

Farmers' Clubs, Women's Institutes, Farmers' Institutes, Boards of Agriculture; advise with and assist the farmers in dealing with all their problems.

Development in Dairying

Rapid developments have been made in dairying in recent years. The banner province presents a great diversity in this industry. Nearly twice the amount of cheese is manufactured in Ontario as in all the other Provinces combined and Ontario is a close second to Quebec in butter; while the great bulk of condensed milk and practically all the milk powder used in Canada is produced in Ontario. Then in the matter of city milk supply and ice cream manufacturing she leads again. Ontario produced 121,173,000 lbs. of cheese valued wholesale at \$25,500,000 and 24,684,000 lbs. of butter valued at \$9,872,000 in 1918. In condensed milk the annual production has a value of \$6,059,000. Add to this the ice cream, city milk supply and the butter manufactured on the farm, making a grand total of approximately \$80,000,000.

With dairy schools at Guelph and Kingston and a staff of 31 Instructors visiting the factories and creameries throughout the manufacturing season, and with the butter-grading station to look after creamery interests, Ontario is well equipped for rapid development along dairying lines. It is a branch which should appeal strongly to returned soldiers who propose going on the land as it gives immediate and continuous returns and is an insurance against depleting the fertility of the farm.

Live Stock Industry

One branch of the agricultural industry that is receiving special attention from the Department is live stock. The present Minister of Agriculture, on assuming office, declared he would apply himself particularly to the development of the live stock industry in order that Ontario may continue to be the breeding ground for the rest of Canada.

During the year 1918 the amount expended through the Live Stock Branch was approximately \$150,000. That the policy of making liberal grants for the encouragement of breeding is seen in the great improvement in the quality of stock shown at Guelph, Ottawa and Toronto, and the marked increase in the number of pure bred cattle raised by farmers. At the last session of the Legislature the Minister of Agriculture announced that a ranch specialist would be appointed. A survey has been made of ranching lands in Ontario, and forty ranches are now in operation.

The Ranch Specialist, who will have his headquarters at Burwash Industrial Farm, will conduct experiments in adminis-