

A Prominent Dairyman Dead

The dairy interests of Eastern Ontario have suffered a heavy loss in the death of Mr. J. H. Singleton, President of the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association, who died at his home at Smith's Falls, Ont., on July 3rd. Mr. Singleton has been ill for some months and his death was not altogether unexpected. He is survived by a widow, five sons and two daughters. One of his sons, J. F. Singleton, is assistant to the Chief Dairy Inspector.

Old Blackey was one of the cows that was milked at first. She always milked so hard and tedious that no one wanted to milk her. She would have been sold long before if she hadn't been such a good cow. I did not think the machine would milk her and thought now she would have to go, but she is still in the herd. The machine milks her out nicely. Takes a little longer than on an easy milking cow, but Old Blackey has a better standing than she used to have and nobody jaws her any more. —Indiana Farmer.

The Scale on the Farm

By Prof. W. C. Palmer

The scale is just as important on the farm as in the grocery store. How would the grocer succeed who, in selling sugar, should put in a few scoops and say, "I guess that's about right," or in selling nails, should drop a few handfuls in the bag and say, "I guess that's about it." The farmer who guesses at how much he is feeding his cows or hogs, who guesses at how much milk or gains he is getting is doing just the same kind of business as the merchant who would guess instead of weigh.

The cows and the pigs, etc., are the farmer's customers. They take his feed and roughage. Now the farmer needs to know what he gets in return in the way of pounds of milk, butter fat, pork, etc. No successful business was ever built on guessing—farming is no exception.

A CHILD SHOWS THE WAY

This brings to mind a case. A boy who was learning how to test milk at school, tested his father's herd. He also weighed the milk from each cow morning and evening, and kept a record of it. He also kept a record of the feed given the cows. After a while the 14-year-old informed his father that Brindle didn't give enough butter fat to pay for her feed. Pa looked at him kind of funny. The idea of his boy telling him that. Yet he did not attempt to contradict the boy. He knew the boy had been weighing and figuring. The boy also informed him that Spot was paying a splendid profit and Rosy was not paying for her feed and so on. What was to be done?

The boy's information was taken and acted on. At the end of the year the herd had been reduced from 21 to 14 cows by selling the poorest and buying some more good ones. The 14 gave more profit than the 21. That was what a 14-year-old boy could do by weighing and keeping accounts. The time the boy spent in doing that weighing and figuring, only a few minutes a day, brought more profit than the day after day of work put in by this father. And these few minutes of work a day made it possible for that farmer to increase his returns year after year.

A FEW WEIGHING NEEDS

If one is feeding pigs, the only way to know what is going on is to weigh the pigs from time to time and to weigh the feed. The horses should be weighed that their condition may be the more accurately known. The load of grain or hay that goes to town should be weighed. But there is no need of enumerating further.

The scale is necessary on the farm just as necessary as in the grocery store or the coal yard.

The weakest point in connection with the dairy business is the feed. If we could get every farmer to grow corn to feed his stock then to erect a second one for summer use, we would be ready for dry weather any season.—D. Dorlshire, Leeds Co., Ont.

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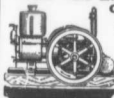
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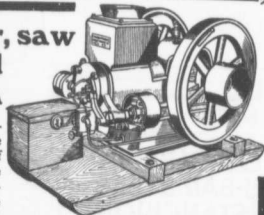
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