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### Short Course at Lindsay Should Investigate Danish Bacon Trade

The second short course in Stock and Seed Judging in connection with the agricultural extension work in the County of Victoria, has passed into history and its success is unquestioned. An outstanding feature of the course was the large number in attendance, running from 100 at the morning sessions to 500 at the afternoon sessions and far exceeding these numbers at night. The spirit of earnestness and inquiry with which the crowd seemed imbued was gratifying and encouraging to those in charge, as it enabled them to give their instructions under the most favorable conditions.

The work in seed judging was in charge of Prof. C. A. Zavitz. The time allotted to him was too short to enable him to do justice to his part of the work, or satisfy all the demands for

The suggestion that was made recently in Farm and Dairy, and that has been endorsed by a number of our readers, that the Dominion Government should send a commission of Canadian farmers to Denmark to investigate the conditions surrounding the Danish bacon trade, was discussed and approved last week by the members of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association at their annual convention in Toronto. Leading swine breeders from all parts of the province were present.

The matter had been considered previously by the directors of the association who had approved of the proposal and appointed Messrs. J. E. Brethour, of Burford; Wm. Jones, of Zenda, and R. H. Harding, of Thornedale, to draft a resolution, dealing with it, for submission to the members of the association in open convention. This committee submitted the following recommendation:

"Having learned with regret that there has been a heavy falling off in Canadian bacon exports to great Britain, caused largely by the keen competition of foreign countries, chiefly Denmark, we recommend that the members of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association petition the Dominion Government to lend all the assistance in their power toward strengthening this important industry, and to this end we would recommend that a deputation of practical agriculturists be sent to Denmark to study the conditions that exist there, including their methods of breeding, feeding and marketing and the various phases of the industry in that country."

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The recommendation was freely discussed. It was soon evident that the meeting was thoroughly in favor of having a deputation visit Denmark for the purposes mentioned. The success the Danes are meeting with in the production of bacon and the fact that Danish bacon is driving Canadian bacon out of the British market, indicates that Canada may be able to learn something from the Danish methods. Speakers pointed out that no country can know it all and that Canada should endeavor to learn all that she can from the methods of her competitors.

The meeting decided that it would not be well to draw too much attention to the matter as were the Danes to hear about it they might refuse to give the deputation the cordial reception as is proposed. It was felt that the commission should visit Denmark as quietly as possible. The directors of the association were requested to push the matter quietly. Messrs. D. C. Platt, Millgrove; J. E. Brethour, of Burford, and Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville, were appointed a committee and instructed to wait on Hon. Sydney Fisher, in Ottawa, and lay the matter before him.

Farm and Dairy feels that there is little reason to fear that the Danes would not give such a Canadian deputation as is proposed, a cordial reception. We are always glad to give the deputations from foreign countries that are visiting us constantly, all the information they desire. The Danes are too broad minded not to be willing to do the same. It would be beneath our dignity as a nation to have a deputation of our farmers try and steal into Denmark by stealth to secure the information about their bacon industry that we desire. Denmark would have a right to resent such action on our part.

I received the alarm clock for securing two subscriptions to Farm and Dairy in good order, and I am very much pleased with same, and thank you very much for it.—F. Jamieson, Timberland, B. C.

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information. It may be advisable in another year to hold two courses rather than one and thus devote more time to seed work.

The stock judging was under the direction of Prof. G. E. Day and Dr. Henry Reed, of Georgetown. Both expressed their pleasure at having such a superior class of stock for demonstration purposes. It speaks well for the farmers of Victoria County.

The evening meetings were well attended. The speakers were Prof. G. E. Day, C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Prof. C. A. Zavitz, J. Lockie Wilson, G. A. Putnam, and Dr. Henry Reed. On Friday evening, Jan. 29, Dr. Falconer, of Toronto University, was present and delivered a powerful address, dwelling on the farmers' interests in higher education because their sons and daughters attended the university. Further, he hoped for a strong healthy country side, rather than crowded cities, for from the ranks of the country bred the highest positions of our national life are filled.

What we needed in our life was a spirit of toleration, a respect for the opinion of other men, the spirit which would allow of rivalry without creating hostility. If we possess this spirit born of a higher intelligence we cannot help but mark our influence on posterity, and in time create a distinctive type of manhood which shall be a worthy contribution to Anglo-Saxon Civilization.

To those most closely connected with this agricultural extension work, the result of this course was most encouraging and leaves no doubt as to the complete success of secondary agricultural education in Victoria County.

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