

Oxford County Dairymen Organize.

One of the first bolts in the winter organization program of the Ontario Milk Producers' Association was let loose in the County of Oxford last week, on Monday and Tuesday. Meetings were held at Thamesford, Ingersoll and Embro, all of which were enthusiastic and well attended. Twenty-two members were secured at the initial meeting at Thamesford, 60 at Ingersoll and in the neighborhood of 30 at Embro. The prospects are that in each of these three places every milk producer will be brought into the organization during the next week or two. Other meetings will be held throughout the county in January, and it is hoped to bring about a county organization as a unit of the Ontario Association. Already, requests have reached E. H. Stonehouse, President of the Provincial Association, to visit several places in Oxford as well as in other counties.

A representative of "The Farmer's Advocate" attended the Ingersoll meeting and found a gathering that was extremely well attended; so well, in fact, that it was a surprise to those who had called it. G. J. Cook, Beachville, occupied the chair and in emphasizing the need for organizing, stated that farmers only want a fair price for their product, but that it requires organization to make sure of this. At the same time he urged that milk producers should see to it that only a good article is marketed. E. H. Stonehouse was the principal speaker of the evening, and explained very fully the organization of the Provincial Association and frankly outlined also some of its difficulties. "I want to say in the very beginning," said Mr. Stonehouse, "that we want to include in our organization milk producers from all branches of dairying. We want our membership to include the milk producer wherever he may be found in the Province of Ontario. If two men are producing milk, one for a cheese factory and the other for the city milk trade, why should they not get the same price for their product, keeping in mind what is really the equivalent of an equal price? While in the past it has been possible to organize very effectively in the immediate vicinity of large towns and cities, the increasing radius from which milk is drawn to supply the city milk trade, makes it impossible, any more, to do really effective work through purely local organizations. We have local and county organizations at present, but find it necessary to extend our effectiveness. We realize that as individuals we can do nothing, but as an organization we can meet the milk distributors on equal terms.

"I want to impress upon you the importance of the dairy industry, nationally. I do not think that the extent of its growth is realized generally. The amount of dairy business in Canada has practically trebled in the last 4 or 5 years, amounting in 1917 to practically \$200,000,000. To organize effectively we must put away the thought of being penalized for the fact that we are organized. There has been some attempt at that in the past on the part of dealers, but it is largely a thing of the past. It is just as much in the dealer's interest to put the dairy business on a sound basis as it is the farmers'.

"We must also give a great deal of attention to the cost of production. No two practical dairymen can agree on this matter, and it is necessary that we arrive at some basis of calculation shortly. Just now we are on the verge of a totally different set of conditions from those obtaining during the last few years, and we will find that organization will be made absolutely impera-

tive in the future if we obtain a fair remuneration for our labor and a fair price for our product."

The Oxford District Holstein Sale.

At their tenth annual Club sale, held in the City of Woodstock, on Tuesday, December 17, the Oxford District Holstein Breeders conducted one of the most successful sales in the history of the Club. There were sixty-six animals catalogued, and the full number passed through the sale-ring without one substitute being brought forward. The cattle were, with very few exceptions, brought into the ring in good condition, and taken as a whole were a credit to each individual consigner. There was an unusually large percentage of males catalogued, twenty-one, but contrary to the usual run of events the prices kept up well and there were several bidders who went home without bulls. Those who did buy paid an average of \$166.66 for the twenty-one sold. The fifteen two-year-old heifers also kept up well with an average of \$201.80, while the thirty cows three years old and upwards, sold at an average of \$233.66, each making up the grand total of \$13,335, a general average of \$205.15 for the sixty-six head sold. The heaviest purchaser for the day was John Lumsden, Ottawa, who purchases all being made through Prof. E. S. Archibald, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Mr. Lumsden paid a total of \$2,020 for six head, among which was the 26.24-lb. four-year old, daughter of Correct Change, the top-priced cow of the sale. She was consigned by A. E. Hulet, of Norwich, and the purchase price was \$440. Mr. Hulet also had the honor of consigning the highest-priced cow to the 1917 sale. It will be noticed that only one animal catalogued sold below the \$100 mark, and this was a two-months calf.

