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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PIGS DYING.

Mr. A. Galbraith, Kenmore, Ont., writes: Please answer in the columns of your valuable newspaper the cause and remedy for young pigs dying.

Symptoms: When about two weeks old they become fleshy, drowsy, sleepy, and short of breath, accompanied by a low grunt. Their sides moved in and out like bellows and they died one by one up to a month old. Sow had litter of fourteen, was fed on roots and a little bran before farrowing, afterwards on provender and bran mixed. She is just in ordinary condition.

There are so many diseases that might give rise to the symptoms stated that it is not possible to give a definite answer on the data given. It is possible that the young pigs may have died of pneumonia as a result of exposure to cold and damp sleeping sheds, but as the manner of housing is not stated in the question it is impossible to say definitely. As to a remedy it would be impossible to give one without knowing definitely what the pigs died of. We would advise, in order to find out definitely the cause, that a post-mortem of some of the dead pigs be held under the direction of some competent veterinary surgeon.

Western Dairy School.

This well-equipped dairy school is progressing very favorably under the able management of Supt. A. Smith and his efficient staff of instructors, consisting of Mr. John Brodie, Mapleton, in cheese-making; Mr. Johnston, in butter-making; Mr. Hearn in separators; and Miss Miller, Guelph, in

the home dairy. The school, though late in opening, has had on the roll thirty-two students, some of them from Eastern Ontario. The home dairy classes have been well patronized. The school closes for this season on March 30th.

During the school term a series of public meetings were held in which an effort has been made to secure the attendance of farmers and others interested in dairy work. These meetings, which have been well patronized, have been addressed by prominent dairymen from other parts of the province, and have been productive of much good. On March 21st the last meeting of the series was held. The chief speakers on this occasion were Prof. Day, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; W. C. Shearer, Bright; Geo. H. Barr, Sebringville; and T. B. Millar, London. All these gentlemen gave practical talks on subjects of vital importance to farmers and dairymen.

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