

Talks With Farmers

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World.—This week I visited the farmers in the north-western portions of Smith township, Peterborough County, and found haying (both clover and timothy) well under way, with promise of a good crop generally. "I think that the examination of milk houses and utensils by Government officials," said Mr. E. Mahood, "is only right. It goes to ensue the milk reaching the factories and creameries in a much sweeter condition, and helps to do away with the kicking about the quality of the milk arriving at the factories. Cleanliness

in hand "ing milk," said Mr. Mahood, "is one of the most important things in dairying. The milk houses and utensils, therefore, should be sharply looked after, both by cheesemakers and milk buyers."

THE TAXATION QUESTION

Mr. Mahood strongly advocates a drastic change in the assessment system at present in force. "I don't think it is right," said Mr. Mahood, "for a farmer, when he rents a farm, upon which there are poor buildings, to be assessed nearly double the original assessment, just because he happens to build a new barn, or make other improvements. I think the original assessment should stand so that the farmer who is not quite as well off as his neighbor, will be on an equal footing with him as regards taxes."

"I am having troubles of my own," said Mr. R. J. Waller, a neighbor of Mr. Mahood's, "with the sow this time. I have tried all kinds of methods of cradling them, and am now trying another way. I have about seven acres which I plowed before I commenced the regular spring work, and let it lie till I was nearly through. By that time the thistle had just begun to show. I then cultivated the land twice, with a few days interval between. After it had lain for three or three weeks, I again plowed."

ed, pretty deeply, cultivated it twice over again, and finished up by harrowing both ways. I find that by so doing I am slowly getting the thistle to the top, and by the harrowing I get the soil from the plants. They thus have no nourishment and so dry out. I think this way answers just as well or better than smothering them, as advocated in some agricultural papers." Mr. Waller, in conclusion, said, "If there was an act passed (as in the States) to compel the farmer to cut the thistles before coming to a head, the pest would be soon got rid of, as pest it is, and it is getting worse than mustard was at one time."

THE INSTITUTE MEETINGS

"I should like to know why Institute meetings are advertised to take place," said Mr. Alex. Thompson, (salesman of the Lakehurst cheese factory,) "if the speakers, who are paid by the Government, fail to show up when there are so many waiting to hear them. There were two meetings advertised for Hall's Bridge on Saturday, June 27, at 2 and 7 p.m., and at both times there were no speakers to conduct the meetings. Again, two meetings were to take place here (Lakehurst) at 2 and 7 p.m., but at only one meeting did the speakers address the gathering, although between 30 and 40 farmers and others interested in farming, attended to hear them. It makes it bad for the chances of getting a good crowd when there are no meetings advertised in the future."

Denmark has nearly 200,000 farms and farm gardens of ten acres or less, and about 100,000 farms of between ten and fifteen acres. There are less than 1,000 farms in the entire kingdom of 500 acres or over, the aggregate of these last named being less than a million acres.

What Breeding Will Do

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World.—The following is a tabulated statement of what my Holstein cows have done for the first five months of this year. It shows what breeding will do.

Quite a few of the cows are in the record of performance. Owing to moving last year, my cows this year have not come in at proper times. We are weeding out the grades. I never breed any cows that do not give at least 40 lbs. with their first calf, that is when reaching full flow. We have 41 head in the herd, and young ones are now rapidly coming in.

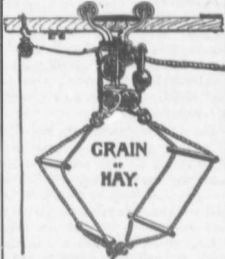
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Brandon—July 13th to 17th.
Highland Society Show, at Aberdeen—July 21st to 24th.
Regina—July 21st to 24th.
Canadian National Exhibition—Aug 29th to September 14th.
Halifax, N.S., Sept. and to 10th.
Western Fair, London, Ont.—September 11th to 19th.
St. John's, N.B., Sept. 12th to 19th.
Central Fair, Ottawa, Ont.—September 16th to 26th.
St. Thomas Horse Show, St. Thomas, Ont.—September 22nd and 23rd.
New Westminster, B.C., September 29th to October 3rd.
International Live Stock Exhibition, Chicago—Nov. 28th to December 5th.

Canadian Farm Milk Record, 1908

No.	Name of Cow	Age yrs.	Milk in milk June	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Average per day May
1	Artis Clothilde	14	1	130			3000	1430	30.0
5	Chamcock Queen	12	23	700	6500	6800	714	7150	30.1
7	" " "	14	1	700	720	8130	700	700	29.9
9	Grails Holstein	5	7	9100	7800	8330	8330	844	27.9
10	" " "	7	12	154	4024	440	4024	112	30.4
11	" " "	6	7	1000	9670	8000	8000	8000	31.4
21	" " "	7	7	8114	6500	6800	6800	6800	30.5
22	" " "	6	7	1021	830	614	764	801	27.5
23	" " "	9	4	225	813	800	780	740	28.0
14	" " "	10	8	412	79			3200	31.4
15	" " "	10	8	412	79			3200	31.4
30	DeKo Burke's Orphan	23	280	47	735	1070	1070	1070	34.6
30	Holland Beauty	11	14	301	23		300	8870	28.0
42	Chamcock Argie	6	6	23	402	1027	1027	1027	34.6
43	" " "	6	6	23	402	1027	1027	1027	34.6
49	Currie May	6	6	55	1377	1430	1392	1390	30.6
57	King's Chamcock Argie	4	15	857	700	770	820	820	29.2
60	Hessie Sylvia	5	6	5	857	700	770	820	29.2
71	Chamcock Argie Queen	3	10					3000	30.6
31	" " "	3	10					3000	30.6
Total Pounds				9435	7004	9121	13390	16447	
Average per day per cow				23.4	30.0	28.5	31.9	30.8	

Those marked * are Home Bred. No. 37 with first calf gave 8975 lbs. in 12 months and in the 15th month averaged 29.3 lbs. a day. No. 5, twenty-three months in milk, averaged 31.1 lbs. a day for the last month. No. 49, thirteen 45 months, average for the last month, 40.6 lbs. daily.

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