

The demand for cheese continues, and with less Canadian reaching our shores prices are maintained, although buyers do not seem inclined to pay the stiff rates ruling.

The future in the butter trade has been the uninterrupted stream of supplies from the Antipodes, scarcely a week passing without a consignment from this source. Reports state that there are large quantities still to come, so prices are sure to be easier in the course of a month or six weeks.

Conversation in a butcher's shop:

Agriculture in the Island Province

A Quebec correspondent who visited several of the large exhibitions in the Maritime Provinces this fall and among them the Charlottetown exhibition, sends us some notes upon the agriculture of Prince Edward Island and the display made at the annual exhibition, which farmers in the province down by the sea should ponder over, especially as they come from one who is well versed in the agriculture of every province of the Dominion. He says:

"To see Prince Edward Island in July is to see a veritable paradise, to see it in full attire, still fresh with verdure, contrasting strangely with the variegated foliage of the forest, or the red color of the freshly plowed fields, this along with the neat homes of the Islanders spread out in panoramic view, makes

A PICTURE BEAUTIFUL TO REMOIN, and we wonder, knowing the possibilities of the island, why so many of the young men and maidens leave this beautiful spot to seek their fortunes elsewhere. We know of no section of equal size in our fair Dominion where it is possible to produce butter and cheese, hogs, products, mutton and wool, poultry and eggs, and a limited supply of horses and beef, not to forget the luscious apple, than Prince Edward Island. But in order to do so, there must be more feeding of the hay and coarser grains on the farm and less exporting. There must be more attention paid to the selection and feeding of their breeding stock, so as to raise only the best of whatever line of live stock it may be the choice of the Islander to raise.

"While we noticed some excellent stock exhibited by the Islanders, yet we regret to say that much of the stock on the island was of no credit to the breed or the owners (this latter applies particularly to the dairy grades in the cattle exhibit).

"On the whole, it was the largest exhibit of stock ever seen on the Island. While much of the stock in the cattle exhibit came from the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, yet at the same time the capabilities of the Island were set forth in a very tangible way as a producer of the fruits of the field, the orchard, the stock, and the dairy. The stock from the mainland in many cases took first place; these were objects of great interest to the farmers and stockmen of the province, and must prove an incentive to further development and improvement.

"The large, orderly, well-dressed crowd that was seen each day on the grounds, was in itself no small attraction. On looking them over one gets the impression that it is a well-looking crowd, men and women of good stature, good health and comfortable circumstances, satisfied with themselves and each other. Sobriety and good order characterized the proceed-

"Are you sure that this is English mutton?" "Well, and I am; it was born of English parents in New Zealand." Collapse of the customer.

All sorts of uncultivated fruits and edibles are exceptionally abundant this year, more especially mushrooms, blackberries and nuts.

Our Minister of Agriculture is doing his autumn round in the country, but he cannot get far away from the small holdings of the island. Many of us think Lord Carrington is laying too much stress on this branch of farming.

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ings in and about the fair and in the city.

"A pleasing feature of the exhibition was the absence of fakirs and 10-cent show men—it would have been a purely agricultural show had it not been for the horse trot.

LIVE STOCK

"In Clydesdales the classes were well filled with good animals. In the stallion classes were some excellent individuals, showing both quality and action in their makeup. Among the mares were a few imported animals that will make valuable breeding animals. We noticed a few that lacked the quality to make them first class breeders. Draught horses made a good showing, although we would like to see the classes for grade stallions cut out of the prize list; experience has proved that grade sires do not perpetuate the best class of stock, therefore, we think, it would be a wise policy for the fair board not to encourage this by giving prizes for grade sires. We noticed a few splendid mares and some nice foals. The draught team class was a well filled section, with some good representatives.

"The exhibit of sheep was the largest and best of any show east of Toronto, and with few exceptions were from the Island, which has been noted for many years for producing a high quality of mutton and lamb.

