

### Why Should not the Farmer have Free Delivery?

Ed., The Dairyman and Farming World.—I have read your articles upon rural delivery with a great deal of interest. Although I live within a few miles of a post office and receive my mail fairly regularly, still there are many times in the course of a year when it is necessary for me to waste valuable time in going to the post office for my mail. In the busy seasons, I frequently do without my mail rather than take the time to go for it. Had we the mail delivered at our door daily, we would take more mail in the way of newspapers, particularly daily papers, than we do at present. We farmers, no matter how busy we are, generally have a few moments to spare at meal time in which we could make use of the mail if it were at hand.

Of course, I realize that a rural free delivery service would not be inaugurated without considerable expense. But, what of that? The farmer at the present time is paying heavily for such inadequate service as he now has. The time that is spent by the average person in rural districts in going to and from the post offices for their mail would amount to an enormous sum could it be calculated. If a portion of this wanton expense could be directed toward a free delivery service, I do not think the average farmer would object. The revenues from our postal department have increased year by year. I have noticed lately from the press that the government have decided to lower the rate on drop letters in cities. If the cities can be favored in this way, why could not the farmer receive more attention from the hands of our legislators.

In the United States to the south of us the rural free delivery of mail has been one of the modern influences which have been instrumental in relieving the isolation of the farmer, and adding to the attractiveness of country life. There is no reason why in the more thickly settled portions of our country, we cannot have this great boon of free rural delivery. Brother farmers, we can have this rural delivery if we will only ask for it and show the powers that be that we are in deep earnest about this matter. There is no better way to do this than by letting ourselves be heard through the medium of the press. The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World has done much for this cause through the series of articles that it has been running for some time. I would like to see more discussion upon this subject from the farmers who will ultimately reap the benefit from this. To all those who are interested in this subject, I would say, speak up and let yourselves be heard.—T. R. James, Middlesex Co.

### The Stamp of Approval

The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World has received the stamp of approval. Reports reach us daily from all parts of the Dominion, stating that the paper is O. K., and as a result our circulation is advancing rapidly. Hundreds of our readers are enthusiastic in their endeavors to obtain new subscriptions for us. Having such loyal support we cannot fail in making The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World the most popular farm and home paper in Canada.

Messrs. E. G. Williams, Durham County, Robert Rinnie, Renfrew County, and J. J. McDonald, Glenora County, have each won a pure bred Berkshire sow, by sending us seven new yearly subscriptions. Mrs. Fisher, Nipissing County, has sent us seven new yearly subscriptions and has selected as a prize a pure bred Yorkshire boar.

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"I must say that I am well pleased with the new paper and take great interest in reading everything it contains."

We are glad to hear from our readers at any time. Write and tell us how you like the paper.

### Two Years' Cow Testing Records

The following reports afford an excellent example of what can be done by careful feeding and careful study of cows. It will be observed that Messrs. Kelly have done ever so much better with their herd in 1907 than in 1906, doubtless due to better feeding, induced by knowing exactly what these cattle were doing each day.

Summary of Milk Record for the Year 1906, Herd owned by L. and B. Kelly, Kelowna, Ont.:

| Cow's Name | No. Days each cow was milked | No. lbs. milk from each cow | Age of cow |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| White Face | 302                          | 10,062                      | 7          |
| Dandy      | 298                          | 9,574                       | 7          |
| Valentine  | 297                          | 8,138                       | 3          |
| Patrick    | 292                          | 7,510                       | 3          |
| Lill       | 275                          | 9,441                       | 7          |
| Frank      | 269                          | 8,651                       | 7          |
| Lill II    | 283                          | 9,185                       | 5          |
| Daisy      | 277                          | 7,959                       | 3          |
|            | 2,323                        | 79,499                      |            |

Eight cows in ten months gave 79,499 lbs. of milk, an average of 8,812 lbs. of milk per cow. Cows milked an average of 290 days in year. Cows produced a daily average of 90 lbs. of milk during the season.

### SUMMARY FOR YEAR 1907

| Cow's Name | No. Days each cow was milked | No. lbs. milk from each cow | Age of cow |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| White Face | 301                          | 9,800                       | 8          |
| Dandy      | 291                          | 10,018                      | 8          |
| Valentine  | 318                          | 8,220                       | 4          |
| Patrick    | 280                          | 5,562                       | 4          |
| Lill       | 278                          | 10,427                      | 8          |
| Frank      | 356                          | 11,504                      | 8          |
| Lill II    | 338                          | 11,765                      | 6          |
| Daisy      | 312                          | 10,504                      | 4          |
| Schuling   | 249                          | 6,054                       | 2          |
|            | 2,721                        | 87,023                      |            |

Nine cows in 12 months gave 86,185 lbs. of milk, an average of 9,670 lbs. Cows were milked an average of 302 days in year. Cows produced a daily average of 32 lbs. per day during season.

J. H. Grisdale, Agriculturist, Ottawa.



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