

freely discussed, and there can be no two opinions among those who desire to deal fairly and squarely as between man and man that something must be done in the interests of the Canadian farmer and the great producing classes of this country. A railway commission composed of fair-minded and independent men seems to be the solution, and there is no reason that we can see why it should not be granted at the coming session of the House of Commons. Let our legislators come to the rescue of the producer in this matter, and in doing so there need be no antagonism to our railways. All that our people are asking is fair play, which should be granted without question.

Jersey Breeders Visit Dentonia Park Farm

The annual meeting of the Canadian Jersey Breeders' Association was held in this city on Dec. 28 last, a report of which will appear in an early issue. After concluding the business for which they were met, the visitors enjoyed a most pleasant outing to Dentonia Park Farm, the property of Mr. W. E. H. Massey, Toronto. The trip was arranged for and personally directed by Mr. Massey, and was most heartily enjoyed by those whose good fortune it was to be among the guests.

Dentonia Park Farm is now well known in all parts of the Dominion. A work is being carried on there by Mr. Massey that cannot but be of great benefit to the country at large, and to the farmers in the immediate vicinity. Everything that money can do in the way of suitable buildings, modern equipment, etc., is being done to make Dentonia Park Farm thoroughly up-to-date and efficient in everything required to carry on practical agriculture in the very best way. Many farmers are of the opinion that when wealthy business men undertake to farm they do so merely as a pastime, and for the pleasure they hope to derive from it. While this view is correct in many instances it is not the case with Mr. Massey. While, no doubt, deriving a large amount of pleasure from his farming operations, he is in the business for the money there is in it. Mr. Massey has several features which he is just now making a specialty of. The two of most importance are the dairy and poultry. In connection with the former he is developing a large city trade in pasteurized and certified milk and cream for which high prices are being received.

But to return to the visitors. They were taken first to the poultry-house, a model in every respect and splendidly adapted for the purposes for which it is intended. It contained a number of fine specimens of the various utility breeds of poultry. The fish hatchery was next visited and proved most interesting. But what interested the breeders most was the Jerseys, of which Dentonia Park Farm has not a few and these of very fine quality. The Ayrshires were also given some attention, but we do not think they had the effect of winning any of the visitors from their first love. While in the cattle barns, the visitors took a look at the dairy and the sterilizing rooms where milk and cream are bottled for the city milk trade. Everything possible is being done in this connection to ensure pure, clean and wholesome milk.

We have not space to give further details. A trip to Dentonia Park Farm is an education that the average farmer does not get every day. Of course the average farmer would not be able to make the expenditures that Mr. Massey is making in every case, but there are many things such as the ventilation system in the stables, the plans for storing and carrying out the manure, the poultry house, etc., which could in

some modified form be copied by every farmer. At any rate, no observant farmer visiting Dentonia Park Farm could fail to carry away with him some pointers that would be very valuable in his own farm practice. For this reason every farmer who can make arrangements to do so should visit this farm, where he will be most heartily welcomed by Mr. Massey and the energetic manager, Mr. J. B. Ketchen.

Public Auction Sales

Arrangements Completed for Sales at Guelph and Ottawa

The next important event in live stock circles is the coming auction sales. These will be held at Guelph on February 27, and at Ottawa on March 6. The sales committee, comprising representative breeders from all parts of the province, met in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on Dec. 29, to adopt the rules and regulations governing the sale. The local committee looking after the Ottawa sale also met on Dec. 31. The report of these meetings, with the rules governing the test, appears in THE GAZETTE department this week, and should be read carefully by everyone desirous of taking part in these sales.

The sales committee unanimously elected Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, as chairman, and Mr. F. W. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner, as vice-chairman. The fact that these prominent agriculturists are at their head goes a long way towards assuring the success of these sales. Mr. A. P. Westervelt, secretary of the live stock associations, will act as secretary of the auction sales. These three officials, with Mr. Henry Wade, Registrar of Live Stock form the executive committee. The secretary is now ready to receive entries and breeders should send them in as early as possible so as to permit of the catalogue of sale being distributed in good time. The general arrangements for the sales are now well under way and with the usual force and energy which our breeders display put into them their success is assured.

A factor that should contribute largely to the success of the Guelph Sale is the holding of the annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association at Guelph during the sale. This meeting is always largely attended by prominent breeders from all parts of the country and should help to swell the number of buyers and sellers at the sale very materially. The Executive of the Association have acted very wisely in changing the date and place of the annual meeting so as to permit its members to be present at the sale. A similar movement is on foot in connection with the annual meeting of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association. At the last annual meeting held in Toronto it was decided to hold this year's meeting at Montreal. A number of prominent Ayrshire breeders have expressed a strong desire to have their annual gathering at Ottawa during the time of the sale, and we think there should be no hesitancy on the part of the directors in granting their request.

We have taken a somewhat decided stand in favor of these auction sales and we hope and believe they will be a success. But they cannot be made the success they ought to be if our breeders stand aloof from them. It will pay every buyer and seller of good stock and everyone interested in promoting the live stock interests of the country to take an active part in promoting the success of these auction sales. The business of every breeder in the country is so closely identified with them that if they are a success so much