

Dairymen Almost Unanimously Favor Cream Grading

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The Difficulties to be Overcome.

"What do you consider would be the chief difficulty in the way of the adoption of such a system?" The answers to this question showed that while the majority of the dairymen realize that there would be difficulties to overcome, they do not think that these would be insurmountable. Some of the answer follow: "The filthy system of gathering cream in tanks at farmers' doors and then throwing the cream pails in the back of the wagon to collect dust and flies till faced again would be the first difficulty to be overcome." "The lack of sympathy of some makers with the idea; the difference of opinion among creamery men as to what constitutes second and third cream; the tendency of a few creamery men to accept cream as first grade when graded down by their opposition creamery." "The gathering in tanks or cans of mixed cream. There might be two cans of cream that would be in different grades and yet probably not be very different. The one whose cream was placed in the lower grade would probably send it to some other creamery. The youth feel that he had not been used squarely." "Getting an accurate sample of the cream from the patron by the hauler, especially where cans were not given, and there was imperfect cleaning of the receptacles before putting the sample of cream in." "The honest application of the system by the creamery men. Unless the proper man did the grading, there would be a temptation if he were in bad humor to grade No. 1 cream down, and if things were going well to grade poor cream up." "A tendency on the part of careless cream producers to become dissatisfied and on the part of buttermakers where competition is keen to try to satisfy all of his patrons." "In cream gathering creameries, it would be necessary to do away with the tanks and use individual cans." "There should not be any difficulty, provided the creamery men stick together and every one to the letter." "The chief difficulty would be honest grading. Who is going to do it? The difficulty is not in the country creamer, but in those city concerns that gather cream from all the ends of the earth and whose cream you find boiling out of the cans at the station on its way to London, Toronto and other large cities."

How the Difficulties Would be Overcome.

"Have you any suggestions as to how these difficulties might be overcome?" was the next question asked. The answers contained many helpful suggestions. Among them were the following: "A prohibitory law against the use of cream tanks and requiring the use of the individual cans." "Let our dairy plants lay out the plan and see that inspectors have entered." "Most of the difficulties would be overcome by having good haulers and by all the factories uniting and co-operating with the farmers." "Simply to shoo and do it right." "An act of the legislature should make it compulsory that all creameries adopt the system." "Individual cans only should be used." "The cream should be graded immediately upon arrival at the factory and the man who grades the cream should be responsible for the cleaning of the receptacles, not depending on cheap hired help or haulers to do the job. Creamery men and buttermakers who are competitors in the district should get together and pledge themselves each to the other, that they will administer the grading system honestly and not manipulate it to steal from patrons." "The only sure way of grading cream

is to have every farmer's cream delivered separately and to have one man to do all the grading. I have no faith in grading from samples." "I believe the system will regulate itself." "The creamery should supply individual cans for shippers on railroads, why not for patrons on a wagon route?" "It would be advisable to give the buttermaker authority to refuse to handle any cream from which a first class article could not be made." "Patrons should be educated along the line of caring for their cream. Demonstrations of the benefits derived should also be conducted." "Cooperation and work together."

Each of the dairymen were requested to discuss fully any phases of the cream grading question that appealed to them. The comments of various dairymen which show a keen insight into the various phases of the question, will be published in future issues of Farm and Dairy.

THE OXFORD DISTRICT HOLSTEIN SALE.

As we go to press there comes a report of a successful sale of pure-bred Holsteins at Woodstock on Dec. 13, 1916. The weather was ideal and the attendance good. Bidding was brisk from start to finish. The prices realized were in keeping with the animals offered. Most of the animals sold were in excellent condition, and of high breeding and individual excellence were placed on sale, prices ruled high. A full report of the animals sold, their buyers and prices paid will be given in next week's issue of Farm and Dairy.

The Possibilities of the Organized Farmer Movement

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trial company they will, to some extent, lose their identity as a provincial organization, but they will gain the great benefit that will be derived from the vastly superior purchasing power and greater financial strength of the central company. For instance, it was found some time ago that where the Ontario company was paying \$35 for a certain style of sleigh, the Grain Growers' Grain Co. was buying the same kind of sleigh for \$15, because it was able to buy them in hundreds, where the Ontario company was buying in only ones and twos. Apply this principle to practically all the other lines of articles handled and something of the benefits of united effort will become apparent.

It means, if we decide to fall in line, that Ontario will have to organize groups of local shareholders, as has been done in the west, who in turn will appoint delegates to attend the annual meeting of the central. The by-laws of the central company provide that the annual meeting may be held at such place as may be selected by the delegates or directors. Most of the meetings, of course, would be held in the west.

This statement of the situation is naturally incomplete, there being many details which could not be touched on owing to lack of space. It will, however, I hope, give those who are interested in the farmers' movement in Ontario an insight into the forces that are at work in the larger farmers' movement, as it applies to the country as a whole, and thus prepare the way for a more thorough consideration of the subject of union when the time for its discussion arrives.

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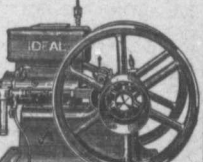
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