

The organizers of the movement are, of course, aiming at securing better prices for their output, but they will be welcome to that if they accomplish it by giving certain value for the prices obtained and possibly by reducing the distance from the poultry house to the table. This standardizing of our poultry and egg products should tend very greatly to develop the export business.

Farmers' Club Banquet

The Central Dunfries Farmers' Club in Waterloo Co., Ont., held a most successful banquet on the night of April 13th. For the benefit of our readers we herewith reproduce this menu and the list which are interesting:

THE MENU

SUP

Extract of Alfalfa Hay

ROILED

Potted-Head and Oxtail

(This is to make ends meet)

COLD MEATS

Plymouth Rock Wings, Shorthorn Ribs,

Yorkshire Hams

ROASTS

Pigs' Feet with nice Brown Gravy

Pickled Heart Stuffed

VEGETABLES

Escaloped Sugar Beets, Cream de Mangels

Potatoes a la Empire State

SALAD

Pulped Turnips and Ensalade with Mayon-

aise Dressing

Flaxseed Jelly

PASTRY

Hot Scones and Limburger, and some Pies,

Perhaps

DESSERT

Iran Mash on Toast with Whipped Cream

FRUIT

Lemons

DRINKS

Swallows

THE TOASTS

THE KING

President, W. J. Douglas

God Save the King

Solo, Albert Taylor

Mouth organ solo, F. J. Douglas

OUR COUNTRY

John Lee, John Taylor, Jr.

Solo, Mrs. Wm. Elliott

OUR TOWNSHIP

Joseph Arch Hall Richard Douglas

Reading, Edgerton

AGRICULTURE

Alex. Slater, William Elliott

Solo, Miss Jennie Sherwood

OUR CLUB

Albert Gillespie, Wm. Slater, F. C. Hart

Solo, Wm. McPherson

THE YOUNG MEN

Miss S. Moore, Jared Taylor, R. S. Duncan

Recreation, Edgerton

THE LADIES

Albert Taylor, Mrs. John Taylor, Jr.

Miss F. McPherson, Miss Jean Taylor

Wm. McPherson

THE MARRIED MEN

Instrumental, Mr. and Miss McPherson

Mrs. Wm. Elliott, James Lake

Mrs. Wm. Milroy, Wm. Milroy

Adam Dykeman

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We have had a good winter, and there is a prospect of good pasture, and cows that have been well fed will do better than last year. However, an animal which has not been fed during the winter cannot be expected to render a good account of herself during the following summer. Consequently, there will be instances of herds coming out on grass "spring poor" in spite of the actual plenty of hay. Still, the hay is beginning to be very active on the market and anyone driving in the edge of the flat level country will meet as many loads of hay as of any other commodity, each farmer taking two to 20 tons from the "wise virgins" who fed straw.

A new feature of dairying in this country is the shipping of milk and cream to Montreal. For years, this was done by a limited number of dairies. Now, however, it is being practised by several creameries and cheese factories who have installed pasteurizers and are shipping cream to Montreal in large quantities. The farmers who continue to ship milk say that the Cream and Milk Shippers' Association are maintaining the price of milk at the old level, but they fear that it will not be for long on account of the creamery men having discovered the good returns from shipping the unmanufactured article to the milk and cream dealers in the city.

The creamery men say that the price of cream in Montreal is lower than last year by just about the express charges thereon. That is, whereas the express charges last year were paid by the Montreal dealers this year the prices are no higher and the shipper has to pay the express.

The price of cheese is fully as high this year as last and the visible supply of old cheese on hand is so small that probably the cheese manufacturers will do better this season than those who make butter.

Public Stock Sales Advocated

"I believe that breeders of pure-bred stock can secure better results by public sales than by selling privately," said Mr. G. A. Gilroy, of Glen Buell, to a representative of Farm and Dairy, who visited his place recently. Mr. Gilroy is a well-known breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle and is the President of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association.

"If a breeder," said Mr. Gilroy, "can once secure the confidence of the people that his sales will be conducted on honest lines, he is almost certain to obtain higher prices for his stock. Sometimes a cow when sold in the best possible condition, but she goes wrong after the sale. When such an animal is sold privately, the purchaser often kicks and claims that there was something wrong with her when he purchased her. Such complaints are not made when the animal is sold by public sales.

LETTER WRITING TROUBLESHOOTER

"I find that it is a great task to try and answer all the letters that I receive from farmers who claim that they want to purchase stock. They ask for pedigrees of animals and each of them expect a long reply. This letter-writing is a difficult matter to the average breeder to attend to. When the stock is sold by auction, the pedigrees of the animals can be given in the sale catalogue and the greater portion of this correspondence can be avoided.

"At a sale, eight or ten men are likely to get interested in an animal. When this happens, the seller is much more likely to obtain a high price for that animal than he would have, had he sold it privately.

"Fifteen or 20 times a year, I have to drive to Brockville to ship stock. It is a distance of 10 miles. In this way, I lose a great deal of time. If my stock was sold at a public sale,

the work would all be done at one time. I think that breeders should co-operate more in holding these sales. If breeders in different sections would hold joint sales, they could advertise their sections and could save expense in advertising their sales.

"It is a great advantage to a section to become known as a centre for the sale of live stock. When I have to leave home to purchase some pure-bred Holsteins, I like to go to centres in the United States where

there are a number of breeders living near together. I feel that if one or two of the breeders have not got the kind of animal that I want, some of the others will be likely to have them and I can thus save considerable money in travelling expenses. In Canada, where there are several breeders of one class of stock, they will find that they will all be benefited if they will co-operate in arranging sales and in attracting buyers to their sections."



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Dairy Outlook in Quebec

P. C. Duboyce, Missisquoi Co., Que. The dairy outlook in this section of the Province of Quebec as regards price for produce is not so bright as it was a year ago. At that time butter was bringing from 28 to 33 cents a pound, whereas now the wholesale price is 20 to 21. As regards food of milk the cows will give probably more than last season except in cases where farmers have been caught short of hay. Some are unwise enough to stint their cattle rather than purchase although the price is not very high—\$5.00 to \$10.00 being the ruling price. The cause of the low price is found in the fact that many farmers in the French country have been feeding straw and saving their hay, hoping to obtain for this latter the high prices of last year. So many did this that to-day no straw is for sale at any price, one man reporting that he found only five tons in a day's drive and that was not for sale.