

Cascade House

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Report of Trip on Gaspe Coast, -

NEW RICHMOND, QUE.,

New Richmond is primarily a farming community. The farms, for the most part are large and prosperous. The small farmer may accept work by the day with his team, when he is not busy, but the larger farmers attend to their farm work and that alone. During the winter months they sometimes cut pulp and fire wood on their own wood lots. This, in most instances, is sold locally but of course shipments of pulp wood are made from time to time. The progress that these people have made along Agricultural lines is amazing to the average person who thinks of the Gaspe Coast as practically an ice-berg the year around. The people are keenly interested in their farms and apparently there is a great field for Macdonald College in Bonaventure County.

An Agricultural Society was formed some years ago but little progress was made until quite recently. At present this organization is really "booming" and a great deal of enthusiasm is being shown for Agricultural interests. The Secretary-Treasurer of this Society is a man keenly interested in Agriculture himself and apparently of a very broad progressive nature. Last season the following money was paid in prizes, and a great deal more the details of which I did not take, -

- \$150 For Registered Marcus Wheat.
(this amount was, of course, divided into 1st, 2nd, 3rd.,
etc., prizes)
- \$150 For Banner Oats
- \$75 For Clover.

Registered animals are also kept throughout the district for the benefit of the members of the Society.

\$417 was paid last season in prizes on Live Stock.

The Agricultural Society of New Richmond consists of 207 members. The annual fee for membership is \$2.00, which amount also entitles the member to a subscription for an Agricultural Journal. The balance of the money collected in fees is spent in prizes and for other expenses of the Society.

FARM OPERATIONS

Apparently the people are becoming keenly interested in Dairy farming. A couple of butter factories have started business in the vicinity and the people seem to be well satisfied with the returns of last season. David Fallet, an enterprising young man, who took the Winter Course at Macdonald in the winter of '23-'24 has started a dairy business and is selling milk around the town. He seems to be convinced that 'direct to the consumer' is the ideal way. The Ayrshire is apparently the popular breed of cattle in this vicinity.