

The Dairy.

Opening of Cheese Factories in Ontario.

The following returns—for which we are indebted to several of our country exchanges—contain particulars of forty factories now in active operation; and although these represent scarcely one-tenth of the number actually in existence throughout the country, the figures given furnish the data by means of which we are enabled to arrive at a pretty fair average of the whole.

Moria Factory

Commenced operations April 6, with 200 cows, expect during the season the milk of from 600 to 700 cows. Last year began making April 6, and had during the season the milk of about 600 cows, from which 173,365 lbs. of cheese were made. Joint Stock Co. Francis W. Brenton, Moria, Huntingdon.

Windmill.

Commenced operations April 13, with 50 cows, expect during the season to have the milk of 650 cows. Last year began making April 21, and had during the season the milk of 500 cows, from which 112,829 lbs. of cheese were made. J. & S. Smith, Norwich.

Sager's.

Commenced operations April 13, with 50 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 400 cows. Last year began making April 14, and had during the season the milk of about 300 cows, from which 93,383 lbs. of cheese were made. James Sager, Troy.

Holbrook.

Commenced operations April 14, with 70 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 350 cows. This is our first year. Atwood & Pullen, Holbrook.

Harriettsville.

Commenced operations April 18, with about 300 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 1,200 cows. Last year began making April 15, and had during the season the milk of 1,000 cows, from which 151 tons 11 lbs. of cheese were made. Will have an increase of the milk of about 250 cows during the coming season. Canada Cheese Co. Robert Facey, Manager, Harriettsville.

Middleton & Bayham.

Commenced operations April 20, with 185 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 300 cows. Last year began making April 23, and had during the season the milk of about 200 cows, from which 30 tons of cheese were made. Joint Stock Co. Wm. M. Hallett, Courtland.

East Zorra and Blandford.

Commenced operations April 20, with 350 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 1,000 cows. Last year began making April 21, and had during the season the milk of 900 cows, from which 136½ tons of cheese were made. James Lockhart, Innerkip.

Lyons.

Commenced operations April 22, with about 1,000 lbs. of milk per day; expect during the season to make 75 tons. Last year began making May 1, and made during the season 70 tons. Lyons Cheese Co. M. Fullerton, Lyons.

Sheffield.

Commenced operations April 26, with about 70 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 550 cows. Last year began making April 29, and had during the season the milk of about 500 cows, from which 72½ tons of cheese were made. Keachie & Richer.

Malahide.

Commenced operations April 27, with 160 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 525 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 525 cows, from which 70 tons of cheese were made. Joint Stock Co. J. L. Clarke.

Mapleton.

Commenced operations April 27, with about 150 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 600 cows. Last year began May 1, and had during the season the milk of 450 cows, from which 153,400 lbs. of cheese were made. Wm. Appleford, Mapleton.

Otterville.

Commenced operations in April, with 25 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 55 cows. Last year began making in April, and had during the season the milk of 55 cows, from which 16,001 lbs. of cheese were made. A. B. Moore, Otterville.

Adelaide Mud Creek.

Commenced operations May 1, with 50 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 500 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 400 cows, from which 65 tons of cheese were made. Stock Company, Mr. Richison, Adelaide.

East Zorra Central.

Commenced operations May 1; expect during the season the milk from 450 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 400 cows, from which 1500 boxes of cheese were made. Wm. Anderson, Woodstock.

Spring Creek.

Commenced operations May 1, with 50 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 400 cows. Last year began making May 1, number of cows not known. 31½ tons of cheese were made. Jacob Harrington, Woodstock.

Bracefield.

Commenced operations May 1, with 300 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 500 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of about 400 cows, from which about 80 tons of cheese were made. McDougall & Brownlee, Seaforth.

Springfield.

Commenced operations May 1, with 130 cows, expect during the season to have the milk of 400 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 368 cows, from which 111,553 lbs. of cheese were made. Joint Stock Co. J. Clusas, Springfield.

Caistorville.

Commenced operations May 1, with 60 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 200 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 186 cows, from which 50,253 lbs. of cheese were made. A. & R. Spears, Caistorville.

Wolverton.

Commenced operations May 4, with 100 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 400 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 400 cows, from which 1500 boxes were made. Alex. Wood, Wolverton.

Willow Grove.

Commenced operations May 4, with about 75 cows, expect during the season to have the milk of 250 cows. I have lately bought and moved the factory, so I cannot answer for last year. Joseph Peers, Vandecar.

Soho

Commenced operations May 4, with 150 cows, expect during the season to have the milk of 700 cows. Last year began making May 23, and had during the season the milk of 400 cows, from which 55 tons of cheese were made. Wm. Peers, Richwood.

