

thy, and the offal is frequently fed to hogs which in itself is a violation of the health act.

But the great question, if a system of general meat inspection is adopted, is who is to saddle the loss for rejected animals. The man who buys and slaughters the animal claims that he should not have to bear it. If he does not then it must come back to the farmer or producer. And it is just here where the shoe pinches. Should the farmer, who does not know that he is selling a diseased beast, bear the loss? The consumer and the buyer say he should be held responsible, and that he should not breed, feed or raise diseased animals destined for human food. It is the farmer's business, they say, to see that his stock is healthy, and if there is disease to have it stamped out or suffer the loss when his animals are marketed.

The Secretary of the Ontario Board of Health, is a strong advocate of public abattoirs and inspection of all animals slaughtered. He would, however, have the government pay one-half or two-thirds of the value of each animal found diseased, and would work it out in this way: Inspect all animals alive as well as after killing. If the inspection alive shows that a beast is unfit for food then the farmer should bear the loss. If disease is found only after killing, then the owner at that time should bear it. This would mean that drovers and others would buy from the farmer subject to inspection, and so long as the inspection alive showed no disease, the latter would not suffer.

HIS SERVICES WORTH MORE

How is it that the wealthy province of Ontario cannot afford to pay Mr. C. C. James, the capable and hard-working Deputy Minister of Agriculture, more than \$3,000 a year, when the city of Toronto is willing to pay him \$4,000 a year, and even more, to act as park commissioner? Owing to Hon. Mr. Monteith's public duties, he, like all other members of the Cabinet, is unable to give close personal attention to the details of the work of his department. These, of necessity, have to be left in the hands of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The Deputy Minister has to have at his finger tips, complete information concerning the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars a year. And yet, after some sixteen years' faithful service, he is receiving only \$3,000 a year.

Farmers are economical. They are, also, fair. They do not desire to see a public official, who is working in their interests, paid less than his services are worth. This is not the first occasion on which inducements have been held out to Mr. James to resign his present position. It would be a calamity to the agricultural interests of Ontario, were he to do so. It is a wonder that he has not done so long ago. Surely we are not going to be forced to see an official of the Department of Agriculture of Ontario working for one thousand dollars a year less than he could earn elsewhere!

OUR FREE RURAL DELIVERY DEBATING SOCIETY

A Petition from Nova Scotia

Some of the farmers in Nova Scotia are much interested in our articles on Free Rural Mail Delivery. Miss Eunice Watts of Kings County, N.S., writes us as follows: "I am interested in your Mail Delivery articles, especially as I have drawn up a petition to the Postmaster General, signed by all the residents on this route, asking for a delivery. Although the petition has gone several months ago, we are still where we were before, but Sir Fredrick Borden has promised to give us his support. Nearly every house on this road receives quantities of mail from absent relatives. My own personal mail averages about 50 letters a month."

The Trap to the Post Office Should End

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World. The remark made by Hon. John Dryden, that one fast horse man made more noise than 20 farmers, on the horse race question, at country fairs, and quoted in your editorial, recently, will apply to a lot of other public business that concerns farmers far more than horse-racing.

The small cities of this country recently obtained free city mail delivery, the postmasters have secured an advance in their salaries, although their past conditions imposed no great hardship on anybody. These concessions were secured because the racket the people interested put up quickly decided the attitude of the Government.

There are thousands of farmers in the thickly settled and wealthy counties of Eastern Canada, who must tramp 8 and 10 miles to get their mail into or out of a post office. This is a ridiculous state of affairs. Within a distance of four miles along the road upon which I live in Oxford county, there are eight or ten farm homes that would be a credit to the streets of almost any city, and barns that cost thousands of dollars. The other outbuildings are of the same character, and a general farm business is done that should, by all means, be transacted by means of the most modern postal facilities. Instead, our farmers are handicapped to the extent stated. Consequently, as a rule, they often get their mail but once a week, and the rest of the time in a hap-hazard way.

Geo. Wilcox, Oxford Co., Ont.

Many are Working for Prizes

The liberal cash and live stock premiums which we are offering in return for new yearly subscriptions to The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World have created much interest and many persons have enthusiastically entered the competition. Mr. E. G. Williams, Huron County, and Mr. Robert Bennie, Renfrew County, have each recently won a pure-bred Berkshire sow by sending us seven new yearly subscriptions.

The following persons are greatly interested in our offer of \$1,500 in return for new yearly subscriptions: Mr. Isaac Deachman, Lanark County; Miss Eunice Watts, Kings County, N.S.; Mr. Wm. R. Stevenson, Russell County; Mr. H. H. McNulty, Leeds County; Mr. H. S. Cooper, York County; Mr. Hugh Clark, Lambton County; Mr. R. A. McArthur, Waterloo County; Mr. Burgess MacMahon, Kings County; Mr. Newton McIntosh, Northumberland County; Mr. A. A. Phoenix, Dufferin County; Mr. N. S. McLaughlin, Huron County.

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