

AN INTERPROVINCIAL PRIZE DAIRY FARMS COMPETITION

Another dairy farms competition, similar to the one held so successfully during 1909 and 1910, will be held this year (1911) throughout Ontario and in the Beaurhain District, Quebec. The contest will be continued during 1912, and possibly during 1913, to decide the best dairy farms and farmers in the two provinces. The competition will be conducted by FARM AND DAIRY, of Peterboro, Ont., the only farm and dairy paper published in Canada, assisted by a committee of prominent farmers and dairymen.

FIFTY HANDSOME PRIZES

During 1911 Ontario will be divided into four districts, which with the Beaurhain District, Que., will make five districts in all. A special competition will be held in each district. Ten handsome prizes will be offered in each of these divisions or 50 in all. Next year (1912) it is proposed to hold a final or semi-final competition between the leading prize winning farms in each of these five districts to decide the best dairy farms in all these districts. A special prize will be offered for the best dairy farm in Ontario and another prize for the best dairy farm in Quebec or Ontario that scores the most points in an inter-provincial contest.

In this year's contest (1911) the first five prize winning farms in the provincial contest held in Ontario during 1910, as well as the four farms that won the first prizes in their districts in 1909, will not be allowed to take part.

THE DISTRICTS

The five districts in which contests will be held this year (1911) will be approximately as follows: DISTRICT No. 1.—The Beaurhain District, Que., comprising the counties of Beaurhain, Chateaugay and Huntingdon.

DISTRICT No. 2.—That portion of Eastern Ontario lying East of a line running North from

DISTRICT No. 3.—The counties in Eastern Ontario between Kingston and Yonge St., Toronto.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Western Ontario, North of a line running from Hamilton to Goderich.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Western Ontario, South of a line running from Hamilton to Goderich.

These districts (except No. 1) are subject to revision after the entries have been received to facilitate the judging of the farms.

JUDGING THE FARMS, THE POINTS OFFERED

The farms will be judged in July, (1911), by two judges. Where competition is close for some of the leading prizes in any or all of the districts, the judges will have the privilege of visiting such farms again next winter, before making their final awards.

All departments of the farm will be included in the competition. A total of 1050 points will be offered, subdivided as follows:

House, 155, viz., plan, finish and approaches, 25; lawn 20, garden and orchard 35, arrangement of house 25, sanitation 15, ice and water supply 15, education, including books and periodicals, 20; total, 155.

Buildings, 175, viz., provision and size 25; location 25, condition 20, neatness 20, convenience 25, light and ventilation 25, water supply 25, yard, 10; total, 175.

Live stock, 210, number 40, quality and condition 40, breeding 40, feeding 20, horses 30, swine 25, poultry 15; total, 210.

For further particulars, entry forms, etc., write the Secretary of the Committee, H. B. COWAN, FARM & DAIRY, PETERBORO, ONTARIO

ENTRY FORM

H. B. Cowan, Esq., Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont.,

Dear Sir,—I hereby enter my farm in the prize dairy farms competition being held this year throughout Ontario, Quebec, under the direction of Farm and Dairy. My farm comprises the past five years.

Enclosed is my entry fee of \$..... Signed,.....

Date..... Post Office.....

Crops, 215, viz., suitability for milk production pastures and fields 15, total, 215.

Management, 140, viz., arrangement of fields 20, rotation 25, fences, gates, ditches and drains, 20, workmanship and neatness 25, preservation of manure 20, bookkeeping and records 20, summer water supply 10; total, 140.

Machinery 75, viz., supply 25, housing 20, condition of repair 20, character 10; total 75.

Permanent improvement 80, viz., public roads 10, freedom from obstacles 25, drainage 25, beautifying 20, total, 80. Grand total, 1050.

The farms in each district scoring the highest number of points will be awarded the prizes. During 1912 the prize winning farms this year will be allowed to compete in a final or semi-final competition to decide the best ten dairy farms in Ontario and in a special competition to determine the best dairy farm in Ontario and Quebec.

THE RULES

1. Farms must contain at least 90 acres. The whole farm must be entered. Swamp, stony, or poor land cannot be left out but the judges will have power to leave it out if in the use of their discretion they so decide.

