

Canada to the Rescue

Another branch of agriculture which has been pursued by Canada with the greatest energy and industry is that of dairy-farming, more particularly in the East and Middle West. Everything is being done that intelligent effort can do to reach the highest degree of efficiency of operation and quality of product. The Dominion and Provincial Governments are lending a hearty co-operation, and the dairymen, by the importation of pedigreed stock and the scientific testing of milch cows, are doing a work of national importance and at the same time productive of great financial benefit to themselves.

In 1896, Canada sold England \$11,600,000 worth of cheese at an average price of \$6.75 per box. In 1909, she shipped \$17,200,000 worth of this commodity at \$9.20 per box. In 1900, she sold 55 per cent. of all the cheese used in England, and in 1909, this rose to nearly 70 per cent.; although there was used 12,000 tons less, Canada actually sold 6,000 tons more.

The live stock industry in like manner is receiving every attention and is keeping pace with the general development of the country. The live stock in Canada from data collected from correspondents on June 30, 1908, was as follows:—

	Number	Value
Horses.....	2,118,165	\$264,000,000
Milch cows.....	2,917,746	99,000,000
Other cattle.....	4,629,836	122,000,000
Sheep.....	2,831,404	15,000,000
Swine.....	3,369,858	31,000,000

These figures are truly marvellous when the fact is taken into consideration that they simply represent the beginning of what will in the near future represent wealth without a parallel in agricultural communities.

The foregoing brings us to the consideration of the work accomplished by the Dominion and Provincial Governments in establishing experimental farms throughout the country, where the most satisfactory results have been obtained by a