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Rural Mail Delivery

The rural mail delivery which is being put into effect along several stage routes in older Ontario is being inaugurated under the following conditions:

Any person living on or contiguous to a rural mail route and not within one-quarter mile of the corporate limits of any city, town or village, who desires his mail deposited at a given point on the line of the route by the mail courier may take advantage of the opportunity afforded. Such person shall provide and erect a box known as the "King Edward" mail box on the roadside, located in such a manner as to be reached by the courier without dismounting from his vehicle or horse. This box can only be obtained from the Post Office Department of Canada.

The price of the box, together with all the necessary fittings, except only the post on which it will be erected, cannot be determined at the present time, inasmuch as the price will vary materially depend on the number of boxes required. The Department is therefore, purchasing the boxes for the trial routes and charging their leaving the price to be determined after it is seen what the full number of boxes required to equip the existing routes will be. Several thousand boxes have been ordered for the trial routes. One thing is absolutely certain, at whatever price they are supplied by the manufacturers the same price will be charged the patrons using the boxes.

The post to which the box is to be permanently attached, and which is to be provided by the patron, must be approximately four feet two inches above the road level, and must be erected upon the roadside so as to be conveniently reached by the courier without leaving his rig or dismounting from his horse. Each box must have conspicuously painted or stencilled upon it the name of the patron or owner.

Any person living off the line of travel of a rural mail courier is at liberty to purchase and erect one of these boxes at the cross-road or any other point on the courier's route for the reception of matter addressed to him or mailed by him as the case may be.

In addition to carrying the mail to the various post offices on his route the courier will, therefore, be required to receive from any postmaster on the route any mail matter that may be entrusted to him outside of the usual mail bag, and shall carry such mail to and deposit it in the proper rural mail box placed on the line of the route for this purpose. He will also be required to collect the mail from the rural mail boxes erected along this line of travel and to deposit the same in the next post office at which he arrives.

The services performed by the courier will be without charge to the persons sending or receiving mail, but the Department will allow the courier a fixed sum per annum for each box served by him on his route.

Rules of Dairy Herd Competition

As announced some time ago in these columns, the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario will conduct a dairy herd competition open to patrons of cheese factories and creameries in Western Ontario. The prizes as mentioned before, are in two groups of five prizes each, one group for cheese factories and the other for creamery patrons. The association offers \$100 in cash prizes in addition to the two medals donated by Ryrrie Bros., Toronto.

In the cheese factory section, the prizes are (1) silver medal, and \$15 cash to the patron who furnishes the largest amount of milk per cow to any cheese factory in Western Ontario from May 1 to October 31, 1908; (2) \$15 cash; (3) \$10 cash; (4), \$6

cash; (5), \$4 cash. The prizes in the creamery sections are (1) a bronze medal and \$15 cash to the patron who furnishes the largest amount of butter fat per cow to any creamery in Western Ontario from May 1 to October 31, 1908; (2), \$15 cash; (3), \$10 cash; (4), \$6 cash; (5), \$4 cash.

No herd of fewer than eight cows will be allowed to compete in the competition. The figures upon which the awards will be placed must be taken from the factory or creamery or creamery books and the number of cows and the total and average amounts of milk or butter fat must be certified to by the cheese or butter-maker and the secretary of the cheese factory or creamery. The average amount of milk or butter fat per cow must be calculated on the basis of the total number of cows from which milk or cream is sent to the factory during a season of six months. No substitution of one cow for another will be allowed.

All applications must be in the secretary's hands on or before Nov. 30, 1908. They should be addressed to Frank Hens, Sec. Western Dairymen's Association, Toronto. Applications must be filled out and returned to the secretary by December 15th, after which the investigating committee will be sent to verify the statements. There will be no fee to enter the competition but every applicant must be a member of the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, the fee for which is \$1.

The Case Against The Milk Producers

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Retail Milk Dealers' Association it was decided to press the case against the officers of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association who were charged recently with being an obstacle to the free trade because the farmers, who were members of the association, recently agreed upon a price at which they would sell their milk and refused to sell as individuals to the dealers at prices or under conditions not approved by the association. The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World is in receipt of a letter from one of the officers of the Milk Producers' Association stating that they do not expect that the dealers will press the case as in the preliminary proceedings that were held some time ago the dealers had made out a very poor case against the producers.

It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. For some years the members of the Retail Milk Dealers' Association of Toronto have held regular meetings and twice a year have agreed upon the prices that they would charge the milk consumers of Toronto for their milk. It would be an easy matter for some of the consumers to prosecute the members of the Milk Dealers' Association for combining on just the same grounds that the dealers are trying to prosecute the farmers. Their chances of success would be even better.

Even should the dealers succeed in gaining a decision against the Milk Producers, which is something that is not at all likely the producers would be able to form a company under conditions that would make it possible for practically all the producers to join, just as easily as they now join their association and for them then to sell their milk as a company. Under such conditions there could be no charge of combine and the producers would be even better organized than they are at present.

Rabbits Wanted.—A subscriber at Fort Elgin, Ont. who wants to know where he can get some young rabbits, well bred, is advised to write to R. Ballantyne, Bracebridge, Ont., or to R. G. Foster, 50 Saultier street, Toronto, Ont.

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