

CHAPTER II.

DAIRY STABLES.

IN Canada cows have to be housed for nearly one half of each year, hence it is important that the house should be suitable for maintaining the health and vigor of the cows, and that the conditions shall be favorable for a large flow of milk. The whole question may be summed up in one word—*comfort*. Make the cow as comfortable and contented as possible while in her house, and if she be the right kind of a cow she will respond with a good flow of milk.

The main points are to have plenty of light, and even temperature throughout the year, tight floors, comfortable ties and stalls; have it convenient, and have from 500 to 800 cubic feet of air space for each animal. The ceiling should be from seven to ten feet high. If possible, have a yard on the south side, where the cattle may be turned out in fine weather.

Stables should be light, in order to ensure healthy, thrifty stock, as light is a great disinfectant. There should be plenty of large windows on all sides.

An average temperature of fifty to sixty degrees should be aimed at, although at night a temperature so low as forty degrees will do no harm. Even