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INTERESTING REPORT ISSUED OF PROVINCIAL DEMONSTRATION FARMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

First Year of Operation Proves the Wisdom if the Plan—Farmers May Learn How Modern Principles May Be Worked Out With Success

The provincial department of Agriculture has just issued from Edmonton its first report of the demonstration farms which have been formed at six points in Alberta. The report, which will prove a work of interest and profit to farmers, is handsomely got up, with numerous illustrations of farm buildings, of cattle and of plants of buildings. There are numerous statements of expense and current accounts, as well as balance sheets which may be studied with great profit by all who are interested in agriculture and stock raising.

It is explained in a preface that the plan of having demonstration farms introduced instead of having an agricultural college, and the idea was to show to farmers by practical illustration the work which could be done along the lines which are laid down at the experimental farms run at various points in the province.

Six Farms Established. There were six farms established by the Government during the past year, and these have been amply stocked and the buildings have been erected and grain sown and reaped, so that a statement of interest at the end of the year may now be made for the first time. Of these who are interested in the experiment. The introduction shows that the varying conditions in the several parts of the province, through difference of climatic conditions and the amount of precipitation, make a number of farms necessary, as what is good and profitable at one point is not necessarily so at another. Some accounts then given of the agricultural wealth and producing power of the province, and the figures are of interest as showing the rapid progress that has been made by Alberta within the last five or six years in this line.

The six farms have been established at Olds, Medicine Hat, Vermillion, Claresholm, Stony Plain, and Sedgewick. Three of the farms are 320 acres in extent, while at Medicine Hat and Sedgewick there are 540 acres and 480 at Stony Plain. At Athabasca land there have also been purchased 483 acres in the vicinity of the town, but the farm has not yet been equipped though it will be at an early date.

Practical Men in Charge. Competent managers have been secured for each farm, the object being to obtain in each case a thoroughly practical man who would not only be in a position to guide the operations of the farm, but to assist in various other ways in the educational work in contemplation. A definite building plan was outlined, and this has been practically all carried into effect.

On each of the farms the following buildings were erected: Manager's house, \$4,000; men's lodging house, \$1,800; dairy barn, \$2,200; horse barn, \$2,100; hog pen, \$550; four hen coops, \$150 each; shed, \$500; root house, \$700; ice-house, \$300; milk house and pump-house, \$500.

These buildings are not extravagant, but it was essential, in view of the live stock work which was being undertaken on these farms, that buildings of fairly substantial character should be erected at the start. On a farm used for demonstration purposes it was, of course, necessary to keep more varieties of cattle than would be considered wise on an ordinary farm. Provision had to be made for accommodation for stock similar to that at present on the farms. At the end of 1912 the live stock upon the different farms was as follows:

Claresholm—16 Ayrshire cows, 8 calves, 1 Ayrshire bull, 14 Shorthorn cows, 1 Shorthorn bull, 10 heavy horses, 1 driver, 19 hogs, 82 steers. Medicine Hat—24 Jersey cows, 5 calves, 3 bulls, 10 heavy horses, 1 driver, 2 colts, 26 hogs, 1 goat, 30 hens (Buff Orpingtons). Olds—185 steers, 10 registered Holstein cows, 18 grade Holstein cows, 2 heifer calves, 1 Holstein bull, 13 horses, 2 colts, 36 hogs, 35 hens (Barred Rocks). Vermillion—14 Holstein pure bred cows, 2 heifers, 14 grade Holsteins, 1 bull, 102 sheep (grade Oxford), 8 sheep registered Oxford, 28 hogs, 10 heavy horses, 2 drivers, 1 yearling, 110 hens (Rhode Island Reds). Sedgewick—105 feeding steers, 10 Shorthorn bulls, 24 Shorthorn cows (registered), 5 Shorthorn heifers (registered), 10 calves, 8 grade cows, 15 work horses, 1 driver, 2 foals. Stony Plain—46 Holstein cows, 1 Holstein bull, 32 working horses, 1 team-drivers, 14 hogs, 152 hens (Barred Rocks).

Mixed Farming Principle. All of the farms are therefore run on the mixed farming principle, but so far no accurate returns have been possible, as to the feeding of the cattle, as most of them have not been on the farm for more than a few months. From the farm of Vermillion, however, there is the following gratifying report given of the dairy cows which have been used there:

Performance in Dairy Barn, 1912. Weighing began July 14th, weighing ended December 31st. Arranged in order of merit.

Table with columns: Name, Lbs. Milk, and other details for various farms and breeds.

Table showing farm assets and liabilities for Claresholm, Medicine Hat, and Vermillion farms.

Table showing revenue for the year for Stony Plain Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Vermillion Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Olds Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Medicine Hat Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Claresholm Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Stony Plain Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Sedgewick Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Athabasca Landing.

Table showing revenue for the year for Vermillion Farm.

Table showing revenue for the year for Sedgewick Farm.

Table showing value of increase in live stock for various farms.

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German musician as feeling "infinite compassion." That, to be sure, is better than Mr. Arnold Bennett's description of a woman as "indefinitely stylish."

LABOR FOR MONTREAL. New York, May 11.—Maitre F. Labori the French advocate who was leading counsel for the defence some years ago in the Dreyfus trial at Rennes, and is now balancer of the Paris bar, has advised Secretary George Whitehead of the American Bar Association, that he will attend the meeting of the association at the annual banquet on September 2, at which Senator Elihu Root, of New York, is to preside. Lord Chancellor Halsbury of England is to deliver the principal address at the meeting.

AMBASSADOR'S BROTHER DIES. St. Petersburg, May 11.—Count Mich-

ael Cassini, a brother of Count Arthur Pavlovitch Cassini, who was Russian ambassador to the United States from 1895 to 1910, died in St. Petersburg on April 28. The death of Count Michael gave rise to rumors that Count Arthur Cassini is now living in France and has not visited Russia for several years.

Taking No Chances on Next Season. First Fair One: You're an ardent suffragist, are you not, Ethel? Second Fair One: Oh, yes. At least I was last winter, but I'm not sure it's going to be the smart thing another season.—New York Sun.

Charles D. French of Helena, prominent in fire insurance circles of the west, is at the King George, and expects to look over the larger cities of Alberta before returning to the States.

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