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are beginning to ask what the reason is. Something needs to be done to improve matters at the Experimental Farm, or before long complaints will become general and widespread.

PUBLISHER'S DESK

Dear Readers of Farm and Dairy:

We have long felt the need for a little section in Farm and Dairy through which we could have friendly sociable talks with you. We receive so many letters from subscribers expressing pleasure over certain articles they have read, thanking us for the benefit they have derived from some of our special departments, asking us to advocate certain reforms and discussing other matters too numerous to mention, that we have decided that the best thing for us to do was to establish a department through which we could talk to all of our readers at once. In this corner we will take you into our confidence. We will tell you why we do—and why we do not do—certain things. You will be told the why and the whereof. In this way we will get to know each other better. By knowing each other better we will be able to advance your interests more effectively and you will be able to advance ours. By helping each other we will be helping ourselves.

"The Publisher's Desk" will always be found on this page and in this column, but it may not—in fact, will not—appear every week. The dates of its appearance—and disappearance—will be determined by how the spirit moves us to write to you or you to write to us. We expect that it will be helpful and interesting to us all.

You will, we know, be pleased to learn that the net result of the business operations of Farm and Dairy during 1909 showed an improvement as compared with those of 1908 of a little over 33½ per cent. At one time people tried to make us believe that it would be impossible to make a success in Canada of a farm and dairy paper. You know better. So did we. This year we expect that our business will show further marked improvement over that of 1909. Already the year has opened in a most encouraging manner. Our cash receipts from subscriptions up to Feb. 17 were about 20 per cent. in excess of those received during the corresponding period last year. In our Feb. 3rd issue—which was our second annual poultry number—we excelled all previous issues not only in the size of the issue but in the value of the advertisements carried. That issue contained almost 15 per cent. more advertisements than any other issue of Farm and Dairy ever published. That is only a starter, however. We intend to break that record several times during the coming year, as good improvements are planned for Farm and Dairy for this year.

By the way! What do you think of our special issue? Unlike some of the best farm papers, both in Canada and in the United States, instead of getting out big Christmas issues, we prefer to publish eight special magazine issues at intervals throughout the year. Our aim is to have them appear just at those seasons when they will be of the greatest interest to our readers and of the most benefit to our advertisers. Last year we published eight of these issues. They were so much appreciated that we have decided to repeat them this year. They will be of the same nature and will appear on practically the same dates as did those of last year. The only difference will be that they will be a great deal better. The first—our Poultry Special—has appeared al-

ready. Our second annual Garden and Orchard number will appear next week. It will be bristling with timely articles and illustrations for the garden and orchard. Watch for it. Tell your friends about it. Our second annual Dairy number will be out on April 7th, our Farm Improvement number on May 5th and our Farm Machinery number on June 2. Advertisers will do well to secure space in all of these issues early. Last year these eight special issues carried altogether more advertisements than most 50 per cent. more advertisements than our regular issues. Already a number of the best positions have been sold for all of the issues during 1910. Speak early, therefore, if you want a good position.

Illustrated sections, a whole series of them, like the three published Sept. 16, Dec. 30 and Feb. 3, 1910, only better, will also be a feature of Farm and Dairy for 1910. Our plans for these, however, are not yet completed. You will be told about them later.

The prize dairy farms' competition held by Farm and Dairy, assisted all and generously by its friends, during 1909, proved fully as great a success as we had hoped. The men who won the prizes offered are to be congratulated, for the honor was a great one. The prizes have all been ordered through the firm of P. W. Ellis & Co. of Toronto and will soon be ready for distribution. A few have been presented already. By the way! How would it do for the friends of the prize winners to arrange for public presentations? Some of the editors of Farm and Dairy would be glad to attend and make the presentations. Announcements about this year's final competition will be made as soon as the committee of management has had an opportunity to meet to discuss them.

There are a number of other matters that we would like to tell you about this week, but space forbids. Another talk, therefore, will soon be due.

The Publishers.

Seed Control Act—Germination Tests

Where can I procure a copy of the Seed Control Act, and at what cost? To whom should I send samples for inspection and grading?—W. P. G. Renfrew Co., Ont.

Copies of Seed Control Act may be secured from Seed Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, free of cost. Samples of seed for germination or purity test should also be sent to this address. Packages of five pounds and under will be carried through the mail without postage and reports are all sent free of charge.—E. D. Eddy, for Seed Commissioner.

Cement Floors are Best

At the recent Bedford district, Que., dairy convention held at Cowansville, Mr. J. H. Griedale made the claim that cement floors are the best that can be made. Wood becomes impregnated with the filth of the excreta and it is entirely impossible to get the stable free from the bad taint and odour of the manure. Mr. George P. England in a discussion that followed took very strenuous exception to this style of floor, but it turned out that he had used concrete rough surface, instead of cement surface.

The need of plenty of bedding with this sort of floor was dwelt upon. It was shown that plenty of bedding was necessary anyway, in order to save the liquid manure. Any farmer who lost that was not a good farmer, was doing an injustice to his land, since the liquid manure is the most valuable.

The way to lay the cement, it was



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pointed out, is with an air-space in the floor. Then finish it off with half an inch of cement, finished off with an old stub broom, so that it is about as smooth as the sides of a grindstone. Mr. Gristae has had a cement stable floor in his own barn for 10 years and for three years at that and experience with which he never had a cow injure herself upon the floor.

Orchard and Garden Number, Mar. 3.

In Favor of Alfalfa.—We are more certain than ever before of the feeding value of alfalfa. We had six acres of it last year. Three acres did not take well and will have to be plowed up. Notwithstanding this fact, however, we secured 18 tons of alfalfa hay from the area. This three acre portion was seeded with oats; barley is much better as a nurse crop, there being a most noticeable difference in favor of the latter.—Barlow Cumberland, Durham Co., Ont.

WILL YOU REQUIRE SEED CORN THIS YEAR?

Yes, but where will you get it? Will you again be content to plant corn taken from a carload of shelled corn that in all probability has been brought into your town for feeding purposes? Hundreds of dairymen have in past years suffered untold loss through having planted just such corn. In order that Farm and Dairy readers may be safeguarded against a recurrence of that and experience with which so many have met in the past—that of having secured seed corn that will not grow—Farm and Dairy has secured a quantity of seed corn that is guaranteed. It is from a reliable and well known source in the corn belt of Essex Co., Ont. This seed will be delivered on the cob if requested. Seed corn of the following varieties is available.

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Farm and Dairy offers any one of these varieties as follows: Two Bushels for Four New Subscriptions to Farm and Dairy; One Bushel for Two New Subscriptions (Subscriptions to be taken at \$1.00 each). The corn will be delivered f.o.b. at the grower's station in Essex County, Ont.

For the silo corn of strong germinability and vitality should be planted about 10 quarts to the acre, hence you would only need to get four new subscriptions to Farm and Dairy to get enough seed corn for six acres—enough to fill the average silo. This great offer means much to you as a corn grower. It means that you can secure reliable seed corn, which will insure you, so far as the seed is concerned, a good crop of corn this coming season, all for the little trouble of canvassing your friends.

If you will grow corn during 1910 take advantage of this offer. Don't put it off until tomorrow. Take this matter up now. Show Farm and Dairy to your friends. Tell them of its many bright features, its practical articles, its special magazine numbers, its illustrated supplements and of the special articles from prize winning farmers that will be featured during 1910. They are sure to subscribe. Name the variety of corn that you want, whether on date to the cob or shelled, and send in your subscriptions at the earliest possible date to

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