the last chapter of the book. A comprehensive index provides a ready reference to the numerous matters discussed by the author in the book.

The book should be listed as part of the "stock in trade or chattels" of every farmer. Certainly no organisation representing any section or group of the farming community should be without a copy of the book.

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Book Review

"Farming Law in New Zealand"

THE author, Mr. E. P. Wills, B.A., LL.M., M.Com., is to be congratulated upon the production of a most useful tool in the hands of all farmers who, in the language of the author, "regard their calling as something more than an acquaintance with the price of their products." Mr. Wills is well qualified to deal with a work of this kind as, in addition to the educational attainments mentioned, the author is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court and lecturer in Agricultural Law at Canterbury Agricultural College, and in the Law of Property and the Law of Contract at Canterbury University College.

As Mr. Wills points out in his introductory survey, the primary purpose of the book is to present a clear statement of the law in its application to those engaged in the occupation of farming in order that the intelligent farmer may satisfy himself as to the proper course to adopt in minor aspects of the problems which arise in the course of his calling. The book is not designed as, nor is it intended to be, a complete code for the guidance of farmers on all aspects of farming law, and the author particularly stresses the desirability of the farmer adopting the prudent course of seeking competent legal advice on matters where his legal rights and obligations are called in question.

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