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Our British Columbia Letter (From Farm and Dairy's Special Correspondent.

Assistant Live Stock Commissioner Hopkins, recently appointed, and con-sequently not yet in touch with British Columbia conditions, a day or two after the arrival in this province a day or was called upon to fill in a lecture date, before the Richmond Farmers' was called upon to hill in a lecture date, before the Richmond Farmers' Institute, which Mr. J. C. Ready, Crop Irstructor, found himself unable to meet. The new official had only a faw hours' notice and he entered the Richmond district, and article of the control of the contr rived at the lecture hall after night-

His remarks necessarily were of a His remarks necessarily were of a general nature. Advising the farm-ers to investigate the possibilities of silage, he referred casually to the district of the Lower Fraser Valley as not being adapted to corn growing, voicing thereby a projudice which at one time was universal, and which even now is widespread. Immediately

eren now is widespread. Immediately there were protests,
"I have grown corn for ensilage here for five years," interrupted one farmer, "and I defy anyone in any other district to show better results."
"That is so," added a Sea Islander, "the Longfellow variety does sphendidly here."

splendidly here.

The incident called welcome attention to the very important question of ensilage corn growing, for silos are far from numerous in the Fraser Valfar from numerous in the Fraser Val-ley. The climate of this district, which supplies most of Vancouvar's milk, is not a typical corn-climate. The nights are generally cool and there are no extremely hot days. Very good results, however, have been secured with certain varieties of ensilage corn. One of the most careful students of the local possibili-ties in the cron is Mr. P. H. Moore. Swariistandient of the Dominion Ex-

Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Agassiz. Before Mr. Moore's appointment to the post. ensilage corn had received some attention there. Among the varieties which have now been given thorough trials are Angel of Midnight, Leaming, Early Mastodon, Kaffir corn, Eureka, Wood's Northern Dent, Cham-pion White Pearls, Superior Fodder, White Cap Yellow Dent, Pride of the North, Mammoth Cuban, Salzer's All Salzer's All

North, Mammoth Cuban. Salzer's All Old and North Dakota White. The two varieties which Mr. Moore has determined are best suited to the Fraser Valley are Longfellow and Compton's Early. Last year he grew corn, and put it in the silo at a to-tal cost of only \$1.73 a ton.

To the field on which the corn was grown last year, barnyard manure was applied and plowed in at the rate of 16 tons to the acre. In checks or to tons to the acre. In checkes ginar three feet apart each way, the corn take i was planted, and to keep down the drama corn spurrey, the land was harrowed about twice before the seed came up. After She the last cultivation with a two-horsed, When it was the control of th two-rowed cultivator and the finishing off with a single walking souffler, the field was hand-hoed once. At harvest time the corn was bound and hauled on low-wheeled wagons. These cultival mathed hauled on low-wheeled wagons. These and costs for violating pound by-lar cultural methods proved very success—All of which proves that bujus 4 ful at Agassis, and doubtless would pig in a poke is nothing to bujus at other points in the Fraser Valley. an untested and unguaranteed ow.

Yes, sir, that youngster i his keep; and he is developing should ers that will help him to win prizes, too." The speaker was J. W. Berry, a well known dairyman of Langley and he was referring to a young pedi-greed Holstein bull purchased a few days before. Berry is a born economist. and as it costs money to feed a grow-ing bull, he conceived the idea of operating his milking machinery by bull-It took but a short time to get the plan in operation

Improvising a tread-mill, he connected it with the already-installed shafting. And now as the bull marks time for an hour each morning and evening the milk is drawn from the herd. Berry claims that the power is as satisfactory as gusoline or electricity—and much cheaper. He believes too, that the regular exercise is doing the animal a world of good.

THE POTATO CROP. British Columbia potato growers, reading newspaper reports of above-normal acreages in Oregon, Washington, the prairie provinces, and in Eastern Canada, are beginning to worry about the market this fall and worry about the market this fail and winter, and it is almost a sure thing that prices immediately following the harvest will be low for psychological reasons. As far as can be ascertained, the local potato acreage is considerably larger than last year. There is another factor, too, and that is that this year's crop has had much more favourable weather conditions than prevailed in 1913, and promises

to be of extra good quality.
"You never can tell." Early sesson crop estimates frequently do not materialize, and it may happen yet. pleasantly surprising many farmers, that prices this fall are good.

FARM GOSSIF pen of Plymouth Rocks entered in the egg-laying contest at Victoria came very near establishing a world's record when they laid 46 eggs in eight days. The birds were owned by a "backyard" poultryman of Van-couver, and came of a strain developin British Columbia

Old residents say that the small fruit season in the Lower Fraser Valwas the earliest in many years British Columbia will put her best foot forward at the Dominion Exhibition at Victoria this fall. One of the features will be the large number of district exhibits.

Low hay prices are predicted.

Over the sale of a "family" cow,
which the purchaser found to be to bercular, quite a stir in neighbor circles was precipitated in Point Grey a few days ago. The purchaser er deavored to return the cow to its original owner the latter refused to take it, and the next scene in the drama revealed the cow wandering about the streets.

She was impounded by the police.
When the authorities got at the bottom, of the matter, an inspector was called in who condemned the cov. Then the inexperienced purchase was brought into court and fined 825

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