Males.

Prince Netherland Segis, E. Gilbert, Talbotville.....	\$180
Canary Hartog, R. W. Newton, Tavistock.....	300
Pioneer Duke Hartog, G. G. Hewitt, Innerkip.....	175
Sir Josie Abbekerk, R. M. Robinson, Woodstock.....	150
Mechthilde Walker Korndyke, D. Riddle, Beachville.....	160
Paul Abbekerk Walker S. J. Peer, Norwich.....	160
Lowlands Prince Segis, Wm. Lewis, Mossley.....	185
Lowlands Count Korndyke, Bert Swales, Woodstock.....	160
Sovereign Posch Abbekerk, A. King, Brownsvill.....	165
Sovereign Posch Hengerveld, C. H. Claus, St. Catharines.....	170
Prince Ladoga Posch, Wm. Dunn, Beachville.....	110
Sir Finderne B. B. Fayne, Fred Huntley, Putnam.....	375
Champion Abbekerk, W. M. McLeod, Thamesford.....	150
Colantha Fairmont Butter Baron, A. Glendenning, Woodstock.....	100
King Midnight Paul, Richard Conolley, Ingersoll.....	190
Centre View Jiggs, J. Stevens, Burgessville.....	145
Centre View Sir Pontiac, E. Neville, Woodstock.....	165
Posch Sylvius, F. W. Vardon, Springford.....	170
Prince Colantha Sylvia, Andrew Dunn, Ingersoll.....	200
Duke Aaggie Colantha, B. D. Smith, Springford.....	120

Females.

Daisy Fayne Baroness, J. H. Schell, Woodstock.....	115
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Ruby Fayne De Kol, McGhee & Crawford, Woodstock.....	345
Graceland Segis Topsy, Jno. Lumsden, Ottawa.....	305
Pioneer Clay Hartog, Jno. Lumsden.....	305
Lakeview Winner, J. H. Richards, Woodstock.....	250
Princess Belle Segis, B. R. Town, Beachville.....	285
Spring Valley Beauty 2nd, H. Thistle, St. Paul.....	240
Victoria Queen Inka, Jas. Fleming, Woodstock.....	145
Bessie Wietske De Kol, J. H. Richards.....	150
Cedarbrae Butter Baroness, J. B. Thompson, Burford.....	190
Mechthilde Butter Baroness, J. H. Richards.....	215
Leila Posch Mechthilde, Thos. Dent, Woodstock.....	160
Belle Butter Baroness, Geo. Hart, Woodstock.....	200
Tidy De Kol Butter Baroness, Jno. Lumsden.....	250
Toitilla Inka Korndyke, Fred Huntley.....	145
Irene Colantha Johanna, N. Cocker, Woodstock.....	175
Elmdale Changeling Pearl, Jno. Lumsden.....	440
Royalton Korndyke Jewel, M. Ballantyne, Stratford.....	330
Delmar Pontiac Pearl, Frank Hill, Stratford.....	175
Lily Abbekerk Mercedes, F. A. Fitch & Son, Curries.....	245
Francey Hengerveld, N. Cocker.....	205
Alberta Pontiac Netherland, W. H. Curry, Woodstock.....	210
Hiemke Mercena Faforit, F. A. Fitch & Son.....	200
Hiemke Canary Pontiac, M. J. Breckenridge, Innerkip.....	230
Jessie Hengerveld Mercena, Geo. Hart.....	200
Lady Canary Mercedes, Jno. Lumsden.....	235
Pauline Canary Abbekerk, E. Neville.....	240
Blanche Nudine 2nd., Fred Dunseith, Stratford.....	195
Belle Fayne Shelby, Jno. Lumsden.....	285
Esther Pietertje, S. J. Monteith, Stratford.....	205
Gretqui Keyes Lyons, A. J. Bradshaw, St. Paul.....	135
Gretqui Lyons, Biggar Bros., Oakville.....	220
Lena Colantha Fayne, Biggar Bros.....	200
Mottle Colantha Fayne, Biggar Bros.....	255
Maggie Posch Cornelia 2nd, Geo. F. Town, Woodstock.....	130
Ladoga Butter Girl, Jas. Fleming.....	230
Mollie of Middleton, Jno. Waldie, Stratford.....	300
Lady Fayne Korndyke, McGhee & Crawford.....	255
Rose Rambler, Erle Greer, Woodstock.....	270
Pontiac Alice, E. Neville.....	230
Rattler Daisy Calamity, M. Brien, Ingersoll.....	175
Minnie Colantha Posch McGhee & Crawford.....	190
Rose Pietertje Wayne, A. Knox, Bright.....	210
May Teake Wayne, A. Waldie, Stratford.....	170

