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Editor, Farm and Dairy.—The suggestions advanced by Prof. G. E. Day in your issue of Dec. 1st we admit are to the point, but it is a very hard matter to carry them out. It would necessitate all the packers being a unit and having a distinct understanding to carry out the different grade prices. This has been tried by the different packers, and the result has been that it was impossible to carry it out on account of not being universal. On certain markets the scheme would be impossible anyway, as there are times, just as Professor Day alludes to, that fatter hogs are in demand, and therefore it would bring the price equal to the others, although to carry on an export business, the farmer should study the hog suitable for that trade.

The trouble has been lately that the prices in England have been so far below cost that a good many packers have done very little export business.—The Ingersoll Packing Company, Limited, per C. D. Wilson.

Experimental Farm for Quebec

Some time ago the Dominion Minister of Agriculture decided to open an experimental farm in the province of Quebec. A number of farms were offered and inspected during the past season. That of Gus A. Langelier, Cape Rouge, known as "Stadacona Farm," was finally selected. This farm is situated within easy reach of Quebec City and comprises 380 acres of well tilled land. This will be an excellent location, being easily reached by the farmers in the eastern part of the province. Cape Rouge is situated on the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Railways.

Mr. Langelier, the former owner, has received the appointment as superintendent of this farm and also of the one to be established at St. Anne de la Pocataire. With the experience that Mr. Langelier has gained as a successful breeder of Clydesdale horses, Yorkshire cattle and Yorkshire swine, together with cereal husbandry, should make him a valuable man for the position.

Items of Interest

The next meeting of the American Breeders' Association will be held at Columbus, Ohio, February 1, 2 and 3, 1911.

The Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association will hold winter meetings at the following places: Stony Creek, Beausville, Jordan, Jordan Station, Grantham, Fonthill, and Fenwick.

Despite the fact that most of the heavy work on the farm has been done for the season, the demand from farmers for help continues insistent. The Department of Colonization, Toronto, has 300 applications for laborers, and although a number of men are being sent out right along, new applications are coming in rapidly enough to keep the unfilled list large. Indications are that the demand for help in the spring will be even more acute than it was this year.

We are enclosing our renewal to Farm and Dairy. We have been members of the Milk Shippers' Association in Montreal since its organization. We like Farm and Dairy very much, as there is always something for everybody, either old or young in it.—A. A. McDonald, Glenarry Co., Ont.

The Dominion Grange Convenes

Pride and admiration for the executive and speaking ability of the farmers of Canada must have been felt by anyone who was present at the Convention of the Dominion Grange, which met for its 36th annual meeting in Toronto last week. The manner in which the business of the meeting and various discussions were conducted was most creditable and as was expressed at the meeting had Senator Melvin Jones (President of the Massey-Harris Company), Mr. Flavell, and others, who on late have been advising farmers on how to conduct their business, been present, these gentlemen might wisely have come to the conclusion that the farmers as represented by the Dominion Grange were perhaps as well able to advise these manufacturers as to the conduct of their business as these gentlemen are to advise the agriculturist on how to farm.

In his address, the retiring Master of the Grange, E. C. Drury, B.S.A., of Crow's Hill, reported a year of great and definite progress towards the end for which the Grange exists. The Grange aims to provide the farming class of Canada with an organization by which they can educate themselves not only in those things directly pertaining to their calling but in all things pertaining to intelligent citizenship and through which they can make their influence felt in the affairs of the nation. The farmers of Canada, he said, are thinking more intelligently and independently than ever before along public lines, while farmers' organizations are exercising a greater influence than ever in the affairs of our country.

Mr. Drury made favorable reference to the union, which was effected last

winter between the Alberta Farmers' Association, the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the Grange of Ontario. This organization, the "Canadian National Council of Agriculture," is in effect a single farmers' organization, entirely autonomous as far as the various provinces are concerned, but able to move in unison as far as matters of national importance are concerned. Through this body the great Ottawa delegation, a thing unique in Canadian history, was made a possibility.

A great lesson that we in Ontario may take to ourselves from this union is the need for more thorough organization in this province. The Western provinces newer than we and on the surface of things far more difficult to organize are yet far ahead of us in this respect. We in Ontario must be up and doing. We need to extend our organization to the end that we may take our proper place in the affairs of our country.

TARIFF FOR REVENUE ONLY

The dominant note of much of the discussion by the members of the Grange was the reduction of the tariff, as levied by this country, to one for revenue only. The protective tariff, it was argued, does not produce revenue, but works rather for the Canadian manufacturer. Much time was spent discussing the tariff and members showed themselves to have a thorough knowledge of the situation which would aid them in presenting this point with great vigor, at the forthcoming interview in Ottawa.

The report of the Legislative Committee strongly approved of reciprocity arrangements, it expressed regret at the creation of a navy and the members deemed it even yet advisable to have the verdict of the

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Beware of fencing with "small" Wire stays, laterals or locks

Thousands of dollars have been wasted by farmers who have erected fencing consisting partly of big and partly of small wires. Such fencing cannot last. The large wires

expand and contract more than the small wires, causing strains too severe for the small wire stays, laterals or locks to withstand for long. Sooner than you might dream of, some of the

small wires snap, while others stretch, causing the fence to sag—and you need a new fence. Buying a fence containing small wires is certainly the most expensive economy you could practice, for a poor fence is almost impossible to repair, and isn't worth repairing anyway. Better by far to pay a little more if necessary and get a "big" wire

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