

“We attended discharge of cheese stowed in cool-air chamber of this vessel, and we are pleased to report that it landed in excellent condition. As suggested by you, we got several of the principal importers to examine the shipment, and they all expressed themselves very pleased with the condition, and promised to write out to their shippers recommending the cool-air stowage.”

It may be remarked here that there is no finality to improvement, and that as conditions are found to require changes the Government are ready and eager to experiment and bring about such improvements as are found necessary and efficient. The original cold storage arrangements serve their purpose; the later improved ventilation and cooled air serve their purpose equally well. When other difficulties are discovered the Department will tackle them and overcome them also.

The Experimental Farm.

On the Central Experimental Farm the appointment of the Agriculturist, Mr. J. H. Grisdale, was followed by the setting apart of 200 acres to be worked as a dairy farm. In 1899, the first year of this work, 36 cattle were kept, it being a good year for all crops; last year 96 cattle were fed, although the season was generally an unfavorable one.

This result is due to systematic rotation and thorough cultivation, and is an evidence of what improvement has been made.

A large number of thoroughbred stock have been purchased and placed on the farm, and to-day visiting farmers can find typical specimens of the highest class of dairy Shorthorns, Guernseys, Ayrshires and French Canadian Cattle; as well as Leicester and Shropshire sheep, and Yorkshire, Berkshire and Tamworth bacon hogs. The old work horses have been replaced by first-class show teams, and the fields are a model of good tillage, clean culture and heavy crops.

A specimen of opposition criticism was the complaint of Sam Hughes, M.P., on the floor of the House, that there was a wheat field on the farm which was foul with oats and barley and rye. The Honourable Member knew so little of farming that he was not able to recognize a field of mixed grain, purposely sown for experiment as to the product of various mixtures.

THE LIVE STOCK DIVISION.

The work of Mr. F. W. Hodson, as Live Stock Commissioner, has developed in the last four years to such an extent that this year an item of \$34,000 is devoted to it.

This is an entirely new branch of the Department.