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## WHO ARE THE BEST DAIRY FARMERS IN ONTARIO?

A Provincial Competition to Determine This Point May be Held in Ontario This Year. In Any Event Several Hundred Dollars in Prizes will be Offered in a Competition to be Held in the Midland Counties of Ontario. Farm and Dairy Arranging the Particulars of What Should Prove an Intensely Interesting Competition

FARM and Dairy has decided to hold a dairy farms competition this year in the counties in Ontario between Hastings and Durham and Victoria and including all three. There will be eight special cash prizes. These prizes will be as follows: First, \$100; second, \$75; third, \$60; fourth, \$50; fifth, \$40; sixth, \$25; seventh, \$15; eighth, \$10. In addition numerous diplomas and medals will be given as prizes as well as special prizes for the best orchards, and the best poultry yards and the most attractive and best arranged homes found on the competing farms.

If at all possible the competition will be extended to include the whole province of Ontario. In such an event the province will be divided into three districts of about equal area and similar prizes, to those mentioned, will be offered in each district and next year a special competition will be held, between the prize winning farms this year, to decide the best farms in the whole province. Whether or not the competition can be made a provincial affair depends upon the support for the competition that is received during the next two or three weeks. Farm and Dairy is willing to guarantee the payment of all the prizes that will be required for the holding of a provincial dairy farms competition. If officials of the Ontario and Dominion Departments of Agriculture can be secured to assist in the judging of the farms, then the competition will be extended over the Province of Ontario except the unorganized districts. In any event a competition will be held in the Midland counties of Ontario already mentioned.

Two years ago, The Canadian Dairyman, which has since been incorporated in Farm and Dairy, held a dairy farms competition open to farmers living within 30 miles of Toronto. The competition was a great success. There were 22 competitors. The farms were judged twice, once in July and once in December. The judges were Messrs. J. H. Grisdale, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and D. Drummond, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. They gave excellent satisfaction. The five chief prize winners were Messrs. George McKenzie, Thornhill; D. Duncan, Don; D. J. McClure, Churchill; R. M. Lovelace, and J. G. Paterson, Agincourt. The prizes were distributed at a big banquet held a little over

or a year ago at which Hon. Nelson Monteth, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, was the chairman.

### A PROVINCIAL COMPETITION.

Ever since then Farm and Dairy has been anxious to hold a dairy farms competition open to the Province of Ontario. Two weeks ago a committee of prominent farmers and dairymen met in Toronto, at the invitation of Farm and Dairy, to consider the project. The members of the committee included Messrs. Henry Glendenning, of Manila, who was appointed chairman, and G. A. Gillespie, of Peterboro, representing the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association; D. A. Dempsey, of Stratford, and S. R. Wallace, of

The difficulty of raising the money required to defray the expense of judging the competing farms twice was recognized as the greatest obstacle to the holding of a provincial competition. The Ontario and the Dominion Departments of Agriculture have been asked for assistance in this matter. If this assistance is forthcoming then the competition will be made a provincial affair, and next year a portion of the Province of Quebec may be included in the final. If it is not forthcoming then Farm and Dairy will conduct the smaller competition open to the counties of Hastings, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterboro, Durham and Victoria. It is expected that it will be possible to announce definitely within

the next couple of weeks what the area included in the competition will be.

### A GENEROUS OFFER.

At first it was thought that it might be possible to hold a competition open to all classes of farms. When the details of the proposed competition were explained to Dr. James W. Robertson, Principal of Macdonald College, Quebec, Dr. Robertson gave them his ready approval and very generously offered to contribute \$250 from his private funds to help defray the expenses of the competition. Dr. Robertson, also, offered to assist the competition in every way possible and made a number of valuable suggestions in connection therewith. As the expense that would be involved in the holding of a general competition would be very great it has been decided to confine the competition this year to dairy farms only.

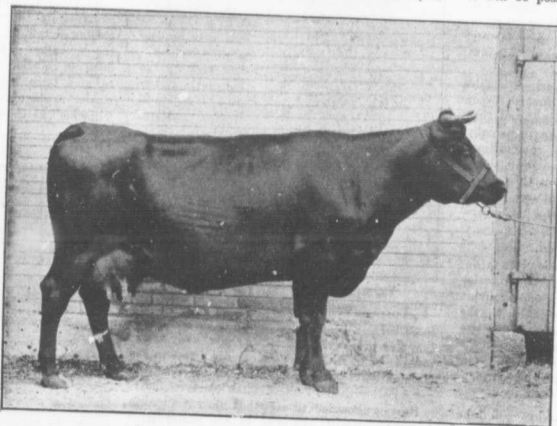
### THE SCALE OF POINTS.

The members of the committee checked over very carefully the scale of points used in the competition held two years ago. This scale of points had given such general satisfaction it was not thought advisable to change it except only in one or two particulars. It was decided to offer 1000 points sub-divided as follows.

House 150, viz., plan, finish and approaches 25; lawns 15; garden and orchard 35; interior arrangement 30, sanitation 20, education 25.

Farm Buildings 150, viz., provision and site 25; location 25, condition 20, neatness 20, convenience 25, light and ventilation 25, yard 10.

Live Stock 200, viz., number 40; quality and condition 40, breeding and methods of breeding



A Red Danish Cow—A Breed that Has Made Denmark Famous

The red Danish cow is not pretty, being rather coarse according to our standard. She looks like a good performer, and that is the only qualification by which Danish cows are judged. The Danish farmer is after milk and lots of it. It is well known that he gets it. Records of 10,000 pounds per cow and over for whole herds, are by no means rare in Denmark.

Burgessville, representing the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, Simpson Rennie, of Toronto, the winner of the last provincial farms competition held in Ontario; Geo. McKenzie, of Thornhill, and D. Duncan, of the Don, the winners in the dairy farms competition held two years ago, R. F. Hicks, of Newtonbrook, and Gordon Gooderham, of Bedford Park. The committee was in session all day.

It was decided to endeavor to hold a competition open to the province. Farm and Dairy agreed to contribute and raise, in a manner approved by the members of the committee, at least \$1500 in cash prizes for the competition as well as numerous special prizes that should bring the value of the prizes offered to about \$3,000.