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Who Makes These Good Times.

The fact that the farmers of the Dominion have in the past 35 years made possible the organization of 3649 butter and cheese factories, with an output estimated as worth this year about \$24,250,000, speaks volumes as to their share in bringing about the general prosperity in the Dominion, so much in evidence. Even during the past eight years there has been a phenomenal increase in both factories and value of butter and cheese made. In 1891 the 1735 cheese and butter factories turned out \$10,698,000 worth of manufactured products. Since that year the number of factories and value of produce has more than doubled. While so much is being said about the general prosperity of the country, our farmers should not forget that they have assisted very materially in bringing about these conditions. Of the \$137,361,000 total exports of home produce from the Dominion for the fiscal year ending June 30, '99, the butter and cheese shipped abroad were valued at \$20,500,000, or more than one-seventh the value of all home produce exported.

Prosperity from East to West.

A statement just issued by the finance department shows the Dominion is experiencing the greatest prosperity it has ever known. Parliament has been liberal in appropriations to agriculture, transportation corporations and the general welfare of the Dominion. Yet revenues have swelled the exchequer as never before and a good sum is carried as a cash on hand balance. Receipts exceeded expenditures for the three months ending Sept 30 by nearly \$6,000,000. Canadian finances, or the volume of trade, were never in a more prosperous condition.

As to Beet Sugar.

Our friends in Prince Edward Island will make a mistake if they establish an extensive beet sugar factory without first ascertaining whether the farmers there can furnish sugar beets in sufficient quantity and quality to make it profitable. This crop requires intensive culture, quite different from potatoes or grain. It also requires a certain combination of soil and climate to produce the largest quantity of obtainable sugar in the beet. It would be better for the farmers throughout the island to experiment for a year or two in growing, say an acre of sugar beets, the proposed manufacturing company to test the same. In this way would be established beyond all question whether the crop will do well under conditions on the island. A sugar factory is an expensive affair, costing anywhere from \$300,000 to a million dollars, and its success depends primarily upon getting an ample supply of beets rich in sugar. We speak with authority on this subject, having been interested in the development of several of the most successful beet sugar

enterprises on the American continent. But we never advise the erection of a costly factory until the preliminaries have been tested beyond question. There was a costly failure of the beet sugar industry at Farnham and at Berthierville, both in Quebec, a few years ago, mainly because farmers after some experience would not grow the beets. The season there at times was against the crop, and in some cases the soil. All these points should be settled once for all before the factory is built, so that when it does start up it will be an unqualified success. Sugar beets are valuable for feed purposes, and experimental crops can be profitably disposed of in stock feeding. The industry is a splendid one for the farmer, the laborer and the capitalist when it is started right and run right, but otherwise not. Be sure you are right, then go ahead.

The Future of Hay Values.

It is not among the improbabilities that the average price of hay, one year

with another, may rise permanently higher. With the development and tillage of virgin soil in the west the output of prairie or wild hay tends toward a decrease. At the same time the production of timothy is attended with difficulties and always presents a condition of uncertainty. The shortage in the hay crop this year is already being keenly felt in many sections, east and west, and prices are strong. Fortunately for the dairy farmer and stock feeder there is the easy possibility of providing against famine by growing some of the new and successful forage crops.

Dominion and Provincial Affairs.

The liberal prizes offered in our premium list number (Oct 15) for experiences of farmers in buying and selling co-operatively, should be an incentive for every farmer who has participated in work of this kind to send on his experience. Not only will the winners of these articles be benefited, but the

many and varied experiences along this line will be read with eager interest by thousands and will be of inestimable value to others in beginning local trading in a co-operative way. We want to hear from members of all farmers' trading clubs.

The great possibilities for money making from legitimate farming are clearly portrayed on Page 471. Think of it! Increasing one's cash wealth from \$10,000 to \$35,000, and the refusal of \$75,000 for a farm and its stock all made during the past 16 years, and when prices were low and times hard. A country where this can be done is surely bound to prosper.

A fine illustration as to how to milk a dry cow, is the action of the C P R in ordering a dividend of 5 per cent on its common stock—which is mostly water. Of the \$65,000,000 on which interest is paid, less than \$2,000,000 is said to have actually been put in the construction of the road. This is a dividend of about 35 per cent on what was really put in the road.

Parliament was dissolved early in October, nominations were ordered for October 31 and the election for November 7. This is short notice, but best for the general welfare of the country. Prolonged political turmoil during times of unusual prosperity seldom results in good.

Lively music is in the air in Newfoundland because of the outbreak on the part of a few persons for reciprocal trade relations between that island and the states. Uncle Sam at present appears to be more interested in expanding in territory than commerce.

One thing most prominent at the three great maritime fairs this year was the magnificent fruit on exhibition. Surely no portion of the continent is better adapted to fruit production than the valleys of these fertile provinces.

"Received check for \$25 in your advertising vote. It was totally unexpected." Thus writes Mell Black of Grimes, Ia, under date of Sept 10. What a lot of interest that vote and its result created.

There is no crop with brighter possibilities of building up an enormous export trade than the blushing and highly flavored Canadian apple. This can be done if shippers will select the best fruit and pack it properly. But if a few localities pack slack or put in low grade fruit, the receipt of a few such shipments will prejudice nearly the entire English apple-receiving merchants against all Canadian apples. The English apple market is the nearest and best where the enormous Canadian apple crop can be sold.

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