

Dairy Trade News.

A Mr. Wilson, of Montreal, who has been looking over some sections of Manitoba, has purchased a carload of butter from J. & E. Brown, of Portage la Prairie, Man.

Mr. Scott, of the Shoal Lake creamery, has postponed his proposed trip to Japan and China, in the interest of the Manitoba export butter trade. He expects to start about December 1.

There has been heavy loss in old cheese held over from last season. Advices from England report sales of cheese at 27s. which last fall cost 49s c.f.i., and which show a loss of 5s to 7s per pound, including carrying charges.

The Manitoba department of agriculture has issued a dairy bulletin by C. C. Macdonald, dairy instructor, which contains many valuable suggestions for the use of farmers and dairymen. The pamphlet deals with the importance of feed, water, salt, milking, aeration, cooling, protection, care of milk cans, etc. It can be secured on application to the department.

All farmers are not honest, though we believe the great majority of them are, and sometimes one here and there will try to get the start of the factories by giving partly skimmed milk. The provincial dairy instructor tells some amusing incidents regarding the testing of milk, etc. He tells of one farmer whose milk had been several times rejected on account of its want of freshness, who became so enraged that he took his milk cans outside in a bunch and jumped on them. His wife joined him and together they danced on the cans and kicked them into various shapes. A few day's reflection, however, changed their opinions, and the same farmer turned up one morning at the factory with his old battered cans pretty well straightened up. He has since been more careful about the quality of milk he sends to the factory, and has had none rejected lately.

Mr. McDonald, provincial dairy instructor for Manitoba, says: "It should be one great aim of every cheese and butter-maker to first keep himself looking tidy and have the proper appliances for doing so, second, he should keep his factory clean and wholesome, for in so doing he would not have to appear in any way inconsistent in the sight of his patrons. He should exercise pride in cleanliness. Very often bad flavored cheese and butter is caused by dirt in the factories. Nothing can be wholesome without cleanliness is practiced. Clean every thing up and then insist upon your patrons sending clean milk. Get a good supply of aprons to wear at your work; have everything about you in perfect order and you will have less trouble in getting good quality."

The provincial dairy instructor is visiting the cheese and butter factories along the line of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway. He writes concerning this trip: "At Robt. Scott's creamery at Shoal Lake, the butter was found to be of excellent quality, being very uniform in every respect. The creamery is kept faultlessly clean. A good lesson could be learned by some butter-makers along the lines of cleanliness by visiting the Shoal Lake creamery. The daily output is 1,000 pounds per day. At Strathclair cheese factory, 10,000 pounds of milk is being received daily, making twelve large cheese, the quality of which is first-class. Here again is a well kept factory, the cheese-maker, George Stevenson, is very thorough in his work and understands his business perfectly."

Mr. Macdonald, who was a short time ago appointed to the position of superintendent of dairy work in Manitoba, has already done a great deal of effective work in the province. He has visited many of the factories and states that the quality of goods being turned

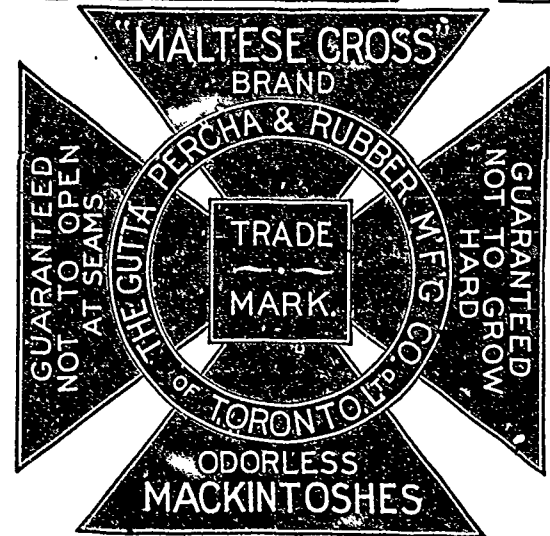
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out is better than he had expected to find. Nearly all the creameries now employ competent men or are in charge of first-class men. The plan generally in use here is the cream-gathering system, which, however, is not the ideal system. Still a fair class of butter is made, but it should be shipped at once, while fresh, as butter made on this plan has hardly as fine keeping quality as when made by the separator process. Mr. Macdonald finds that some of the creameries are rather too close together, and he thinks that it would be better in some cases if some districts were served by simply having a creaming or skimming station, instead of having separate factories. Mr. Macdonald says he has received several letters from dealers in British Columbia asking him to try and stop the shipment of butter there from Manitoba. There is no sale for dairy butter at all and the market is overstocked with creamery, present shipments being altogether in excess of requirements. He says creameries should at once stop putting up butter in small packages as these small packages are not wanted for the eastern trade, and there are altogether too many small packages being put up for the British Columbia trade, which is the one market which takes small packages of butter. The eastern market wants packages of 50 and 75 pounds each, and in every case the packages should be lined with parchment paper.

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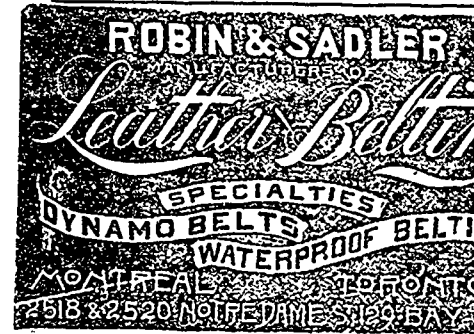
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