

Cheese Department

Makers are invited to send contributions to this department, to ask questions on matters relating to cheesemaking and to suggest subjects for discussion. Address: The Cheese Maker's Department, The Dairy School, Kingston, Ont.

Cow Testing in New Zealand

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Two years ago in New Zealand they started their first cow testing association. This association had 25 members representing 800 cows. The average of the 800 cows for the year, which is somewhat longer than the factory season, was 6,819 pounds of milk testing 4.8 per cent. Here is an explanation of why New Zealand is going ahead in dairy matters while we are standing still or going back. In many sections of Eastern Ontario the milk is taken to the cheese factories. By keeping track of these factory records, therefore, we can determine that the average of milk for Ontario cows during the season is about 3,000 lbs.

Last year New Zealand increased her export of cheese 39 per cent. This cannot be accounted for as it sometimes is by saying that they are going more extensively into cheese and neglecting their creameries, as last year the export of butter increased 18 per cent. over the previous year. An explanation of the high test of the New Zealand milk is found in the fact that practically all of the factories pay for the milk by straight fat test.

Cow Testing Centre Established

Twenty-four good reasons why farmers should take up cow testing were given by C. F. Whitley, Ottawa, at a dairy meeting held in Peterboro, Feb. 28, on the occasion of the establishment of Peterboro as a Dairy Record Centre. An outline of what was to be carried on at this centre was given in Farm and Dairy of Feb. 23. Mr. Whitley pointed out that by means of scales and the Babcock test the poor cows could be detected, feeding and breeding could be carried on more intelligently, labor would be lessened, and profits would be larger. Cow testing also has the effect of giving the man greater enthusiasm and greater interest for his work.

The care of cream on the farm was dealt with by Mr. Geo. H. Barr, Chief of the Dairy Division, Ottawa. A fuller report of his address will be given in Farm and Dairy in a later issue.

Mr. Burgess, of Woodstock, who

will take charge of the cow testing work in the vicinity of Peterboro until a permanent appointment is made, gave concrete cases of men who had greatly increased (some of them up to 80 per cent. in three years) the production of their herds. He requested the farmers present to assist him in getting the work started.

G. G. Publow Retires From Dairy School

Mr. G. G. Publow, late Superintendent of the Dairy School at Kingston and Chief Dairy Instructor for Eastern Ontario, after being connected for 16 years with the work of the school has resigned his position as superintendent. Mr. Publow, on account of his health, some months ago asked to be relieved of his work as Superintendent of the school. Mr. L. A. Zufelt, instructor in butter-making, will succeed Mr. Publow in the school work. He entered on his new duties March 1st.

A presentation of a gold-headed cane was made to Mr. Publow by the staff and students of the dairy school.

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This position he accepted although at the same time he kept an eye to the farm also. His father's continued ill health and his desire for a more independent out door life soon led him back again to the farm, where he has since remained.

Mr. Good, on coming back to the farm definitely, became actively identified with the Farmers' association, and since its amalgamation with the Grange in 1907, has been connected with the remodelled Grange. Although he has never sought or occupied any of the chief executive offices, Mr. Good has rendered effective work in committee. In November 1909, he was on the committee that drafted the constitution of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. For a couple of years he has been one of the Grange organizers and has organized subordinate granges at Braemar (Oxford County) and Burford (Brant County). During the past two years, Mr. Good has been president of the North Brant Farmers' Institute; last winter he was out for a short time on Farmers' Institute work.

At the time the tariff commission was sitting in Brantford, in 1905, Mr. Good was one of those who presented the farmers' case. From time to time he has written for newspapers, periodicals and magazines, chiefly on socio-economic subjects.

Considering his position financially, Mr. Good has made no small sacrifices of time and talent in behalf of the

farmers' of Canada. We can assure Farm and Dairy readers and others interested in the farmers' cause that whenever occasion arises Mr. Good can be counted on as a spokesman for the great mass of unorganized, inarticulate farmers. Through his self-

sacrificing efforts together with those of many others who have cast in their lot with agriculture, the day is fast coming when farmers generally will be organized, trained, and able to stand up and demand justice, both for themselves and for society at large.

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