

the Ottawa Fair will provide a splendid holiday outing for all classes of people. The dates are September 7th to 15th.

A Dual-Purpose Cow Test

At the Chicago International Show to be held Dec. 1-8 next, a test has been inaugurated for milking Shorthorns that is somewhat unique in its way. All cows shall be clean milked out to the satisfaction of the superintendent at 6 p.m. on the evening previous to the show. On the first morning of the show all cows are to be milked in the ring in the presence of the judge, who shall see each animal's milk weighed, and this shall be done for three consecutive days, morning and evening, at hours to be fixed by the superintendent, and any animal that does not yield up to the following standard, when milked in the ring, shall not be awarded a premium: Cows 3 years old or over, not less than 23 lbs. of milk, if she has calved within three calendar months of the first day of the show, and 17 lbs. if she has calved more than three months before the first day of the show. Cows under 3 years old must give not less than 16 lbs. and 13 lbs. respectively.

As the object of this class is to show the adaptation for both beef and milk production, judges shall have regard for the size, shape and general appearance of the udder, both before and after milking, and also for the size, quality and general appearance of the animal from the standpoint of beef production; and shall also allow 50 points for each of these dual purposes.

The outcome of this test will be watched with interest. If it turns out satisfactory, the work might with advantage be taken up at some of our shows here.

Ottawa Correspondence

Ottawa, Aug. 27.

A good sign for the apple growers of the province was noted in Ottawa recently. Mr. J. P. Taylor, a prominent merchant of South Africa, called at the fruit division of the Department of Agriculture to learn the best districts where a steady supply of fruit could be obtained, and the names of the most important growers and

shippers. Mr. Taylor has already sent to the Cape a consignment of early fall apples from Nova Scotia, and is looking out for suitable shipping fruit of all varieties that will stand the voyage. The presence of the Cape Town buyer in Canadian orchards is looked upon by many fruit men as the beginning of what may grow to a large and active trade with South Africa. Certainly the chances are good for the Canadian apple in that country, where orchards are scarce, and where there is a large mining population to cater to. There is one thing that will tend to affect the trade for good, and that is that the buyers will have nothing but the best, because the laws of the country require all apples affected by worm or scab, or any other disease or pest to be destroyed at the port of debarkation without recompense to the owner. The importation of the best Canadian apples into the country will naturally build up the reputation of the fruit, and this, in time, will surely build up the demand to the benefit and increase of the trade. Mr. Taylor will buy a large amount of fruit in Ontario.

While speaking of fruit, it may be mentioned that the Department of Agriculture has secured an expert apple packer to give demonstrations this fall in packing apples in boxes. It has been the aim of the fruit division for some time to introduce box packing, especially for fancy fruit, it being thought that this style of packing is more suitable for the home trade, and in some varieties for the foreign trade also. Practically all the local trade on the Pacific Coast is done in boxes, and this style of packing has been carried to the

greatest perfection in Oregon, from which State the demonstrator has been brought.

The Ottawa Cheese Board, at its meeting last week, approved the proposal that the Government appoint an official referee to be stationed at Montreal, and settle disputes as to quality. The matter was brought to the attention of the various boards of the province by Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dairy Commissioner. Though by no means unanimous, it seems that the majority of opinion is in favor of the appointment of such an official.

Inquiries have been received by the dairy department as to the possibility of the shipment of Canadian canned butter to Italy. The inquiries were the result of an exhibit of that commodity in the Canadian section of the Milan Exposition, Italy. Copies of the letters have been sent to Canadian creamerymen, who will likely make investigations that may lead to the opening up of a trade, if it can be made sufficiently profitable. A certain amount of trade in canned butter is enjoyed by the Alberta creameries, which have shipped their product as far west as Japan.

The Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association has asked for a grant from the City Council of Ottawa and the County Council of Carleton to assist it in the expense of holding the annual convention at Ottawa next January. It is probable that the request will be granted, though to what extent has not been intimated. Both Cornwall and Belleville, it is understood, are desirous of having the convention.

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