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### Farmers on Banking

Representatives of the farmer had their say before the Banking Committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa on Thursday last when some of the shady methods of Canadian banks were properly ventilated by representatives of the agricultural press. The most startling charge of all was that made by Mr. Peter McArthur, representing the Farmers' Advocate, when in supporting the argument for a more efficient audit of banks, Mr. McArthur instanced one case where a general manager with the knowledge and connivance of a director had insisted on a borrower in urgent need of a very large loan, making them a present of some tens of thousands of stock in his business as a condition of the loan. Mr. McArthur promised to acquaint the Minister of Finance privately with the facts of the case, and a criminal prosecution may follow.

Mr. George Waldron, speaking for the Farmers' Sun, of Toronto, took issue with our whole banking system. He favoured more purely local banks as against so many branches of the large institutions.

### How Mr. Pat Clarke Solved His Biggest Problem in Dairying

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"Although the manufacturers recommend the use of chloride of lime and they have a purpose in recommending it, for they want to keep down the bacterial count, I have discontinued using it since I find it favors the milk, and there is objection to the smell and taint from the chloride of lime. I keep the rubber tubes in lime water instead. If the machine is properly cleaned the lime water is strong enough. And if it is not properly cleaned of the lime water, and is simply rinsed, then the lime water will not hurt anything and there is no after trouble as with the chloride of lime."

As suggested earlier in this article it took a great deal of persuasion to get Mr. Clarke to adopt the Mechanical Milker. How sorely he was in straits and required this machine to solve the serious problem confronting him, may be appreciated from the facts that Mr. Clarke ordinarily kept 12 men; six of these he was obliged to discharge at one time on account of their disgraceful conduct while under the influence of liquor. With these six men sent off the farm at one time, and being unable to help, close as he was to Ottawa, and this being in the summer time in the midst of haying, there were several weeks, during which he was not able to have a team hooked up, and as a consequence many acres of his hay had to be allowed to rot in the field and a considerable acreage of oats he was not able to harvest. It should not require any such a situation as the foregoing to convince other dairymen, who can use Mechanical milkers, that they should install the machines, for now they have the benefit of Mr. Clarke's experience and of a great number of other progressive dairymen who have installed Mechanical milking outfits and from whom advice can be had as to the great success of Mechanical milking.

One of these latter, and who is well satisfied with the B-L-K Mechanical Milkers, is Mr. L. D. Slater, whose farm is not very far from Mr. Clarke's. Mr. Slater had been obliged to make a trip to California on account of his health and was not at home at the time of our visit. We inspected his stable, saw his Mechanical Milker, and talked with his foreman in charge. Nothing but praise was given by the foreman in favor of Mechanical milking. Some 70 head of cattle were in the stable and 50 of the cows were milking. Mr.

Slater is apparently well satisfied with the machines, which were saving him two men over what would otherwise be required. Four units capable of milking eight cows at a time are being used in this stable. The milkers are washed thoroughly each morning, and water is run through them to

### A Paper for Beekeepers

The officers of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association have recently completed arrangements with the publishers of The Canadian Horticulturist, a companion paper of Farm and Dairy, for the publication of a special Edition of The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper, and which will be the official organ of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association. The paper will be published monthly. The first issue will appear May 1st. It will contain many articles and illustrations of deep interest to beekeepers and fruit growers. The subscription price of this new paper will be \$1 a year.

All who are interested in beekeeping and fruit growing should subscribe for this paper. Subscribers can also obtain The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper with Farm and Dairy for \$1.50 a year.

cleanse them at night. The cows had taken kindly to the machine. There were no sore teats when the machine was being used, and had the manufacturers themselves been giving us their testimony it could not have been more in favor of Mechanical milking—C. C. N.

### Killing Animal Lice

The killing of lice on animals is too often neglected. It is a very common thing, for instance, for colts and calves to be lousy. They rub and scratch and bite and itch and suffer, wasting much of their energy which should be used for better purposes. It certainly might better be used to graze and development than into fighting lice. Joe Wing of The Breeders' Gazette says: "You cannot afford to feed lice and stock in the same pen." In other words, to make a profit on live stock you have got to keep your animals free from vermin. Unaided they cannot get rid of these pests. But with a little well directed effort on your part you can free them. Perhaps the most approved method now in use by stockmen and farmers generally is to use Zenoless. That famous little booklet, "Veterinary Adviser," contains sixty four pages and is published by the manufacturers of Zenoless, and we want every reader of this paper to have a copy of it. It is not worth anything more than a won't cost you anything more than a postage stamp to send for it, and if you mention this paper it will bring the book at the quicker. It is a good little booklet for animal owners to consult on many other things besides ridding their stock of lice. All you have to do to get the book is to let the publishers know you want it. Write quickly to the Zenner Disinfectant Company, 308 E. Sandwich St., Windsor, Ont., and they will do the rest, and you won't be sorry.

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