

INFORMATION GLEANED AT THE E.O.D.A. CONVENTION

GOOD cattle is the safe and sure foundation of successful dairying, according to Henry Glendinning, Manilla, Ont., who was one of the first speakers of the Eastern Ontario Dairy Convention. "Let the dairy farmer confine himself to one of the well recognized dairy breeds," said he. "I do not mean by this that the cows should be pure bred and registered. Having made a selection of the breed use a pure bred, well bred sire of that breed." The following of this simple rule, Mr. Glendinning said, had made many a farmer prosperous. When the right stock is secured Mr. Glendinning advised against weakening constitution by

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A story is told that in a city of ancient days the people wondered if the man in the moon were real. They wondered how they should find out, but one after one the plans suggested to ascertain this were dropped as unfeasible. At last one suggested that at a certain time the whole city should raise a great shout and the sound would attract the attention of the man in the moon.

And so the time was set. But one by one each citizen (like so many of us to-day) said to himself: "Well, my small voice won't add much, after all. It won't matter if I don't shout." And when on the day, in the hour and at the proper minute, a—noise? No, so great a silence came over the city that the old man in the moon smiled the smile he wears to-day.

Isn't the incident typical of present human nature? Aren't we much the same inclined, especially we people on the farms, just to leave it all to the other fellow. And to a great extent we lose the value of our combined energies. What sweeping measures we could effect? What vital changes in our life if only we 'staid together' to bring them about?

The farmers of Western Canada have lived down the belief that we cannot, by action, in union, accomplish great and needed reforms. They have proved it to us. From its very inception the movement of the Grain Growers was branded by us as a complete failure, simply because it was conceived in the minds of farmers and arose out of their combined energies. Has it been a failure? Ask the people of the West. "Today, shoulder to shoulder, they hold in their mighty grip the power which for years had been gnawing at the vitals of their agricultural life."

Yes, our Western brother farmers have shown us the way. We need their fearlessness, their aggressiveness. This "Can and I Will" spirit that stamps them as different! They are pushers! They have made themselves heard in no uncertain voice—they have spoken as 'ones'. It's up to us.

Individually, it's the same. It's the man with this aggressiveness—the fellow that is pushing—that is leading the way. The man who is getting most out of his year's work in the field—the biggest returns from what he sows—the man who lets as many people as possible have a chance to buy his goods. Here and there, all over Ontario you can pick up these men. You know some right in your own district. He gets higher prices than his neighbours. He raises choice stuff and then "let's people know about it." In other words—he advertises.

Did you read in January 8th issue the note of Mr. Forster, of Markham in regard to advertising seed grain? Look it up in—Farm and Dairy.

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too early breeding. He set 30 months as a minimum age for the first freshening. Alfalfa and corn ensilage were advocated as the cheapest and best combination for the economical production of milk.

As was quite fitting, C. F. Whitley, cow testing enthusiast, came after Mr. Glendinning and told how the cows that won't respond to even such treatment as the former speaker had advocated could be detected and culled out. In one herd in Ontario that is tested under the Whitley plan, it was found that the difference between the production of the poorest and best cow was 8,600 pounds of milk. This was exceptional, but differences of 4,000 to 6,000 pounds are common. Above even the financial returns the renewed that testing gives the farmer. Both of these addresses will be given more fully in future issues.

MR. GRISDALE SPEAKS
"Common sense in cow feeding is the growing of the crops best adapted to our farms and feeding them to our cows in such a way as to get the greatest possible amount of milk." This is the definition of J. H. Grisdale, always a popular speaker at dairy conventions. To secure this desirable result he first advised that the cow be fed till she is brim full of food that is of high nutritive value and palatable and then keep her that way. Nutritive value, usually placed first as an attribute of a feed, Mr. Grisdale placed second to palatability. A cow will fill up only on what she likes.

Succession is the first requirement of a palatable ration. Mr. Grisdale placed corn first on the list of succulent feed crops, as are usually desirable for pound, but are more expensive to grow and the crop is not so certain. Corn is a sure crop every year. Mr. Grisdale himself has had a corn crop failure in 36 years. Where both of these feeds are lacking succulence may be obtained by cutting straw and hay and damping with water and 30 per cent. of feed molasses. This molasses, obtainable for 30 cents a gallon, is a valuable food that has been too long neglected; it has a food value equal to its cost quite apart from its value for succulence. The speaker advised against feeding of pure ensilage; "better mix it with a little cut hay," said he. "It makes it more palatable."

Variety in the ration, Mr. Grisdale said, can be obtained best by giving a mixture of feeds each day rather than changing the ration from day to day. He advised feeding the most palatable and nutritious foods in the morning when the cows are hungriest and serving the less acceptable feeds at night; this in pursuance of the filling up plan.

Flavor, also conducive to milk production, may be had by buying the best grain feeds and harvesting the forages carefully. "Cut your clover," said Mr. Grisdale, "before you can see one dead blossom. Cut the timothy when it is in bloom." If all these points were observed the speaker was confident that we would soon find it unnecessary to go to other lands for improved stock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening meetings at Cornwall were perhaps the most successful in the history of the E. O. D. A. conventions. In addition to a high standard of addresses, the proceedings were brightened by splendid musical entertainment provided by the citizens of the town. And the citizens showed their interest by turning out in such strength as to fill the large Town Hall, gallery and all.

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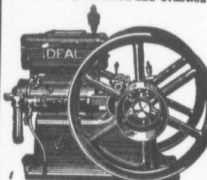
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