Lieut. Roy Vining Victim of Influenza.

Lieut. R. L. Vining, B.S.A., recently appointed lecturer on the Department of Animal Husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College, died at Guelph on December 19 after a brief and unsuccessful struggle with influenza. Roy Vining was born at Thorndale, Ontario, 31 years ago; he graduated from the O. A. C. in 1914, and became engaged in District Representative work in Wentworth County. Enlisting early in the war he went overseas with the 149th Battalion, served in France as a Lieutenant, was wounded at Passchendaele and was invalided home early last spring. Roy Vining had many friends who will learn of his demise with sorrow, and the O. A. C. will lose a very promising and esteemed member of the junior staff.

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

Toronto Produce.

Live-stock receipts at the Union Yards, West Toronto, on Monday, December 23, consisted of 134 cars, 1,518 cattle, 118 calves, 3,047 hogs, 707 sheep and lambs. Choice butchers' steers, heifers and cows, strong and 25 cents higher. Common butchers' cows and bulls, steady; stockers and feeders, strong and 25 cents higher. Sheep and lambs, steady; calves, weak and lower. Hogs, \$18 to \$18.25, fed and watered; a few lots of selects at \$18.50.

Most classes of butcher cattle declined in price during the past week, but not nearly so much as drovers and sellers seemed to think. Yearling steers and baby beefs declined by about \$3 per cwt. Good butchers' steers and heifers were from 50c. to 75c. lower; medium butchers were from 75c. to \$1 per cwt. lower, while the light common stuff sold at fairly steady prices. The high run on Monday when added to left-overs from the previous week had a tendency to clog the market, and congestion prevailed during the next two days, despite the let up in the supply. The general quality of the steers and heifers was poor, although there was a fair number of good cattle. Compared with the previous week trade was slow, but it must be remembered that the best cattle of the year were on sale that week, and also that half-finished cattle will not command the same prices as well-finished animals. A lot of real good but only half-finished steers and heifers were rushed in to market, sellers thinking they would get fancy Christmas beef prices, but they made a big mistake, as buyers were not looking for that kind. There were a few odd lots of choice heavy steers that sold at 15c. to 16c. per

lb., but most of the best heavy lots were cashed at \$13 to \$14 per cwt. Choice butchers' steers and heifers sold at \$12.25 to \$13; good at \$11.50 to \$12, and common to medium at \$8 to \$10.50 per cwt. Light common eastern steers and heifers sold at \$6.25 to \$8 per cwt. Choice butchers' cows were a steady trade, and sold at \$10 to \$10.50 per cwt., a few at \$11 to \$12 per cwt.; good cows sold at \$9.50 to \$10 per cwt., and common to medium at \$6.50 to \$9 per cwt. Canners were a strong trade and sold at \$5.75 to \$6 per cwt. Bulls were a slow, draggy trade, and prices declined by 75c. to \$1 per cwt. on all classes except Bolonga bulls. Choice sold at \$10 to \$10.50, an odd extra choice animal at \$11 per cwt.; good bulls sold at \$9 to \$9.50, and common to medium at \$6 to \$8.50 per cwt. Stockers and feeders were an improved trade, and more could have been sold. Contrary to expectations prices advanced slightly, say from 25c. to 50c. per cwt. Choice feeder steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., sold at \$11.25 to \$11.75 per cwt.; steers, 800 to 900 lbs., at \$10 to \$10.50; steers, 700 to 850 lbs., at \$8.50 to \$9.50, and common light steers and heifers, at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per cwt. Milch cows and springers were also lower in price, and trade was very slow, a few extra choice cows sold at high prices, but they were an exception. Best cows sold at \$90 to \$125, a few at \$140 to \$150, and common to medium cows at \$50 to \$90 each. Sheep during the first part of the week were a steady trade, but on Thursday prices declined 50c. per cwt.; choice selling at \$9 to \$9.50, and heavy fat at \$7.50 to \$8.50 per cwt. Lambs were also a weak trade, and prices declined from 50c. to 75c. per cwt.; choice selling at

