OUR FREE RURAL DELIVERY DEBATING SOCIETY

Ed., The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World,—I want to assure you that your efforts in taking up the cudgels in favor of Rural Mail Delivery, are thoroughly appreciated by thousands of farmers. No doubt some, like one of your contributors last week, who keeps a post office, and some who are near post offices, will be indifferent in this matter. But there are thousands throughout the country who are not so favorably situated, who will be glad to tax themselves heavily for the boon of having their mail come within reasonable distance.

In the locality in which I live, we are worse off than we were thirty years ago. Then we had a post office in the neighborhood. Now we have to go six miles to post a letter. Perhaps a neighbor brings in the mail for a number of us. I sometimes get a bunch of letters, some of which have to be answered at once; we then have to drive six miles to post the replies. Our present very generous Government will give us our office again, but we fail to find anyone to accept the magnificent offer of $30 a year, which they would make to turn their home into a public place. A great many of us, Mr. Editor, are beginning to think that when our rulers can vote millions in bounties for iron mines and millions to subsidize railways, there might be a little done for the farmers in the way of mail delivery.

The production of the Amherst post master is the most touching affair I ever saw. He sees danger to the wayside hotel and the country store—the one where more bad habits are formed and more evil originates than any other place in the community, the other where you are allowed to pay 50 per cent. more for goods than their value. Wouldn't it be a nice trip for the child after school to go six miles through the mud and six back to get an insight into business lines. I am afraid your postmaster is selfishly interested in retaining the present system. It won't be very long before the farmers take the bit between their teeth (as they did about the last local election) on this question, and show the powers that be, that they feel that they are entitled to some consideration. Wishing the Canadian Dairyman and Farming World every success, I am,

R. J. HINE,
Elgin Co., Ont.

FREE DELIVERY VS. PRESENT SYSTEM

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World,—I have been much interested in the letters written in The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World on the rural free mail delivery question, also what others are saying for and against it.

Some four years ago I put forth some ideas favoring rural free mail delivery, also trying to show some of the benefits derived therefrom. I have never changed my mind since. I believe if rural free mail delivery were introduced in rural Canada it would be much appreciated and our people would be willing to pay the price. Our rural people are a bright intelligent people and are deserving of the attention of the Government in this respect. We pay the bulk of the taxes in this country, and I believe we are entitled to equal privileges with our neighbors across the border, who are now so richly enjoying this service. I asked myself, some years ago, when I visited several of the States, "is it possible we are so far behind the times in regard to local telephone systems and rural free mail delivery." When a Kansas friend of mine was visiting me remarked you are years behind the times, I thought that we were not progressive.

Many of our municipal men and stock breeders lose twenty-five dollars' worth of time every year travelling to and from post offices. Our farmers would like a daily paper, to obtain the fresh news and keep in close touch with the markets. They also would like to have their business letters every day. It is a benefit from a moral standpoint as well. Some of the parents in Minnesota told me that it saved their sons from many a snare. Before the delivery it was an excuse for the young men to go to town or village after the mail. They were then drawn into bad company, getting home late at night and causing much anxiety in the home; while now the daily papers and letters come every day and they notice a great improvement.

The difference between the two systems is marked. I spent a month in Manitoba in the old settled part near the international boundary. Here I saw the disadvantages in regard to the mail. Then I went over into Minnesota, Dakota and Michigan, and I found a happy people in this respect. I can assure you it made me feel almost dissatisfied with my lot when I know I have to go four miles after my mail every time.

If we believe we should have rural free mail delivery we should agitate it. Many of our legislators know nothing about these disadvantages, consequently, they are not apt to move. Those who do, move so slowly that a lot of us will never see the benefits derived therefrom. Our children will, however, for it is bound to come. Why not now?— H. K. Denyes, Hastings Co., Ont.

Creating Much Interest

The premium offers made by The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World are creating much interest throughout the country. Many persons have written to our circulation department stating that they intended working for one of the prizes and asking for full particulars. On page 13 of this issue an announcement will be found regarding this offer.

Mr. Colin F. Mac Adam, Antigouish County, N. S., who recently sent us 45 new yearly subscriptions has thereby won a pure bred Holstein Heifer.

Mr. Mac Adam says: "I was bound to win, I just made up my mind to do it. If I had time I could get many more to subscribe to The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World."

Now is the time to get to work obtaining subscriptions. No doubt many persons will this season be just as successful as has been Mr. Mac Adam.

Following is what some of our readers have written to us this week:

Enclosed please find my subscription for The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World. I have been subscribing to an American paper, but have decided that a Canadian journal such as yours might be more useful. Ivor M. Pierce, Farnham Centre, Que.

I think it was a great move to combine The Canadian Dairyman and The Farming World. Your circulation is sure to increase rapidly with the combined paper.—Duncan Forbes, Brocksden, Ont.

H. B. Lowe, Baden, Ont., writes: "Although I am going to the States I shall always look forward for my "Canadian Dairyman," especially now that it is incorporated with the "Farming World" which makes it of double interest."

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