

CIVIL SERVICE MEN WANT APPEAL BOARD AND ADEQUATE BONUS

OTTAWA, March 11. — "Not until these reforms are instituted will classification become satisfactory and acceptable to the service," was the concluding phrase in one of the most im-

portant reports submitted to the annual convention of the Civil Service Federation of Canada this morning by the committee on legislation, classification, etc., the spokesman of which was T. R. E. McInnes, Ottawa Civil Service Association.

The terms asked for and endorsed by the convention are:

1. An adequate bonus.
2. That a permanent appeal board be instituted.
3. That personnel committees be in-

WELL-KNOWN GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OFFICIAL IS DEAD

John M. Riddell Started With Road in 1874.

MONTREAL, March 11.—The death took place here last night of John M. Riddell, general agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System at Portland, Me., and well known in railroad circles throughout the eastern section of the continent. The deceased, who was 71 years old, had been in failing health for some time past. Mr. Riddell was born at Port Dover, Ont., and entered the service of the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway, now part of the Grand Trunk System, in 1874. He was agent at Woodstock and at Stratford, and in 1882 was appointed assistant superintendent of the Stratford division. He was later assistant superintendent at Toronto, Belleville and Montreal. In 1896 Mr. Riddell was appointed general agent of the Grand Trunk at Montreal. In 1907 he was transferred to Portland, Me., to take charge of the general freight and export freight business of the Grand Trunk at that port.

FACTS FOR FARMERS

PUREBRED VERSUS GRADE DAIRY CATTLE.

(Experimental Farm Note.)

The old question "would you advise me to start into the purebred dairy cattle business?" is being asked as frequently these times as ever before, and is receiving just as many negative replies as formerly. There are so many factors which enter into the problem that one has to study the question from every angle. Good purebred cattle of other sex are being sold for such prices now that men who have proven themselves successful with grade stock, cannot afford to continue without purebreds. We all know of certain grade herds making more money for the owners than some purebred herds in the same locality, but every community has examples of men in the purebred business who never should have invested money in live stock.

The most economical and the most satisfactory way for the average farmer to start into purebreds is to purchase good females to start with. Care should be taken to see that they are good. They should be healthy, of the proper type, and other proven producers or with proven ancestors. It is better to have only one good cow than several medium-quality animals. A comparatively small outlay is necessary when starting in this manner.

It is remarkable how quickly a herd can be built up from a few foundation cows. The dairy herd on the Agassiz Experimental Farm was started by the purchase in December 1911 of 28 grade cows and the following year three purebred cows. Then in the fall of 1915 two purebred heifers calves and the next year a pair of 2-year-old heifers, also purebred, were purchased. Today there are 42 purebred females in the herd, and the above and their descendants. As the purebred herd increased in size, we have gradually decreased the number of grades until at present only 21 are on hand.

A comparison has been made during the last three years of the five most profitable purebred cows and the five most profitable grade cows. In each instance the purebreds have been the more successful from a commercial standpoint. On the average the purebreds produced 4,455 pounds more milk and 133 pounds more fat per cow per annum, and yielded an average profit over feed cost of \$27.64 more per cow than the grades.

After a pure-bred herd reaches a suitable size the most money is made by selling the surplus stock for breeding purposes. The Holstein bull, Inka Sylvia Beets Posch, 5563, was used as senior sire in the Agassiz herd from December, 1916, to July, 1918. From his service during that period fifteen grade and twelve purebred females were raised, and are in the herd at the present time. Putting the very topmost value on the fifteen grade heifers they are worth \$1,275, while the dozen purebred heifers are worth just about twice that amount, yet they cost no more to raise than the grades. The purebred male calves born in the herd during the same period were sold for \$100 each and up, while the grade bulls were sold for less.

REPORT OF FARM CONDITIONS.

MARCH 9, 1920.

The following is a summary of the reports made by agricultural representatives to the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

The lack of straw has been keenly felt this winter by owners of live stock. Cattle have been coming along in good health, but are rather thin for handling on the block. Best states that not over 60 per cent of steers are being fed, a large number being carried through for grass finish. In Durham also a large number reports that a number of farmers have disposed of considerable of their beef cattle owing to the shortage of feed and the poor outlook of the market. Brant, however, states that feeders are holding on to their cattle owing to the unsettled prices, but that good veal calves are bringing 18 cents a pound from drovers, while butchers are paying from 15 to 16 cents. Peel claims that some vealers have sold as high as 21 cents a pound.

In Waterloo "really good horses weighing about 1,500 pounds" are commanding from \$225 to \$250 each, but Brant reports that "horses are very dull property, good ones running as low as \$150." Durham says that fewer mares are being bred.

Sales of hogs are not heavy. They are bringing from \$17.50 to \$18 a cwt. At an auction sale in Brant recently little pigs sold at from \$6 to \$9 each, but in some other districts they are going lower on account of the scarcity of feed.

Hay is selling all the way from \$24 to \$34 a ton, according to location. Speaking of the shortage of mill-feeds, a representative states that some farmers can secure only about a bag of bran at a time, as the mills are not grinding much wheat.

Elgin states that there will be plenty of seed corn, but that many farmers have been saving old oats for seed. Fall wheat and clover are still under fair cover, and are supposed to be in good condition.

Comparatively few men are showing up for farm help so far, and some representatives are of opinion that this class of labor will be scarcer than ever this spring. Elgin and Renfrew report farmers as offering from \$50 to \$60 a month, with board for fit men.

The Brant representative reports that he never saw so many sales listed in the county as during the past month.

DO NOT NEGLECT THE BEES.

(Experimental Farm Note.)

The present high price of sugar reminds us that Canada produces natural sugars that are still more valuable than the product of the refiner. Fortunately are those who not only possess bees at this time, but understand them and have supplied their needs.

The early spring months are the most critical period of the year in the life of the bee colony. At the same time, the pressure of spring work of cultivating, seeding, etc., on every fine day on the farm too often leaves the bees forgotten.

There are several reasons why the bees are more liable to be neglected than other things on the farm. Hidden away in their hives they do not require daily feeding like other animals. Such attention as they need is in the nature of a surgical operation, and the opening of the hive is not always anticipated with pleasure on account of the risk of receiving stings. Yet, on many farms, the bees have been found to pay better than anything else, considering the small amount of capital and labor expended.

Danger of Starvation.
The principal danger to avoid at this

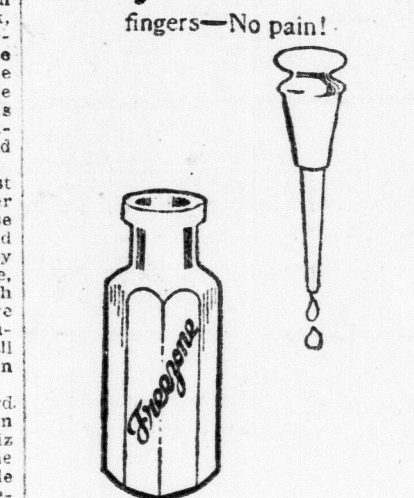
time of year is starvation. If each colony went into the winter strong, with a good fertile queen and a plentiful supply of stores in the combs, the first examination of the hive had better be deferred until the weather is warm and nectar is being gathered. But if the stores are running short, a cake of

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