West Magdala.

Commenced operations May 4, with 100 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 350 cows. Last year began making May 9, and had during the season the milk of 225 cows, from which 78,613 lbs. of cheese were made. Warren Warner, West Magdala.

Fingal.

Commenced operations May 4, with about 50 cows, expect during the season to have the milk of about 500 cows. Last year began making May 12, and had during the season the milk of 300 cows, from which 42½ tons of cheese were made. D. McIntyre, Fingal.

Avonbank.

Commenced operations May 4, with 200 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 700 cows. Last year began making May 19, and had during the season the milk of 400 cows, from which 101,532 lbs. of cheese were made. John Clyne, Downie.

Rodgerville.

Commenced operations May 4, with 200 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 1,200 cows. Last year began making May 1, and had during the season the milk of 1,000 cows, from which 110 tons of cheese were made. A. Malcolm, Rodgerville.

Domlnion Factory.

Commenced operations May 4, with about 350 cows, and a daily average of 5,000 lbs. of milk. Prospects good. A. J. Collins.

Phillipsburg Factory.

Commenced operations May 4, with 400 cows, and 2,887 lbs. of milk daily; 152 patrons, of whom 32 are now sending milk. Prospect good. John Wood.

Seaforth Factory.

Commenced operations May 4, with 100 cows; and a daily average of 2,500 lbs. of milk. Prospects are good. W. S. Robertson.

Kinburn Factory.

Commenced operations May 4, with 100 cows, and a daily average of 2,000 lbs. of milk. Prospects good. W. S. Robertson.

Oxford Mills.

Commenced operations May 4, with 260 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 450 cows. Last year began making May 18, and had during the season the milk of 330 cows, from which 90,000 lbs. of cheese were made. Murdoch Gair, Oxford Mills.

Spring Ridge.

Commenced operations May 5. Expect during the season to have the milk of 250 cows. Last year commenced May 6, and made 56,500 lbs. of cheese. C. Malloy, Rond Eau, Kent Co.

Bay Side.

Commenced operations May 5, with 150 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 300 cows. This is my first year. James W. Anderson, Rednersville.

Clinton Factory.

Commenced operations May 10; receive about 800 lbs. of milk daily. Prospects indifferent. Peter Straith.

Harriston.

Commenced operations May 11, with about 200 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 325 cows. Last year began making April 14, and had during the season the milk of 140 cows, from which 15 tons of cheese were made. Hugh Gordon, Harriston.

Fullarton Factory.

Commenced operations May 11, with 300 cows; and a daily average of 4,000 lbs. of milk; expect about 500 cows. Prospects are favorable. Wm. Francis.

Honey Grove.

Commenced operations May 14, with 125 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of 250 cows. Last year began making May 20, and had during the season the milk of 175 cows, from which 12,530 lbs. of cheese were made. Last year was my first season, and the factory was run only 4½ months. David Chalmers, Musselburg.

Poulin.

Commenced operations May 15, with about 900 cows; expect during the season to have the milk of about 1,000 cows. Last year began making June 19, and had during the season the milk of 900 cows, from which 64,000 lbs. of cheese were made. Dr. Poulin, St. Maria de Monnoir, Province of Quebec.

Carronbrook Factory.

Commenced operations May 18; owners, Robertson & McDougall; cheese maker, John Parsons; committee, D. Gallagher, J. Hayward, H. Jewell, Thos. Gurly, Geo. Hurlburt. Prospects doubtful.

Maitland Factory.

Commenced operations May 18, with about 400 cows. Prospects are very good, although want of feed will make the supply of milk scarce for some time. A good season is looked for, as the patrons are well satisfied with their experience of last year. John Caldwell.

Brussels Factory.

Commenced operations May 19, with about 250 cows. Hugh McCartney.

Analysing the foregoing, we find that 12 of the 40 factories enumerated commenced operations in April and 28 in May; the first opened being the Moria factory, April 6th, the same date on which it was started last season. Of the 28 opened in May, we find that 6 commenced operations on the 1st and 12 on the 4th, and these, added to the 12 for April, gives 30, or three-fourths of the whole, in operation by the 5th of May.

Scanning a little further we observe that 25 of the factories enumerated handled, during last season, the milk of 11,051 cows, and produced 3,000,774 lbs. of cheese, which gives an average of 442 cows to each factory, and 271 lbs. of cheese as the average product of each cow. This season, the same number of factories report an additional 2,846 cows, or an increase of about 26 per cent., with the prospects of a much larger average yield than usual.