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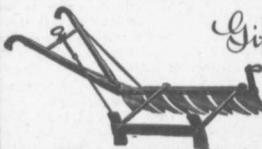
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Department of Agriculture at Picton

R. M. Winslow, B. S. A., the representative recently appointed to take charge of the branch office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, at Picton, Ont., was born on a farm just out of London, Ont.; his early life was closely identified with agriculture. Entering the Ontario Agricultural College in 1903, he quickly demonstrated that he was cut out for doing things. He was always noted as a leader, and he won the gold medal for being the best all-round man in his graduating class. He also holds the Governor-General's silver medal for general proficiency in his first and second year work at Guelph.

R. M. Winslow, B. S. A. After completing his second year at the college, Mr. Winslow dropped out a year from the course, in which time he took the opportunity of enlarging his agricultural experience. His farm experience has been almost wholly on high-priced land where intensive work was essential to success. In this he is peculiarly well fitted to assist the farmers of Prince Edward county, who go in for horticultural pursuits, producing truck for the canning factories, and practise other phases of intensive agriculture. After graduating last June, Mr. Winslow was engaged in orchard spraying and inspection as well as carrying on investigation work regarding canning, and vegetable crops in Essex, Kent, and Norfolk counties, also in the Niagara district. This experience will stand him in particularly good stead in his work in connection with the farmers surrounding Picton.

In addition to his other attainments Mr. Winslow has proved his ability as a platform speaker, last year winning the public speaking contest at the college. He will be able to make good use of his training in this respect in organization work amongst the farmers, in addressing farmers' institutes, and other public meetings.

An Exceptionally Well Prepared Report

The annual report of the Agricultural Societies of Ontario and of the convention of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions for the year 1908 has been received. The Department of Agriculture and the Superintendent of Fairs and Exhibitions, Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, are to be congratulated upon the fine appearance of this report. It is printed upon excellent paper, and is well illustrated with cuts of buildings and scenes at county fairs. Cuts of various classes of live stock including Clydesdales, Percherons, Shires, Hackneys and the Hunter-type of horses, Ayrshire, Hereford, Holstein, Jersey and Shorthorn cattle, Shropshire, Oxford and Leicester, Lincoln, South Down, Cotswold and Dorset-horn sheep, Yorkshire, Tamworth and Berkshire hogs not only liven up the pages but are of value in as much as they show the best types of these several breeds.

The financial statements of all the societies in Ontario, the money paid for prizes in the various classes and a comparative statement of the grants for 1907 and 1908 also appear. These make very interesting reading and it is possible to figure out on short notice just what each society is spending for agricultural purposes as well as what

it spends for other and special attractions. Taken on the whole the report is about the best that has yet been issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Those interested should write the superintendent for a copy of this report which may be obtained free, by request, from the Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Another Farm Motor Competition

It has recently been decided to continue for another year the light agricultural motor competition that was held at the late Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, for 1908. It is the present intention to widen the scope of machines that are able to enter this competition by making more classes. The details have not yet been worked out, but will be announced. Manufacturers will be notified early this fall as to the date of the fair next year and the conditions with the classification of the competition. The competition this year created considerable interest and in all probability will prove a splendid educational feature to those who wish to purchase machines of this class.

Condensers becoming Popular

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World.—In the eastern part of Elgin Co., Ont., condensed milk factories are becoming a disturbing element in the development of co-operative dairying. The ability of these concerns to pay the farmer a higher price a cwt. of milk than he has hitherto received from the cheese factories, has the tendency to draw him in the direction where he is likely to receive the greatest profit.

The Borden of New York, have in course of erection a large condenser at Tilsenburgh. At Avonlea a Canadian company has a similar factory in operation. About midway between these two at Brownsville, is established the only plant in Canada for the manufacture of powdered milk. With these three concerns bidding for all the milk in the district, and guaranteeing prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a cwt., according to the season in comparison with the rates from cheese of 90c to \$1.00 a cwt., the cheese industry is likely to be pretty severely shaken up.

One or two progressive makers have, however, "taken the bull by the horns," and undertaken to buy the farmers' milk outright, paying the same price as the condenser. With the whey in their possession they installed the necessary plant, at the beginning of the present season, and started to manufacture "whey butter."—J. H. M.

Items of Interest

Mr. J. Stonehouse, creamery inspector, has been very unfortunate with his help in a creamery at Fort Perry, Ont. His brother has contracted typhoid fever, and his assistant, Mr. John A. Farrell, has broken his arm.

Included in the exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, from Alberta, will be a mirror arrangement reflecting 1000 miles of waving wheat in the country from Edmonton to Portage la Prairie. An exhibit from Saskatchewan will be a working elevator showing how grain is stored and shipped.

The entry of horses at the Canadian National Exhibition is so large that the greatest difficulty is being experienced in securing stabling room. The total entry is between 50 and 60 more than last year, and last year the exhibition was short nearly 100 stables. The exhibition medal this year represents the approach of Champlain in a canoe, and below is inscribed 1908-1908.