

## FARMERS' RIGHTS

A Toronto daily, in an editorial after the convention of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association at Perth last January, referred to a

"conspirator" down east, a Mr. Jas. R. Anderson, who had contributed the following base, unworthy, unpatriotic, and altogether treasonable remark to a discussion at the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association convention,

"I have 35 cows, and had I been the produce of these cows in the United States my income for six months would have been \$3 a day greater than it was." Our readers were given an explanation in Farm and Dairy, April 6th, page 13. By Mr. Anderson as to how he figured out that the cream shipping business to the United States, even in the face of the present duty, last year would have made him \$3 a day more than he was able to make from his milk manufactured into cheese at his local factory.

### POLITICS LAID ASIDE

Mr. Anderson is a thinker. Although heretofore he has been known as a staunch Conservative, he has come to see the light, and of late has thrown politics to the winds. He is, out and out, a supporter of farmers' rights, and he is a valiant worker in the cause.

Especially are his sympathies cast in with the dairymen. "Dairying," said Mr. Anderson to an editor of Farm and Dairy in Ottawa last winter, "is second only to slavery. I have been through the mill and I know. We need the best market we can get for our dairy products. In the United States there is a great and profitable market for our dairy products as is shown by the ruling high prices over there for cheese and the extra money a number of our farmers in favored localities have been able to make out of the cream shipping business."

### A HARD WORKER

Mr. Anderson was born on a farm and has lived all his life in the locality where he now resides. He has been a hard worker and at times has worked extremely hard. Notwithstanding this fact, he has stood out as an active, fair and aggressive exponent of the best interests of the farmers, in the service of whom he has ever held himself available and has always been ready to take the initiative in any matter calculated to advance the interests of agriculture, and especially dairying. It is in connection with the dairy interests that Mr. Anderson has taken the most active part. He has held the position of treasurer and salesman of his cheese factory for a number of years. The success of his local factory and the conditions surrounding it are largely the result of the attentions given it by Mr. Anderson. For some years he was a director of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, and for the past six or seven years he has been treasurer of the organization.

Above other things Mr. Anderson is a firm believer in the right of every farmer to do his own thinking. He objects to having others who are interested in reaping a harvest off the hard working dairymen tell the dairymen what they should do and what they should not do and where they should market their products. These men have held the field too

long, and it is a hopeful sign of the times that men like Mr. Anderson, who know at least the producing end of the dairy interests, are prepared to come out and stand for their rights and bid adieu to the brigade who, heretofore, have been allowed to do all the talking for the farmers and dairymen.

Mr. Anderson has done a great deal for his district and for Eastern Ontario. He has an excellent farm and rich soil, and he has provided good buildings and good stock of a rent paying sort. His farm won the second prize for his district in the Dairy Farms Competition two years ago and seventh place in the general competition last year conducted by Farm and Dairy, in which the prize farms of the whole province of Ontario competed.

### MR. ANDERSON GETS A "CALL"

All has not been a bed of roses for Mr. Anderson in taking the stand he has for farmers' rights. So far as he personally is concerned, he need not care particularly whether or not farmers ever get their rights, although he has as much as any one stands to benefit therefrom. Some time ago Mr. Anderson casually remarked to one of our editors that even his wife was opposed to him giving time to the consideration of these questions. One morning after some long evenings of study and late hours, Mr. Anderson was accosted with, "James, you seem to be losing your interest in the farm! Of late you never seem to care what time you get to bed, and you allow the boys to do all the work in the mornings." To his helpmate he replied: "If we can but get the market we seek for our dairy products, that and nothing more, I will have done more for our country and for our own personal selves in the way of increased returns than I could do by years of hard work, and remain content to have others reap the profits which are ours legitimately, and which we should gain and retain." After that Mr. Anderson was left without further protests from that quarter.

Before ultimately obtaining all our rights we farmers shall need the services of many other practical, well-informed and willing workers in the cause, such as we have in the person of Mr. Anderson.

### Scientific Farming

(Hoard's Dairymen)

The kind of farmers we should let That is the question. Whether we perceive it or not, it still remains the paramount question. How it is solved depends the good or ill fortune of the individual farmer and the ultimate welfare of the country. Secretary Wilson said the other day, at the meeting of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations:

"The more scientific farmers we have, the better for the country. Our crops should have the same yield to the acre as in Europe."

What is it to be a scientific farmer? Must he be a graduate of a college? No! But he must use the same knowledge and employ the same methods that sound science declares are best. Any man, if he will, can read, study and practise, can acquire this knowledge. When he puts it in practice he is "knowing good from evil." That is all that science teaches and it is scientific that the same if applied by a man who has been his own schoolmaster, as if he was a graduate.

But it is well to remember the words of the old Scotchman when told that a certain man was a "self made man." "Yes," said the Scotchman, "but he should have had help." The school gives help, saves time, prevents costly mistakes, but science remains science just the same, with or without the school.



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