

DAIRYING AS WE FIND IT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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DAIRYING in British Columbia should be one of the leading agricultural industries. A large proportion of the now settled portions of the province are richly endowed by nature with the necessary soil and climatic conditions for the development of this industry. The market is scarcely excelled by any country in the world and, as a consequence, prices for dairy produce run high. Along with this high price of the product we find that the price of concentrated food stuffs and labor are high. But to offset this very large

cows do not need to be built so warm, and the question of ventilation is a minor one. Labor on a dairy farm is easier to hold because it can be engaged for and very profitably employed during the entire year.

As the land increases in value more intensive methods of cultivation are being practiced. This adds greatly to the returns of the dairy industry. It gives a larger production of the product in a smaller area, thus decreasing by considerable the cost of manufacture and delivery of the product to private and cooperative concerns.



In British Columbia, where Dairy Farming is Progressing in Spite of Difficulties High-priced land and the strongest factor militating against the success of dairy farming in British Columbia. Land is the best dairy section sells for prices running well over \$200 an acre. Such values make good farming necessary to success. Perhaps it is this necessity that explains in part the progress that British Columbia dairymen are making.

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quantities of hay and grain can be grown per acre. The winter season is not long; scarcely a day passes that cattle cannot go out, and for a large portion of the year they can obtain some food. The buildings for housing

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The great increase in the population of the province, and of the cities in particular, has to some extent changed the character of the dairy business, especially that of the manufacture of butter and cheese. The cities surrounding the towns and the cities is being opened up by suburban lines, both electric and steam, and as the cities are calling for more and better milk a great many patrons of doors open markets for milk and sweet cream. This has been taken advantage of by many during the last year and as a result the manufacture of butter does not appear to be as great as in former years. Most of the creameries outside of this influence have reported this year an increase in production, and considering the greater number of people that are using milk and cream we must conclude that the industry is still growing and must of necessity grow much larger.

The British Columbia Dairymen's Association, by its increased membership this year, has to a certain extent the advance movement in this industry. The Association is now on a more prosperous basis than ever before and is effectively attacking many of the problems and adding financially and otherwise many of the difficulties that confront the dairymen. To a certain extent it is assisting in the educational work and in promoting the interests of the dairymen in general.

One Farmer and His Banker

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terest than I was paying for a loan from the bank. Besides, he was under obligation to his friend.

I feel that my brother-in-law does not do enough banking with me why I want the money as do most men who have money to lend. The banker knows that a farmer has quite a lot at stake, even with a mortgage on his land, or as I told my banker once, if I had no debts I would not need to borrow money. I find it better to owe the bank \$100 than to owe 10 men \$10 apiece.

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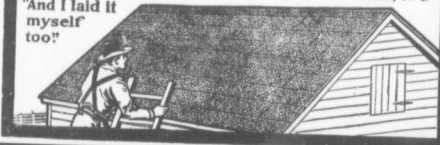
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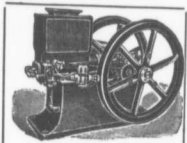


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