

Payment by Test Strongly Favored

An Extensive Factory Owner and a Factory Instructor of Long Experience, Each Support the Dairy Legislation

MR. R. W. Ward, Dairy Instructor for the Lindsay and Peterborough districts, when seen by an editor of Farm and Dairy, regarding the Dairy legislation, stated that he strongly favors the payment for milk at cheese factories according to test. This system has already been largely practised in his district. Of the 39 cheese factories under his supervision, 10 paid by test last year. Of these, seven paid on the straight fat basis, two paid on the fat-plus-one basis, and one on the fat-plus-two and one factories that have adopted payment according to quality had found it most satisfactory.

"I have been connected with the cheese making business in this district for about 17 years," said Mr. Ward, "and during that time have always been an advocate of payment according to test. It is the only fair and right way and which should be adopted. There is no question about it, but that four or four and one-half per cent. milk is very much more valuable than three per cent. milk. Doubtless than three per cent. with the dairy business, I have become increasingly convinced that payment on a quality basis must come. So strongly have I favored this reform that I have advocated the passing of a law providing that payment by test must be adopted in every factory. I did not expect that the law would come so soon, but now that it is here, I believe that it can and should take effect at the beginning of next year as has been provided for."

The principal opposition is expected by Mr. Ward to come from cheese makers, who may object to the extra amount of work which the testing involves. Cheesemakers are busy men at the present time and though at the beginning there may be some trouble in getting things accommodated to the new condition of affairs, things should soon adjust themselves and everything will go smoothly. The fact that they are already doing this work in 10 out of the 39 factories in his district, was proof that it could be done in the other 29. Makers in his district had received instruction in making the test and were capable of at once taking up the new work and performing it satisfactorily.

Factory Owner Answers Objections.

Mr. T. G. Wright, a factory owner of Prince Edward county and a director of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, answers some of the objections that have been raised to the passage of the regulations and shows wherein payment according to test will do away with much dishonesty in connection with tampering with the milk. Mr. Wright writes as follows: "I have always been an advocate of payment on the test basis for the simple reason that it is the only fair way. Paying by weight alone is very unfair. It has been demonstrated again and again that milk richer in butter fat will make more cheese and cheese of a better quality than milk with a less showing of fat. There can be no doubt on this point. The greater the amount and the better the quality of the cheese, the more money there is to be distributed and why should it not be divided to each patron in proportion to what he has contributed towards creating the value.

"One of the greatest reasons why I am anxious to have this act become law, is that a patron who is guilty of watering or skimming milk, will not gain anything by it. I have been assistant auditor of the accounts of the R.O.D.A. for the last three years and the fact has been brought

forcibly to my attention that there are still a great number of patrons guilty of watering their milk. The custom in the past has been to have an official visit each factory once during the season to test for adulteration, but in a number of cases where the instructors were asked to make a second test, soon after making the first one, he found the conditions much worse and in a great many instances, the same parties were found to be guilty again.

"The Dairy Standards Act will at once do away with all this tampering with milk and the time of the instructors will be put to better use when they are employed in testing for value, than it is now in testing for adulteration for each patron will then receive what is justly his.

"One of the objections that is being put forward against this act, is that it is too drastic. We have only to consider some of the laws of our land to see that it is similar to laws that to-day nobody finds fault with. We must give 60 lbs. of wheat to a bushel and 46 lbs. of barley" and so on. If one man has a piece of land property, it is called theft. Drastic laws have been enacted before now, laws which say you will not be allowed to do this or that, and there is no reason why a law should not be enacted that will not allow the unfair distribution of the money derived from the sale of cheese to continue any longer.

"I am perfectly satisfied in my mind that when this act is in force it will be the means of having a far better quality of milk furnished to the factories than is now the case. This will result in the making of a much better quality of cheese, that will bring a better price. Although the cost of production may be increased somewhat, the fact that the new law will result in a much better quality of every honest man to stand behind it. The patrons who have been furnishing low testing milk and any who have been tampering with it in any way, will oppose the legislation, but their opposition is really a factor in its favor."

New Forestry Booklet

THE Canadian Forestry Association has issued a 16 page booklet entitled "A Matter of Opinion," dealing with forest preservation. Seven characters are introduced—settler, camper, banker, railway man, power engineer, fire ranger and tax payer, each telling his personal story of the need for living forests and the increasing menace of burned and wasted forests. This interesting booklet may be had free by addressing the Association's Office, Booth Building, Ottawa.

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