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The Best Dairy Farm in Ontario

Arrangements for the final competition that is being held this year to determine the best dairy farm in the province of Ontario, are about completed. It will be remembered that the Prize Farms Competition conducted last year through Farm and Dairy, some 60 prizes were offered in four different districts in Ontario to decide the best farms in each district. This year the first three prize farms in each district are being allowed to compete in a final competition to decide the best dairy farms in the province.

Of the 12 farms eligible to compete, 11 have been entered. These are the farms of Victor Beggs, Moose Creek; and J. A. Anderson, Dickinson's Landing, Stormont County; E. Terrill, Wooler, and Alex. Hume, Menie, of Northumberland County; Jas. R. Anderson, Mountain View, Prince Edward County; Davin Duncan, The Don; O. D. Bales, Lansing, York County; D. J. McClure, Churchville, Peel County; J. W. Richardson, Caledonia, Haldimand County; R. A. Penhals, St. Thomas, Elgin County; and R. H. Harding, Thorndale, Middlesex County.

Judged in July.

These farms will be judged for the first time early in July by two judges. The judges will spend several hours at each farm and go over them thoroughly. One at least of the judges will be selected from outside of Ontario and possibly both of them. The names of the judges will be announced shortly through Farm and Dairy. Should the judges find the competition very keen between any two farms they will have the privilege of re-visiting these farms again later in the season, or early next winter so that the farms may be judged under winter conditions. Five prizes are being offered.

Farm and Dairy understands that since the judges scored these farms last year a number of the competitors have been exerting themselves to improve on the points where their scores indicated them to be weak. All the farms are likely to make a good showing. Considerable interest is being taken in the probable standing in this year's competition of the farms owned by D. Duncan, of The Don and Mr. J. W. Richardson, of Caledonia. In last year's competition these two farms scored considerably the highest of any and out of 1,000 points there was only one point between them. Mr. Duncan's farm scored the highest, but as Mr. Duncan had been through a competition some two years before he had an advantage not enjoyed by Mr. Richardson. As Mr. Richardson now has the benefit of last year's score it is possible he may be able to make greater improvement this year than Mr. Duncan. Both farms are about the same in size, the land is of much the same nature, the herds of cattle are of about the same degree of excellence and in other respects the farms are closely matched. No matter how they stand, in the general competition the contest between these two farms is likely to be very close.

Readers of Farm and Dairy are again reminded that next year we purpose holding another prize dairy farm competition throughout Ontario to wit, last year's winners barred. Now, therefore, is the time for you to get ready for it and to tell your neighbors about it.

Graduates in Agriculture

The graduates in agriculture, who will receive the degree of B.S.A. (Bachelor of Scientific Agriculture) from Toronto University this year, are as follows: W. L. Hengough, W. Bowman, J. F. Carpenter, R. H. Clancy, G. W. Collins, R. B. Cooley, W. E. J. Edwards, F. E. Ellis, R. Fraser, J. F. Harrison, S. Kennedy, C. M. Learmonth, J. C. Lloyd-Jones, D. E. McRae, P. H. Moore, R. L. Moore-

house (ag.), S. J. Neville, F. C. Nunick, W. R. Reek, E. Robinson, A. M. Shaw, A. S. Smith, A. Snyder, S. E. Todd, J. D. Tothill, O. C. White.

The following candidates must pass supplemental examinations in the subjects indicated: G. C. Cunningham (French or German), H. L. Knauss (English), J. Laughland (English, chemistry of insecticides and fungicides).

National Importance of Public Health

The fundamental importance of the subject of public health to our national civilization and industrial efficiency was clearly expressed by the Chairman of the Commission of Conservation in his inaugural address before the First Annual Meeting of the Commission. In this connection Mr. Sifton said in part: "The physical strength of the people is our resource from which all others derive value. Extreme and scrupulous regard for the lives and health of the population may be taken as the best criterion of the degree of real civilization and refinement to which a country has attained. It cannot be said that it has received too much attention, though the Provinces, the Dominion, and the municipalities have been laws and health administrations all doing effective and useful work. There are, however, many branches of the subject, general in their character which merit attention. The Dominion spends hundreds of thousands of dollars in eradicating the diseases of animals, and the work, it is pleasing to know, is being done with thoroughness. But no similar effort is made by the Province or Dominion to meet the ravages of diseases among human beings, such, e.g., as tuberculosis."

That there is a great work to be done in checking the inroads of tuberculosis is evidenced by the mortality statistics of the last census. In the census year there were 9,709 deaths from tuberculosis in Canada. Or, in other words, 12 deaths out of every 100 in that year were due to tuberculosis. And yet tuberculosis is classed as a modern medical science as a preventable disease.

The Balky Horse

The balky horse cannot be conquered by brutal treatment, but may be induced to pull by many devices intended to attract his attention from his resolution not to pull. Some of these methods are mentioned by "The Horseman," as follows:

To lift the fore foot and pound on the shoe, to put a handful of grass or dirt in his mouth, to give him a lump of sugar or an apple to eat have all proved successful in some instances in inducing a horse to pull. To pass a cord around the pastern and pull the fore foot forward until the animal has to move is also a means of starting a balky horse. An electric battery manipulated by the driver gives an animal a shock from a source he does not comprehend and is the latest device in treating incorrigible horses.

During April immigrants poured into Canada at the record rate of 1,600 a day. Of the daily influx, the average number from the United States was 1,000. The total immigration for the month was 48,267, an increase of 24,030 or 99 per cent. Arrivals from United States during April totalled 20,443, an increase of 8,834 or 62 per cent. over April of last year.

Light, ventilation and thorough drainage, are the three most important points to be observed in the cow stable. The building should be strongly built, and be ventilated in such a way as to maintain an even temperature and pure air in the stable at all times.—Wm. Reid, Lambton Co., Ont.