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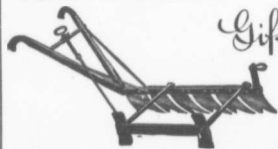
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### Our Scottish Visitors

The Scottish agriculturists who are touring the Dominion under the auspices of the Dominion Department of the Interior, and of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, on reaching Ontario spent three days in Ottawa where they were met by a representative of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World. They were a striking body of men. All are practical farmers and have taken some leading part in the development of agriculture in their native land. Strong of frame, conservative in character and keen in intellect they are a high type of the race.

Our visitors are being conducted through the agricultural districts of Canada and are being given every facility for observing all kinds and classes of farming. They travel in two luxurious hotel cars leased by the Canadian government from the Pullman Company. Mr. J. A. Ruddle, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, travelled with them through Western Ontario.

To interview so large a body in the short time they were in Ottawa was impracticable, as well from the point of printing space as from that of time for one might fill many issues with the ideas of such men. Our representative, therefore, first had a chat with the secretary of the commission, J. M. Hodge, who is well known for the leading part he has taken in the development of fruit culture in Scotland.

#### MUCH IMPRESSED

"Naturally," he said with an accent that Scotia's free air had engendered for generations, "we do not like to speak too freely because as yet we have seen but a comparatively small part of Canada. But from what we have seen we have been much impressed with the greatness of the agricultural resources of Canada. In Prince Edward Island, for instance, we were greatly impressed with the large area of soil that is specially adapted for potato raising. Much of it is of the red character that produces the best cooking types of that vegetable. We have seen in Scotland and potatoes raised upon it bring five dollars a ton more than those raised on other kinds of soil." "What do you think of our system of agricultural education?" asked our representative.

"What we have seen of it," Mr. Hodge replied, "has been most interesting. Your agricultural schools and colleges are doing splendid work. We consider the Macdonald College a wonderful institution. There is nothing like it in our country. Everything that is needed for such an institution seems to be there. It is too early yet to say what part will play in the development of Canada, but to judge by the earnestness of purpose of those who direct it we believe that it will exert a vast influence upon the agricultural life of the country."

#### DAIRY FARMERS TALK

Mr. Hodge introduced your correspondent to two members of the dairy committee of the commission, Edward E. Morrison, a noted dairy farmer and James Dunlop, a noted breeder of Ayrshires.

Their views upon our Canadian dairy interests were mutual. Purposely they were asked if they had noted any matters in which Canadian dairymen in the east might improve their methods and their profits.

"We can speak only of what we have seen," was the answer, "but we think that dairy farmers would find it more profitable to go in more for winter dairying. That might necessitate extra feeding, but the land would profit by it, by the extra manuring and would in return give larger crops. More winter dairying would also be the means of introducing more advanced methods of feeding."

"There is another point of great importance," Mr. Dunlop went on "and that is that the herds we have seen

seem to be the product of all the dairy breeds upon earth. A great deal might be done by grading up the herds and sticking to some such deep-milking breed as the Ayrshires. Grading up might be done by milk tests for fat and solids. This has not been nearly done than is generally supposed. The records would then be a guide for selection in breeding."

"We have seen that Mr. Morrison "at the good prices that Canadian dairymen receive for their milk. The prices are equal to, if not superior to what Scottish farmers receive. Generally, we think the Canadian consumer pays as much for his milk and butter as the British consumer. We think too that the farmers within a radius of 50 miles of Montreal, receive more for their milk than any district in Scotland."

The views expressed were given at the request of your correspondent and not in any critical way. There was a good deal of liberal-minded Imperialism about their remarks too, for it must be remembered that they were speaking for the benefit of Canadian dairymen who compete with them in their own market. "We have been delighted with our trip," was the view of all who were interviewed.

#### NOTED MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

Among those who are guests of Canada on this trip are: W. Barber, M.A., J.P., farms 5000 acres, breeder of Cheviot sheep; W. Bruce, B. Sc., lecturer in East of Scotland College of Agriculture; J. MacFatchen Dobbie, J.P., director of East of Scotland agricultural college; Jas. Dunlop, director of Scottish Chamber of Agriculture; Geo. A. Ferguson, director of Scottish Chamber of Agriculture and breeder of Clydesdales; Ian A. Forsyth, tenant farmer of 375 acres; R. S. Gibbs, M.B., C.M., J.P., farms 1400 acres, of the county of Berwick and farms 1900 acres; R. B. Grieg, F.R.S.E., lecturer in Aberdeen university; W. Henderson, J.P., farms 1400 acres, member of the Free Importation of Canadian Cattle Association; J. M. Hodge, lawyer and fruit farmer; Harry Hope, President of Scottish Chamber of Agriculture; James Johnston, J.P., vice president of the Royal Scottish Arboricultural society; James Keith, tenant farmer of 400 acres; Angus Mackintosh, J.P., land manager for the Congested districts; T. Carlaw Martin, L.L.D., editor of the Dundee Advertiser; E. E. Morrison, M.A., director of the Scottish Chamber of Agriculture and tenant farmer of about 700 acres; A. M. Frain, J.P., specialist in poultry keeping; Sir John Sinclair, Bart., D.S.O., owns 6000 acres in Caithnessshire; John Speir, director of Scottish Chamber of Agriculture and tenant farmer of 400 acres; David A. Spence, farms 800 acres, large potato grower; David Wilkie, J.P., chairman of the commission, tenant farmer and author of large ranching company; R. Patrick Wright, F.R.S.E., principal of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, teacher, experimenter and author. May their trip be a pleasant and profitable one is the earnest wish of all our Canadian farmers.

Tax the land and not improvements, if you would see the farmers improve their buildings. The present method of taxation is not by any means fair. Alex. Anderson, Peterboro, Co., Ont.

Farmers can have rural free delivery if they would. If they demand it. There is no excuse for the Government keeping free rural delivery from the farmers, when they can reduce the rate on drop letters in cities to one cent. The farmers can only get this boon of free delivery by co-operation, by standing together, and demanding it. There would be a rebellion in the country if free rural delivery was taken from the farmers.—J. Lockie Wilson.