\$14 to \$14.25, and common lambs at \$10 to \$11 per cwt. The market for calves was also slow, and prices were at least 50c. per cwt. lower; choice selling at \$16.50 to \$17; medium at \$12 to \$14, and common calves at \$5 to \$7 per cwt. Fed and watered hogs sold at \$18 to \$18.25 per cwt., and weighed off car hogs at \$18.25 to \$18.50 per cwt.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario (f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights)—No. 1 winter, per car lot, \$2.14 to \$2.22; No. 2, winter, per car lot, \$2.11 to \$2.19; No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$2.07 to \$2.15; No. 1 spring, per car lot, \$2.09 to \$2.17; No. 2 spring, per car lot, \$2.06 to \$2.14; No. 3 spring, per car lot, \$2.02 to \$2.11. Manitoba (in store, Fort William, not including tax)—No. 1 northern, \$2.24½; No. 2 northern, \$2.21½; No. 3 northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.11½.

Oats.—Ontario (according to freights outside)—No. 2 white, 72c. to 75c.; No. 3 white, 71c. to 74c. Manitoba (in store, Fort William)—No. 2 C. W., 76½c.; No. 3 C. W., 73½c.; extra No. 1 feed, 73½c.; extra No. 1 feed, 72½c.

Corn.—Canadian, (track, Toronto)—Sample, \$1.45 to \$1.50; American, (track, Toronto), No. 3 yellow, \$1.62; No. 4 yellow, \$1.57.

Peas (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$2.

Barley (according to freights, outside)—Malting, new, 95c. to \$1.

Buckwheat (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$1.42.

Rye (according to freights outside)—No. 2, \$1.58, nominal.

Flour.—Manitoba, (Toronto)—War quality, \$11.35. Ontario (prompt ship-

ment)—War quality, \$10.25, in bags, Montreal and Toronto.

Millfeed.—(Car lots delivered, Montreal freights, bags included)—Bran, per ton, \$37.25; shorts, per ton, \$42.25.

Hay.—(Track, Toronto)—No. 1, per ton, \$23 to \$24; mixed, per ton, \$20 to \$21.

Straw.—(Track, Toronto)—Car lots, per ton, \$10.50 to \$11.

Hides and Wool.

Prices delivered in Toronto, furnished by a large dealer.

City Hides.—City butcher hides, green, flats, 18c.; calf skins, green, flats, 30c.; veal kip, 20c.; horse hides, city take-off, \$6 to \$7; sheep, \$3 to \$4.

Country Markets.—Beef hides, flat, cured, 18c. to 20c.; green, 16c. to 17c.; deacon and bob calf, \$2 to \$2.75; horse hides, country take-off, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 1 sheep skins, \$2.50 to \$4; horse hair, farmers' stock, \$28.

Tallow.—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 14c. to 16c.; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 14c. to 16c.; cakes, No. 1, 18c. to 19c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece wool as to quality, fine, 50c. to 55c. Washed wool, fine, 75c. to 80c.

Farm Produce.

Butter.—Prices again kept stationary on the wholesales during the past week, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made lb. squares, 56c. to 57c. per lb.; creamery, cut solids, 53c. to 54c. per lb.; dairy, 45c. to 50c. per lb.

Oleomargarine—32c. to 34c. per lb.

Eggs.—There was practically no change in eggs, which brought the following prices wholesale: Cold storage, 53c. to