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### Dairying Farming in Bruce Co.

BY MRS. P. J. BROWN.

I have been thinking of writing a short article for the REVIEW ever since reading Mr. J. B. Muir's article on "Mixed Farming" in the January number. As we have resided in Bruce County for the past nine years, and have pursued mixed farming, in which dairying has been the most prominent feature,

we thought it would not be out of place to give the results of our experience along that line.

We always provide green fodder for soiling during the summer. The first crop sown in the spring is peas and oats mixed. This mixture is sown twice afterwards at intervals so as to ensure a longer period of feeding.

We then plant corn for fodder, but as the corn is rather late for a soiling crop when it is specially required, we then resort to the peas and oats, which give very satisfactory results and make an excellent fodder for producing milk. If we have more than is needed for soiling it is cut and cured, and makes excellent food for cows or sheep during the winter.

Last year, instead of sowing M.S.S. corn, we sowed White Flint with only a few drills of M.S.S. We found that it was ready to feed three weeks earlier, and the cattle ate it more readily. As we have not a silo yet it was cut and cured, and furnished fodder which lasted until January.

As a great many ears were matured we were not obliged to feed other grains, and our cattle were in better condition than when fed Mammoth Southern Sweet Corn.

But I am wandering from my subject as I intended to write about dairying. Last year we had seven cows, one of which was farrow. From these, between the months of May and the first of November, we received \$185 from the factory, besides raising five calves. We also supplied a family of seven with butter, cream, and milk for the season.

Since November we have made \$100, and would have made more had our buildings not been burnt in January, which made it very inconvenient to carry on our work until temporary buildings were constructed. This lessened our profits from dairying considerably.

So well pleased are we with dairying that we would go more extensively into the business were it not for the trouble we experience in this section of obtaining hired help who are willing to milk and render profitable dairy assistance, so we only keep what we can manage ourselves.