2. Farmers with 90 acres of land must have ten cows, 200 acres of land, 15 cows; 300 acres of land, 25 cows; and over 300 acres, 25 cows. The competitors must be sending the milk or cream of that number of cows at least, to a cheese factory or creamery or to the city, or making it into butter or cheese.

3. Only practical farmers will be allowed to compete. If necessary, competitors will be required to furnish proof that their chief occupation is farming and that they have been engaged in farming principally for at least five years previous to competition.

4. To assist in defraying the expense of the competition there will be an entry fee of \$3.00. When intending competitors in Ontario are members of either the Eastern or Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, the entry fee will be only \$2.00. Members of these Associations should send \$1.00.

5. Entries must be sent to H. B. Cowan, Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, Ont., with the entry fees, on or before June 15th, 1911.

6. Successful competitors will be required, when asked to do so by the judges, to furnish essays on any three features of their farm work that may be called for. These, however, will not be counted in the awarding of prizes.

7. The committee of management reserves the right to refuse the entry of entries of farms, the acceptance of which it may deem would be unfair, owing to special conditions, to other competitors. These rules may be extended or amended if the committee deems such action to be in the best interests of the competition.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The following well known farmers and dairymen will assist Farm and Dairy by acting on the Committee of Management: Chairman, Henry Glendinning, Manilla, Ont., and George A. Gillespie, Peterboro, Ont., representing the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association; D. A. Dempsey, Stratford, Ont., and S. R. Wallace, Burgessville, Ont., representing the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association; Simpson Rennie, Toronto, Ont., gold medal farmer; George McKenzie, Thornhill, Ont., prize dairy farmer; R. F. Hicks, Newtonbrook, and W. G. Ellis, Toronto.

Prospects for Dairying are Bright

Further reports received from Farm and Dairy correspondents strengthen the belief that more milk will be produced in Ontario in 1911 than in 1910.

Only one report, that from Frontenac county, reports any scarcity of feed. Feed is plentiful and cows have come through the winter in good condition for work this season. The dissatisfaction of patrons over the low prices received for cheese last season is also emphasized and in many sections more milk will be made into butter at home than formerly. The shipment of cream to the United States which is still going on in many sections is also proving more profitable than cheese making. These factors with the larger amount of milk that will be sent to creameries will tend to relieve the situation so far as cheese is concerned.

Milk cows are reported as scarce and very high in price. Several correspondents state that cows are selling too high when the price of dairy produce is considered. In spite of high prices, however, many farmers have increased their herds 20 to 50 per cent. The reports of a few of Farm and Dairy's correspondents follow:

The number of cows on the increase. As the American butter market is glutted, more cheese will be made.—J. D. McPhail, Russell Co., Ont.

About the same amount of milk will be produced this year as last. The number of cows is practically the same and there is very little feed on hand.—G. A. Smith, Frontenac Co.

The make of cheese should be large this year. The pastures were covered up with snow last fall before the ground was frozen and where the snow is off the look quite green already. Most patrons promise to milk more cows.—Robt. J. McLaughlin, Lennox and Addington Co.

Prospects for the cheese make are good. Many farmers are increasing their herds.—G. W. Owsen, Leeds Co.

More cows will be milked this year. If the season is good therefore we ought to have more milk.—W. A. Foster, Prince Edward Co.

The prospects for dairying here are good.—Stephen Keith, Victoria Co. The majority of my patrons are endeavoring to have more milk this coming season.—G. H. Barton, Peterboro Co.

Milk will show an increase of 20 per cent. over last year.—W. O. Webster, York Co.

There is less feed in this section and cows are in good shape.—Wm. McIntyre, Dufferin Co.

About the same number of cows will be milked this season as last.—Geo. B. Brodie, Middlesex Co.

Dairying is on the increase although the cheese industry does not show any signs of development on account of low prices.—C. White, Lambton Co.

Agriculture in New Brunswick

The growing interest in fruit growing that is being taken in the province of New Brunswick is emphasized in the 1910 annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Almost half of the reports dealt with fruit growing in its various phases.

During the last year there has been a somewhat larger make of both factory and private dairy butter in New Brunswick. Cheese also shows an increase. This increase is traceable to the splendid pasture and the abundant hay crop of 1910 since there were fewer milk cows in the province.

There is large room for an improvement in both the quantity and the quality of the dairy cows in the province. New Brunswick farmers are urged to take up cow testing more extensively.

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