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EDITORIAL

Average Men and Winter Dairying

Freshening the cows in the fall has three advantages: more milk per cow per year, profitable winter employment and better calves. The practice is disadvantaged by the fact that the average individual cannot make it pay. For that reason other average individuals conclude it is wise to leave winter dairying alone and confine their efforts in the dairy line to having the cows calve some time in spring or summer. This kind of dairyman lets the cows take a chance on the dried-out pastures while he runs a competition with the by fall.

that "Cows don't pay!"

80 cents at the farms where it was produced, young men. and the business methods of its producers were such that it cost them all they got for the crop to raise it. So with other lines of farm his ambition never goes very far; in truth, if That is, those in charge of departments of while. he is content with that he doesn't need to.

to toast his shins all winter by the side of the proper will be more or less neglected.

praiseworthy demonstration in the new quarters, five miles south of Winnipeg, promised and subjects taught in the schools must be by the government. Since the doors of this institution opened in 1906 there has been an annual increase in attendance. This in cultural College. Up to the present the big clearly before the commissioners. from her own province. Districts represented have less attention paid to agriculture. to every class, and so the good work of agri- much to do with the trend of the final findings cultural education will continue, giving a big of the commissions. attendance every year as long as the agricultural industry stands in the province.

But the first selection of site was unfor-

Farmers' Evidence Wanted

is ambitious to rise above the dead level of regardless of what training they have had in of the past season, the increasing price of

mediocrity. It pays when it is properly car- what is generally referred to as school educaried on, but it won't pay the man who wants tion. There is a danger that education

kitchen stove, or match his wit for the season With a Dominion commission, having Dr. against the local Ananias. Fellows of that J. W. Robertson as chairman, and a Manitoba kind never make anything pay. But the sur- commission, with Hon. G. R. Coldwell as prising thing is that so many of us heed them chairman, it should be possible to reach when they "knock." Winter dairying pays. definite conclusions as to what will be best Progressive farmers in every section prove it by for the youth of Canada as a whole in regard to technical education. Judging from the personnel of the commissions it can reasonably be expected that evidence will be taken to ascertain what line of training is best for the promotion of each of the skilled industries, including agriculture. Methods of teaching adjusted to meet changing needs and condi-

Those who have come to realize that farmturn has called for a larger staff and new build- ing is a complicated business, requiring scienings and equipment. Despite the fact that in tific knowledge, good judgment and ability a few years the other prairie provinces will along business lines, as well as muscle, should have similar institutions there will be a con- not fail to do all that can be done to have tinued call for advancement in Manitoba Agri- matters from the farmers' viewpoint placed proportion of the student attendance came ever changes are made, we cannot afford to by one student the first year have sent others Strong evidence from agriculturists will have

Outlook for Purebred Stock

The situation in purebred live stock is flies in getting what lactic fluid he can out of tunate in that it contained too few acres. worth considering by those who have any nothem. Sometimes he doesn't get a great deal, Many also urged that it should comprise soil tion of buying breeding stock. For the past and sometimes the calves that come in spring more representative of that found throughout four or five years we have been drifting through and summer don't figure into much of an asset the province rather than the heavy clay of the a period of inactivity in the live stock busi-Red River valley. Talk of intensive cultiva- ness, a period of small demand and low prices. Consequently the long, loud wail is heard tion and smaller acreage sounds good, but for Most of us have seen purebred cattle and hogs a great agricultural institution one hundred sell at less money for breeding purposes than Certainly they don't—that is the "average" acres was so small that even the men who they were worth to kill for meat. Some of us man's cows don't. But is there one line of were responsible for its selection changed their have seen bulls that were splendid specimens work at which the "average" farmer does make minds in five years or so. The fact that they of the beef breeds knocked down at the bull money? The man who grows an average crop did so is an evidence that they are progressive sales to butchers, because there wasn't a buyer of wheat year after year isn't inconvenienced in regard to agricultural education. With five at the ringside with sufficient confidence in finding investments for his profits. Last year hundred acres of land and ample room for suit- the cattle business to save them from the knife. the "average" yield per acre of wheat in Mani- able buildings the next few years should see The cattle business was dead because it was toba was seventeen bushels. The "average" Manitoba provided with courses second to passing from range to farm conditions; the of it was of such grade that it sold for less than none in the world, both for young women and hog-grower had been fooled so often that he had no more use for hogs; the sheep-raiser had troubles peculiar to his kind; the draft-horse business seemingly was the only line of animal Technical education bids fair to receive raising that held profit-making possibilities produce. The man who makes "the average" great attention in the near future in Canada. large enough to make its exploitation worth

education have concluded that special efforts But there is a change at hand, and it is So in the dairy business. Winter dairying should be made to give instruction in matters coming with a suddenness that will catch some doesn't pay the average man; nor does sum- pertaining to the useful or mechanic arts. napping who should be awake. We verily bemer dairying, for that matter. But it pays the The tendency of the common people seems lieve that this country is on the eve of some big man who goes in for it determined to eliminate to be to demand school training that will things in the live-stock business. Whether it chance by the exercise of intelligence, and who help pupils to earn their bread and butter is the force of increasing numbers, the lessons