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## A JUDGE WHO IS A FARMER

HON. Justice R. C. Clute, although a judge in the Supreme Court of Ontario, believes that farming is the noblest profession of all. When court commences he has, of necessity, to attend that he may help to settle the disputes of his fellow men. When court closes he retires with pleasure to his farm at Aurora, Ont., some 25 miles north of Toronto, where he spends the greater part of his vacations. On his farm Justice Clute is trying some interesting experiments in agriculture.

Not having had the benefit of a practical training in agriculture Justice Clute has endeavored to equip himself to manage his farm successfully both by observation and by reading the books on agricultural subjects that have been written by the leading agriculture authorities of the continent. His library includes such books as Successful Agriculture, by Wm. Rennie, Sr., various works by the late Prof. Henry, of Wisconsin, Roberts of Cornell University, L. H. Bailey, Land Drainage, by Miles & Waring, Cattle Breeding and Management, by Warfield, and numerous books on Landscape Gardening.

In this way he has gained a fund of valuable information that thousands of successful farmers, who have spent their lives on their farms, might well wish to possess.

Sometime since, when Justice Clute found it necessary to do some underdraining on his farm, he first purchased three or four books dealing with underdraining. By reading them carefully he soon acquired a thorough knowledge of the principles of underdraining and thus was able to give some of the men on his farm information on the subject that was of great value to them. In the same way Justice Clute has studied the most modern methods of growing soiling crops, ventilating farm buildings and kindred subjects and now he is applying the information that he has thus acquired to good advantage in the management of his farm.

This farm was purchased in 1903. Previous to that period Justice Clute obtained considerable experience in farming through a large wheat farm that he owned in Southern Manitoba, from 1881 to 1897. During those years he met with the reverses that are always to be expected. Three different years he lost practically every crop on his farm. One year through hail, one year through drought, and a third year through an early frost. Even these reverses did not dampen his interest in agriculture.

### FROM BEEF TO DAIRY CATTLE

When his present farm was purchased in 1903, he stocked it at first with some excellent pure-bred Shorthorn cattle. Shortly afterwards, when the price of beef gave indications of falling off, and the price of dairy products was advancing, and about the time the United States breeders succeeded in having restrictions placed on the importation of Canadian pure-bred cattle into the United States, Justice Clute concluded that in Ontario at least more money could be made in dairy cattle than in beef cattle. He, therefore, disposed of his Shorthorns and replaced them with Ayrshires, his foundation stock being secured from stock purchased of Mr. Wm. Stewart, the well known Ayrshire breeder at Menie.

Justice Clute believes that on his 110-acre farm he ought to be able to keep at least 30 milk cows and an equal number of young stock. He does not go as far as those who advocate the keeping of one cow to the acre. In order that 60 head of cattle may be kept on his farm he is gradually enriching his farm and introducing methods of management that he believes will enable him to accomplish his purpose. "I am very much impressed with the soiling system of feeding cattle," he told a representative of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, who spent an enjoyable day at his place recently. "I believe," he said, "that in many cases cows can be kept in the

stable during the hot summer months and fed on soiling crops more cheaply than they can be pastured. Breeding cattle should, however, be turned out at night as they need exercise and will do better if they get it at night. Some people claim that cows do not need exercise. I am persuaded however, that they do as they seem to enjoy getting out. It is a matter where we should consult the pleasure of the cows somewhat. During August, the cows were fed in the stable on alfalfa, when it was in proper condition and on corn cut fresh."

The farm comprises 110 acres of excellent land well watered, there being a running stream in every field. It is essentially a dairy farm. The stock comprise 41 head of cattle including 16 excellent Ayrshire milk cows, eight yearling heifers and a splendid three-year-old bull, violet's King of Burnside \$2,855, sired by Barchesky's King's Own, the champion Ayrshire bull of Canada during 1906, 1907 and 1908. There are 17 head of young stock.

### RUN ON A PAVING BASIS

Unlike some wealthy people who have taken up farming more or less as a pleasure, Justice Clute is not expending any large sums of money in his farm operations. The buildings that were on the farm when he purchased it have been utilized. They have been improved in various ways, such as by the installation of a system of ventilation in the stables, the raising of the ceilings and the erection of a silo and milk house, but all in a manner within the reach of almost any ordinary farmer.

One thing Justice Clute believes in strongly and that is that the farm house and surroundings should be made as attractive as possible. His farm foreman has built a commodious verandah across the front of the house that is greatly enjoyed by the members of the family. There is a lawn at the front and on both sides of the house. A rustic gate, made out of cedar posts, has been erected at the entrance to the drive-way which

## WE WANT A NEW NAME FOR OUR PAPER

We want to receive suggestions from our readers for a new name for our paper. The present name "The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World" is too long. It takes up too much room. It takes too long to speak it, and to write it.

Can you suggest a better name? We want a name that will be short and one that will stand for something. It must show, first and foremost, that this paper is devoted to the great farming interests. It must show, also, that it is devoted, as well, to the great dairy industry, the most important single line of industry in Canada. What can you suggest?

To the person who is the first to send us the name that is ultimately adopted we will pay \$3.00. All others who suggest the same name will have their subscriptions extended for two months. The only condition that we impose is that those who take part in this competition shall send us a short letter with the name they suggest, telling us why they prefer the name they submit. This competition will close on November 8th. Names submitted after that date will not be considered. Should any of our readers prefer to see the present name retained they are invited to write us to that effect, giving their reasons.

### REASON FOR THE PRESENT NAME

The present name of the paper was adopted last winter when The Rural Publishing Company, Limited, purchased the two papers, The Canadian Dairyman and The Farming World, and united them in the present publication. The new name would have been introduced at that time but for the fact that the two papers were united immediately after their purchase was completed leaving no time in which to announce the adoption of a new name. It was decided, therefore, to retain, for the time being, the names of both old papers in order that the subscribers and advertisers of both papers might not be confused by too sudden a change.

Our subscribers are asked to bear in mind that while we are planning to change the present name of the paper no other change of any kind will be made except that the present features are to be strengthened and improved. In every other respect the paper will be conducted and managed just as at present. The new name will not be adopted until the first of next year.

Now! who will be the first to submit the winning name? Let us hear from you SOON.

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