

A Number of Children Found for Waiting Homes

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FARM AND DAIRY'S offer to procure children from Belgium if possible, and if not then from England or from Canada, for those of Our Folks who will offer them homes, is making steady, and on the whole gratifying, progress. We are still receiving applications for children. Several have been received this week from points in New Ontario. For the present we feel that we have received all the applications that we are likely to be able to take care of for some time, and, therefore, would not advise any more of our readers to write us until we announce our ability to more than fill the applications that we already have on hand.

Last week a deputation from the Children's Aid Society of Ontario waited on the Ontario Government to enlist its cooperation in bringing some of the children of Belgium to Canada. It was realized that great difficulties are bound to be encountered in this work but if it is at all practicable it is proposed to carry the movement through to a successful conclusion. The Children's Aid Societies have already agreed to cooperate with Farm and Dairy in finding homes for any of these children that may be brought out under its auspices.

No Word From Belgium

As yet we have not heard from the Belgian Government. The probabilities are that conditions are so disturbed in Belgium that the Belgian Government itself is unable to deal with the matter. As is well known, King Albert is fighting in the little strip of Belgium still free from German control. Many thousands of Belgian refugees and orphan children are scattered through France, Holland and England. Under these conditions it is not to be wondered at that the Belgian Government is slow in replying to the request of the Belgian Consul in Ottawa, for we will favor the bringing of Belgian children to Canada.

The fact that the great majority of the people of Belgium are Roman Catholics, being very few Protestants, will make it difficult for Farm and Dairy to find homes for as many of these children as was at first thought might be possible. We have applications from a number of our readers who are Roman Catholics offering to give homes to some of these Belgian children, but the number is limited.

Within the next few days we expect to have an interview with Mr. Alfred B. Owen, representing Dr. Barnardo's homes. Quite a number of orphan children of British soldiers have already been placed in the Barnardo homes in England, and the number is likely to be increased. Mr. Owen states that they have far more applications for children than they are able to find children to fill these applications, which means that it may not be possible for us to obtain many children through his assistance, but we hope to obtain some at least.

Thirty Children Spoken For

Within the past week we have received word from three branches of the Children's Aid Society of Ontario that they have a total of thirty bright, healthy children on hand whose ages vary from a few months to fourteen years. These include both boys and girls. We have secured photographs of a number of these children and expect to publish them in an early issue of Farm and Dairy. Those of our readers who have already applied for children will be given first opportunity to adopt these children. We have notified the superintendents of

each of these homes to hold the thirty children, as we expect to find homes for all of them among the many applications we already have on hand from Our Folks. Some of them are real darlings. One boy, in particular in a Toronto home is a bright, wide-awake, active, manly little fellow, whose appearance strikes your heart, immediately you see his photograph, especially when you realize that he needs a home.

Great Care Must be Taken

Already we have evidence that the greatest possible care will have to be taken in examining all the applications we receive with which we are not personally familiar. Recently we received an application from a woman in eastern Ontario, who offered to take two children, and to give them the best possible education and training. Word reached us that we should investigate this application, and on doing so we found that the woman questioned was a woman of irreputable character. Why such a woman should want to adopt two young children, it is hard for us to imagine. Needless to say, neither she nor any other person whose character is not above reproach will have a chance to adopt any of these children. It is our intention that no child shall be sent to any home until we know by careful investigation that the homes are such as will insure the children sent to them receiving good treatment. In addition to this we intend to see that after the children are placed they shall be visited often enough to assure us that they are being well treated and that they are happy and also that the people who receive them are satisfied with the children. In next week's issue we will publish the photographs of some of these children for whom applications have already been received, and whom we expect to place in the new homes that are waiting to receive them.

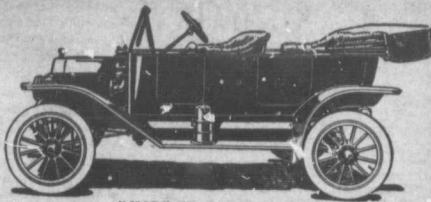
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pacious maw of the steam-thresher, with its wonderful digestive apparatus. We have the milking machine and the power-driven cream separator, and yet, in spite of all these and other devices, on many farms chores are still done under the old-fashioned inconveniences. The water supply is still rods away from both house and barn, and stabling and feeding still done with the maximum of labor.

It seems to argue on the part of the farmer a want of faith in his calling, a want of reliance in its resources, to worry along year after year without modern stabling arrangements and a water-system which brings the water to the barn and to the house. A farmer who is a disciple of the new agriculture will reason like this: "A water-system, for example, will increase the opportunities for leisure, and add to the permanent satisfaction of farm life.

The work both indoors and out is arduous enough at the best and if I can lighten it I will. The water process will enable me to make money or not. My business ought to be good enough to enable me to afford these conveniences. My family and I work hard enough to deserve them, and I am going to have them." A man who has the courage and faith to act upon this thought, will likely have resourcefulness enough to make his farm pay for it.



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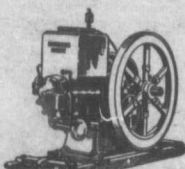
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