JUDGING BY POINTS

"A feature of interest was the stock judging competitions, one each in beef cattle, dairy cattle, and sheep and hogs. In the two former the winners were as follows:

"Beef Cattle—1, Claude Blake, Royalty, P.E.I., 92 points; 2, Horace Brodie, Little York, P.E.I., 90 points; 3, Bruce Howitt, French River, P.E.I., 86 points; 4, R. B. Weeks, Alma, Lot 3, P.E.I., 85 points.

"Dairy Cattle—1, R. B. Weeks, Alma, Lot 3, P.E.I., 88 points; 2, J. H. Brodie, Little York, P.E.I., 86 points; 3, Geo. J. Godfrey, North Wiltshire, P.E.I., 72 points; 4, Wm. Howard, North Wiltshire, P.E.I., 70 points.

"Sheep—1, Geo. Boswell, Pownal, P.E.I.; 2, J. McKenzie, Marshfield, P.E.I.; 3, W. Boswell, Pownal, P.E.I.

"Dairy products made a splendid showing and I think I am safe in saying it was one of the largest and best butter and cheese exhibits seen in the Maritime Provinces for some time. The quality was excellent; one feature noticeable was the evenness in the coloring of the butter. The cheese was considered high class.

SOME INTERESTING FRUIT HISTORY

"The fruit exhibit was a creditable one and attracted much attention, and most of the exhibits were grown on the Island, and compared very favorably with the exhibit from Nova Scotia. That the Island can produce

as fine fall and early winter varieties of apples as any place in eastern Canada is now a recognized fact. Two large collections arranged in pyramidal shape were most attractive. They were well arranged and offered the visitor an opportunity of variety comparison at short range. That of Queens County, made by Senator Ferguson, and which was made up of 80 varieties of apples, pears, plums, cranberries, etc., carried off the flag trophy for the third time. Mrs. Black, of Kings County, made a plucky competitor. In the exhibit of Queens County was a fine sample of the French pippin or russet. The scion from which this apple was propagated was taken there by the French before the British capture of the island. Previous to the arrival of the Stewarts of apple tree fame, in 1807, the fruit was gathered by the McDonald family of Tracadie, who owned the township. The tree continued to live and bear until 1899, being then over 140 years old. The French russet is a good fall apple.

"There were 48 entries of Wealthys, 42 of Duchesses, 40 of Alexanders, 25 of Gravensteds, 24 of Maries, 21 of Spies, besides a large display of other varieties. The plum and pear show, while not extraordinary, was up to former years, and made a nice display. Magnum Bonum led with 17 samples. Morrie Artie 16, Sharp's Emperor 14, and many other varieties were represented.

"In pears there was a fairly good showing, Clapp's Favorite excelling; still, some good Flemish Beauty and Bartlett samples were present. Thirty plates of grapes, some of them immature, were showing. They have nothing to hope for in producing grapes on the Island. But 10 samples of cranberries proves that they can grow them to perfection. The preserved fruits made a nice display, as also did the small exhibit of beautiful white comb and mottled honey, and to the hungry man the good display of bread, butter and jam was itself a treat to look on, even if he must not appreciate his appetite.

SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

We must not forget to mention the splendid display in the shape of an arch from the Experimental Farm, Nappan, N.S., so neatly arranged by the enterprising superintendent, R. Robertson, and his son. It comprised not only samples of all the grains, grasses, fruits, etc., from the farm at Nappan, but a large number from the western farms at Indian Head, Sask., and Agassiz, B.C. It also included an exhibit of all the noxious weeds of Canada, together with samples of weed seeds—a valuable exhibit for farmers to study. A nice exhibit of flowers, vegetables, as well as industrial and mechanical work from the McDonald Consolidated School at Hillsborough, P.E.I., was a centre of attraction as well as the creditable exhibit of the work of the pupils from the Charlottetown Normal Training School and Kindergarten School."

A Warning

(New York Post.)

The Rev. Dr. Brown, of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, tells the story of a boy who saw an exceedingly bow-legged man standing in front of a hot fire. "Fine, you could restrain yourself no longer," said: "Hey, mister, you'd better get away from there, you's warper!"

The minute a man accomplishes anything he is called a crank by those who have failed.