FARM AND DAIRY

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Prospects for Dairy Production in 1915

Dairy Authorities in East and West Give their Opinions

In Eastern Ontario

G. G. Publow, Chief Dairy Instructor WE cannot look for much of an We cannot look for much of an increase in the make of fodder cheese in the east this year. There are few, if any, more cows to be milked, but the factories will open a little earlier; eight or 10 were operating early in March. Last fall cows were not sold off so short as they were a year ago, and there will be some young stock coming along as well. Cattle, however, are thin where there is the shortage of feed, and as feed is high priced it is doubtful if

farmers will purchase much. The price outlook, I should say, is decidedly satisfying,—if the war condecidenty satisfy all it is now bare of cheese and the average for the sea-son may be 15 to 16 cts. a pound. The price of butter will probably be high as well and I do not anticipate any great change from butter to cheese making in Eastern Ontario. The prices for both will stimulate patrons to produce as much milk as they can and I would advise patrons to make all the cheese they can, and to make it as good as they can. Britain needs food; and cheese is as good a food as we can provide.

In Western Ontario

Frank Herns, Chief Dairy Instructor THERE is, of course, preparation for increased output of cheese.

A number of factories have al-ready opened and are making cheese, while several factories that were closed for a year or so will re-open. Several of the cheese factories that were burn-ed last year will be rebuilt. Although folder- has been dear, yet on the whole Western Ontario dairymen were fairly well supplied with feed and therefore the cows are coming through in good condition and prospects look bright for a good output of both cheese and butter. There was practically no sacrifice of milch cows on account of lack of feed. Quite a number of cheese factories and creameries run all the year round and the creamer-ies that have been closed for the winter will begin to open up as soon as conditions will permit. Since the first of January the instructors and the writer have attended about 85 anthe writer have attended about 85 an-nual meetings of cheese factories and creameries. The attendance was large at practically all the meetings and the patrons were optimistic re-garding the future of the cheese and butter business. They also seemed to be well pleased with prices re-ceived in 1914, and are anticipating rood prices for the coming season. More attention is being given to cow testing among the average dairymen and a wider interest in supplying a good quality of milk and cream to the factories.

There appears to be less likelihood of shortage of cheese factory and creamery help this year. On the whole as conditions now appear there should be a prosperous season ahead of the dairymen

War Conditions in Saskatchewan W. A. Wilson, Dairy Commissioner

THE interest that is being taken in dairying is very encourag-ing. For the past four months, ending Feb. 28, the make of butter in the cooperative creameries of Sas-katchewan showed an increase of 26 per cent. over the corresponding per-iod the previous year. Under noriod the previous year. Under mor-mal conditions I would predict a favmal conditions I would predict a fav-orable year during 1915, but one can-not disregard the unusual conditions that prevail on account of the Euro-

pean disturbance. This in conjuntion with the local conditions of 1914. resulting in a shortage of feed, and the splendid prices that are eing obtained for hay and grain, may have an effect that is difficult to forecast. There is also the possibility that higher prices for wheat and oats will obtain throughout the coming year, and the dairying situation will no doubt be affected thereby. With the abnormal conditions prevailing at home and abroad I would not care to veature a prophecy, but eliminating these two features I have good reason to believe that there could be a continuance of the development and prooress which has characterized Sas katchewan dairying during the pas few years.

The Alberta Situation

C. Marker, Dairy Commissioner W HILE there are no specific sta-tistics available upon which an opinion could properly be based my impression is that the ensuia season's dairy production in Alberta be quite up to that of 1914.

Considering the fact that the great majority of our farmers can find ready and desirable cash markets for their surplus dairy products, we may fairly assume that they are not likely to let go the "bird in the hand" just yet, though some will probably weed out and dispose of their unprofitable cows by next fall, if the market value of grain appears to be too high for feeding purposes.

B. C. Prospects Good

H. Rive, Chief Dairy Instructor THE prospects for dairy produc-tion in British Columbia dur-ing 1915 are good. It is true that prices for feed are exceedingly high, but farmers are realizing that British Columbia affords unrivalled opportunities for the growing of fod-ders, both bulky and nutritious. In ders, both bury and nutritous. In old dairy districts, there is a distinct revival of interest, and from several newer sections enquiries have come relating to the institution of factories. We expect this spring, the es-tablishment of one and the re-opening of two creameries. It is possible that prices may incline downward but dairy production in British Co-lumbia will be more economical than heretofore as a result of present conditions.

Awakening in New Brunswick J. B. Daggett, Secretary for

Agriculture

THE prospect for dairy production in New Brunswick during the Coming season is excellent There has been a very definite awak ening in the dairy business the past two years. Our farmers are recog-nizing that they have been making a mastake in selling so much of their hay and grain products and in planting such a large acreage of po-tatoes. This year potatoes are very low-not bringing sufficient to pay This will re cost of production. sult in many of the farmers, who have been gradually dropping out of dairy work, going back to it. I think that dairy products will increase think that dairy products will increase during the next few years in this province. Prices have been well maintained during the past few years for both butter and cheese. Cheese has done especially well.

There is a tendency among our dairymen to handle the milking Short-horn with the idea of producing both dairy cattle and beef. In some (Concluded on page 27)



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