

CITY MILK SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Toronto Situation Critical

The milk situation around Toronto, has reached the stage where the milk producers must organize thoroughly and work energetically if they are to secure the price which they have set for their milk. The milk dealers have put up a clever trick to disorganize the producers. It is the duty of the producers to stand by their association and to refuse to be humbugged or fooled.

At the annual meeting of the Producers' Association, held in September, the producers decided to charge \$1.50 an 8-gal. can for the seven winter months, starting October 1st, and \$1.30 for the five summer months. From the foregoing price, must be deducted charges of 15 to 20¢ a can, for delivering the milk in the city. At Montreal and Ottawa, the dealers are paying the producers \$1.75 at the farm. The Toronto price, therefore, is a reasonable one.

THE DEALERS' TACTICS

The officers of the Milk Producers' Association, notified the dealers of the decision of the producers and asked for a conference. The dealers replied that they had not decided what to do. They did not set a date for a meeting. Later, they agreed to meet the milk producers on Sept. 25th. This was a clever move on the part of the dealers, as it put the conference off until within a couple of days of the time when the change to the winter price should take effect. The dealers did not meet the producers on the date set and claimed that their association had become disorganized. This was another clever move, as the producers then had nobody representing the milk dealers with whom they could confer.

HELD THEIR MILK

The officers of the Milk Producers' Association notified their members of the action of the dealers and asked them to hold their milk until their terms had been accepted by the dealers. On Oct. 1st, it was estimated that about 75 per cent. of the milk producers held their milk, not including, however, those who had contracted last spring to sell their milk to the City Dairy, and to one or two other dealers, up to Nov. 1st. The milk was held for two days. On the second day, a considerable number of the milk dealers formed an independent association and met the officers of the Milk Producers' Association and agreed to pay the price asked by the association. The officers of the Milk Dealers' Association signed an agreement with the milk producers to that effect. The milk producers then started sending their milk to them at that price.

PROSECUTED THE PRODUCERS

About this time, some of the milk dealers, whose names are unknown, took action, through the secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, against the farmers who were members of the Milk Producers' Association, on the ground that they were in combine in restraint of trade. When the case was tried in court, they claimed that they were unable to get milk from the producers because of the action of the Milk Producers' Association. They had to admit, however, that they had a similar association of their own which had been formed with the object of regulating the price they charged the citizens of Toronto for milk. Mr. A. J. Reynolds, the secretary of the Milk Producers' Association, offered to produce the books of the association and to give the court any information that might be desired. The case was adjourned until these books could be examined by the lawyer for the dealers. The

books have since been returned to Mr. Reynolds, but no word has been heard of the case against the producers being pressed. It is believed that it has been dropped.

PRICE HAS BEEN PAID

It is understood that a majority of the milk dealers in Toronto are paying the price asked by the Milk Producers' Association. Some, however, have been trying to buy milk at lower prices and to get milk from points distant from Toronto. A considerable number of the producers have received the full price for their October milk. It is reported, however, that a few producers have accepted prices lower than those set by the association. If this is the case, action should be taken immediately to find how many of these men are selling their milk below the association price and efforts should be made to thoroughly organize all the producers with the object of maintaining the price set by the association. There is a possibility that another mass meeting of the producers may be held this week. The officers of the association are doing everything in their power to protect the interests of the producers and it will be the producers' own fault if they do not back up the association in every way possible.

An Inexpensive Scraper

The illustration below shows an inexpensive scraper made by Mr. Dan Crough, of Ennismore, Peterboro Co., Ont., for use on his farm. The scraper is made from a piece of sheet iron turned up at the sides and fastened to pieces of board fashioned in the



manner shown in the illustration. The cost of this implement was only \$4.50. Mr. Crough has a wide alley way behind the cow in his stable, down which he can drive a horse. The stable floors are all cement, which enables him to drive a horse down the stable and to clean it out with the minimum amount of labor. The scraper has been found very convenient for other farm work. Mr. Crough and one of his sons may be seen in the illustration, which was taken specially for The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World.

Clydesdale Registration-Certificate of Service Now Necessary

In the past it has not been necessary when recording pedigrees to have the owner of the sire sign the application form certifying to service. All applications now forwarded to the Record Office must either be signed in the place provided or on a separate service slip. Rule Entry No. 3 of the revised Constitution adopted by the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada at the last annual meeting reads: "After October 13th, 1908, the owner of the sire of an animal, the pedigree of which is offered for entry, shall certify to service, giving date of service with name and recorded number of sire in the Clydesdale Stud Book of Canada. Signature shall not be accepted unless

ownership appears on the books of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada." Attention is drawn to above rule as few breeders or stallion owners seem to know of its existence, or at least, of its enforcement.

Pedigrees cannot now be recorded unless accompanied by a certificate of service signed by the owner of the sire. An important part of this rule, which if overlooked will cause both trouble and delay, is that the person who signs the service certificate as owner of the sire must appear as such on the books of the Clydesdale Association. In other words, if the sire has changed hands since his registration, or subsequent transfers were made, he will have to be transferred to the person signing the certificate, before the latter's signature will be recognized.

Stallion owners should procure a supply of the service certificates and give them, properly filled in and signed, to the owners of mares which have been bred to their horses. Perhaps the best time to issue them would be when collections are made for service fees during the winter, when the last date of service is known.

These blanks will be supplied free of charge, upon application to Accredited National Live Stock Records, Ottawa. The number required should be stated. Filling in name of stallion the Canadian number should be given, as, if he is not recorded in the Canadian Stud Book, the pedigrees of his colts cannot be.—Accountant National Live Stock Records.

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