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The Farming World



A Dairy Census

Valuable Prizes Given for the Best Answers

DAIRYING is Canada's greatest industry. The value of her cheese exports for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1903, was \$24,712,943, and of her butter exports, \$6,954,618, or a total of \$31,667,561. When the returns for the calendar year of 1903 are compiled, they will likely show a total value of \$35,000,000.

This large amount coming into the country adds much to its material wealth. The share of it the individual patron of a cheese factory or creamery receives will depend upon the number and the kind of cows he keeps, and how he keeps them. To find out a few things of value about the patron's end of the business, we are taking a dairy census, which, with the aid of our readers, we hope to have ready for the annual dairy number of *The Farming World*, which will appear on May 2nd.

To each of the five persons sending the most complete answers to the following questions, we will give one year's subscription to *Canadian Good Housekeeping*. Also, to each of the five persons sending the best reply, containing not more than 200 words, to question (11), we will give one year's subscription to *Canadian Good Housekeeping*. Write answers on separate sheets of paper, giving the number of each question as answered, and have them mailed to reach this office not later than April 4th next. Those competing for the extra prizes given for question (11), should write their answers on a separate sheet of paper.

The following are the questions:—

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| 1.—How many acres does your farm contain? | 7.—What kind of supplementary or green feed do you grow for your cows in summer? |
| 2.—How many milch cows did you keep on it in 1903? | 8.—How many months of the year do you milk your cows? |
| 3.—Did you supply the milk from these cows to a cheese factory or to a creamery? | 9.—What breed of cows do you keep? |
| 4.—What was the average cash return per cow for 1903? | 10.—Do you believe that cheese factories and creameries should be licensed? |
| 5.—What did it cost you per cow to keep them during 1903? | 11.—What plan do you follow in caring for milk or cream for the cheese factory or creamery? |
| 6.—What do you feed your cows in winter? | |