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### Mr. Dargavel Wanted as Minister of Agriculture

Ed., The Dairyman and Farming World: The editorial that appeared in the last issue of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World advocating Mr. John R. Dargavel of Elgin, the President of The Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, for the position of Minister of Agriculture in the Whitney Cabinet, was read by me with great interest. I feel satisfied that no other member of the legislature is as well qualified to fill this important position as is Mr. Dargavel. There are over 100,000 people in Ontario interested in dairying. It is the greatest industry we have in the province. Mr. Dargavel through his long connection with The Eastern Dairymen's Association is well known to dairymen all over the province. He is not only a dairy farmer, having a large farm of his own, but is also a cheese manufacturer in as much as he owns, what is probably the best equipped cheese factory in Leeds county. Having attended meetings of farmers in almost all parts of the province, Mr. Dargavel is particularly well qualified to act as Minister of Agriculture.

This appointment should go to Eastern Ontario. At present only two members of the Cabinet represent constituencies east of Toronto, and one of these, Hon. Mr. Whitney, resides in Toronto. It is only right, therefore, that Eastern Ontario should be given consideration in this matter.—James R. Anderson, Mountain View, Ont.

### A Voice from Carleton County

Ed., The Dairyman and Farming World: Dairymen all over Ontario must have read with pleasure the editorial that appears in this week's issue of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, advocating the appointment of Mr. John R. Dargavel of Elgin, as Minister of Agriculture. Having been associated with Mr. Dargavel for many years on the Board of Directors of The Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, I can say without hesitation that no other man in the province is better informed in regard to matters relating to dairy farming, and the dairy interests generally, than is Mr. Dargavel. He not only has a large dairy farm and herd of dairy cattle of his own, but he has for many years been interested in the manufacture of cheese. In this way he has gained a thorough insight into all branches of the business. Hon. John Dryden and to some extent Hon. Mr. Monteith, have been better acquainted with the beef than with the dairy interests. The thousands of dairy farmers throughout the province will, therefore, feel it a compliment if the new Minister of Agriculture is a man who understands their special problems.

While Mr. Dargavel is interested in dairy farming he is a man of open mind and thoroughly progressive and is quite able to take a competent and practical oversight of the various matters relating to the other branches of farming existing in Ontario. I feel confident that Hon. Mr. Whitney, if he can see his way clear to make this appointment, will strengthen his Cabinet materially.—E. Kidd, North Gowen, Ont.

### Killed by Dogs

That sheep were not the only animals killed by dogs, was vouched for by Mr. John A. Davidson of Smith township, Peterboro Co., recently, he having had eight cattle killed by dogs. Mr. Davidson states that the dogs came out from the city, and chased the cattle through the woods, until the animals became exhausted,

and died from the heat and fright. The animals killed were yearlings; the older ones of the herd apparently were stronger than their unfortunate mates, and withstood the attack.

Some of the cattle when found appeared as if they had been choked to death from being caught by the throat by the dogs. Mr. Davidson believes the canines were of the hound and collie breed. One dog found roaming around in search of blood, was killed by a neighbor. The cattle have since been removed from the woods to an open field, and Mr. Davidson is constructing a lane from the woods to the barn to allow the cattle to seek safety, if chased again.

### The Auto Again

A recent issue of a Toronto daily reports that an auto driver of a Toronto man, while near Port Perry, so frightened a horse that a woman and child in the buggy drawn by it, were thrown into the ditch. This same machine, when near Brooklin, a few miles farther on its journey, collided with a cow, breaking the animal's leg. Shortly after it ran into a telegraph pole and threw out both occupants, one of whom was so badly injured that he was unconscious for some time afterwards.

The same day it was reported that two other Toronto drivers of autos, were up in the police court for speeding within the city limits. Doubtless a dozen cases similar to the above happen, and are not reported, to every one that is caught and brought before the notice of the public.

It seems as if auto drivers are becoming more reckless than ever, and it must be apparent to our Governments that every attention should be given to the enforcement of the existing laws.

### Items of Interest

There are 1,085 co-operative dairies with 158,170 members, and a co-operative egg exporting society with 500 local centres in Denmark. The business transacted by these co-operative concerns is enormous.

Common red clover four feet in length is hard to find; yet, Mr. Stephen Harrison of Hall's Bridge, Peterboro Co., Ont., cut some clover recently that measured four feet, four inches. He states that it was not mature when cut and would have grown still more.

An electric storm recently killed 11 head of young cattle owned by G. Moore of Warsaw, Ont. The cattle were pasturing in a field some distance from the house. They were discovered several days afterwards scattered in every direction under a tree which had been badly mutilated by the lightning bolt.

Mr. Thos. Millburn of Smith Township, Peterboro Co., Ont., recently sold a Tamworth sow on the local market that weighed 630 lbs. The pig was only three years old and Mr. Millburn states that 200 lbs. more of fat could have been put on it if the pig was well built. It was sold to the Geo. Matthews Co.

President Creelman, of the Ontario Agricultural College, has recently returned from a three months' tour of the important agricultural countries of the old world. While away he was much interested in the intensive system of farming followed by the European agriculturists, and says people in the old countries have a much better understanding of the soil and artificial fertilization than has the Canadian. The Canadian on the other hand, has the advantage over the European in the use of machinery. Labor being so cheap, machinery is very little used in many sections of the Old Land.