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OVER FIFTY ENTRIES IN THE PRIZE FARMS' COMPETITION

Farms Entered from All Parts of the Province. How and When They Will Be Judged.

At noon Monday, June 21, over 50 farms had been entered in the prize farms competition, being held this year throughout Ontario by Farm and Dairy. There was time for the receipt of a few more entries that day before the time for receiving entries expired. From the following list of entries published, it will be seen that in none of the four districts were there as many entries received as there are prizes offered; 15 prizes being offered in each district. This means that every farm that is entered, that is worthy of a prize, will receive one.

The committee of management has decided to take advantage of the right it reserved to slightly revise the districts. This has been done in the case of York county only. Instead of dividing York county at Yonge Street, Toronto, thus placing part of the county in Western Ontario and part in Eastern Ontario, the whole county has been placed in Western Ontario. This has transferred six farms that would otherwise have competed in Eastern Ontario, or in district No. 2, into Western Ontario, or in district No. 3. Had this not been done, there would have been 27 entries in Eastern Ontario, including 18 in district No. 2 and only 15 entries in all of Western Ontario.

As a result of the change, there will be 22 farms competing in Eastern Ontario, and 21 from Western Ontario. This will make the competition more interesting. In the last analysis, however, should any of the farms in York county that are really located in Eastern Ontario, win in the final competition, Eastern Ontario will be able to claim the honor of having the best dairy farm in the province. Interest is added to the competition by the fact that the entries received have come to hand from all parts of the province, including Glengarry county on the extreme east, and Huron county on the extreme west. This makes the competition truly provincial in character.

A TWO YEAR COMPETITION.

Owing to the fact that the number of entries received is considerably less than the number expected, due in a large measure to the late date upon which the competition was first announced, the committee of management has decided to limit the first competition to two years instead of to three as at first proposed. The farms in districts one and two in Eastern Ontario will be judged by the same judge, and those which score the highest in their own district as well as in the larger district, will be awarded prizes, showing them to be the best farms in Eastern Ontario. The same will be done in Western Ontario. The farms which this year score above a certain number of points in both Eastern and Western Ontario, will be allowed a chance next year to compete in a final competition to decide the best dairy farms in the province. The farms in each district that score the highest number of points in their respective districts this year will be given due credit for that fact.

THE JUDGING.

The farms in Western Ontario will be judged by Mr. Henry Glendinning, of Manilla, who is one of the editors of Farm and Dairy. Mr. Glendinning is well known throughout Ontario as a Farmers' Institute speaker, and as a dairy farmer. Mr. Glendinning only recently joined the editorial staff of Farm and Dairy. Previous to doing so, he had thought of entering his farm in the competition.

It is probable that the farms in Eastern Ontario will be judged either by Mr. A. C. Hallman, of Breslau, the well known farmer, breeder and expert judge, who is a director of The Rural Publishing Co. Ltd, which owns Farm and Dairy, or by Mr. R. R. Ness, of Howick, Que., the noted Ayrshire breeder, whose farm won the gold medal, for his district, in the competition conducted by the Quebec Government, and who is a shareholder in Farm and Dairy.

Farm and Dairy is endeavoring to arrange to have these judges meet in Peterboro with Mr. J. H. Grisdale, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, some time next week. Mr. Grisdale was one of the judges in the farms competition conducted by Farm and Dairy two years ago. The judges, accompanied by Mr. Grisdale, will together judge the farms entered in the special competition being held in Peterboro and Durham counties this year. This will give them an opportunity to adopt as nearly as possible, a uniform system of judging. The judges will then separate and should commence judging the farms in Eastern and Western Ontario during the first week in July. The judges will have the power, if they find it hard to reach a decision between some of the farms entered, to call in a second judge to assist them. They will judge the farms again next December. In July they will devote their attention mainly to the condition of the crops and to the outdoor work of the farm, although the other points covered by the competition will be taken into consideration as well. Next December, they will pay special attention to the farm homes, the methods of feeding, and so forth.

ANOTHER COMPETITION.

Two years from now Farm and Dairy expects to hold another competition of this nature. Those farmers who did not enter their farms this year, feeling that they did not have time to prepare, should start getting ready now. The chief prize winners in this competition will not be allowed to compete in this next competition. From the interest that is being taken in the competition this year, it is likely that several hundred farms will be entered in the next competition.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Farm and Dairy received word that some of the competitors at least who have entered in this year's competition are putting forth every effort to win. One farmer has enlarged the stabling accommodation of his barn, put in extra windows, enlarged his silo, put a bath room in his house, and made other similar improvements. Another farmer is putting up new hog houses, has given his farm a general cleaning up, put two coats of whitewash throughout his stables, and put forth other similar efforts to improve his chances.

NOTES.

The competitors are requested to write Farm and Dairy stating what their nearest railway stations are, and how the judges can best reach their farms.

Last week the Gould, Shapely & Muir Company, of Brantford, sent Farm and Dairy a nice letter expressing its appreciation of the benefit that would be derived through the holding of this competition, and contributing $25 towards the expenses, as well as intimating its willingness to give further financial assistance for the next competition.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

The list of entries as received up to noon Monday, June 21, is as follows.

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Victor Begg, Moose Creek, Stormont.
W. W. Hicock, Seeley's Bay, Leeds.
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J. A. Caskey, Madoc, Hastings.
J. K. Moore, Peterboro, Peterboro.

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DURHAM COUNTY SPECIAL COMPETITION.

A. Smith, Enfield.
T. Baker, Solina.
Alb. Tamblyn, Orono.
H. Baptie, Springville.

PETERBORO COUNTY SPECIAL COMPETITION.

G. A. Brethen, Norwood.
J. H. Garbutt, Box 921, Peterboro.
T. B. Moore, Hastings
F. Birdsall, Birdsalls.
J. K. Moore, Peterboro.

Saw Some of the Packers

Farm and Dairy is in receipt of a letter from one of the members of the commission of farmers that is to visit Europe to look into the bacon situation. Before sailing for Europe, the members of the commission visited the George Matthews establishment at Hull, Que., and had an interview with the manager. At Montreal, an interview was secured with Mr. R. M. Ballantyne, who was manager for some time of a large packing establishment, at Montreal.

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