

Manitoba Dairymen Convene

"Manitoba is making considerable progress in milk production and in the manufacture of milk products. Manitoba will make more rapid progress, however, when its dairymen pay more attention to the 'cow end' of dairying," so said Mr. T. L. Haecker, Professor of Dairy Husbandry and Animal Nutrition, St. Anthony Park, Minn., as he addressed the 23rd annual convention of the Manitoba Dairymen's Association held at the Agricultural College, Winnipeg, recently. Professor Haecker is recognized as the foremost expert on the American continent on the feeding of dairy cows with balanced rations for scientific milk production.

The attendance at all the meetings was large and the interest of the audience was sustained to the end. The membership of the association has increased during the past year. It now numbers upwards of 115. Some of the prominent speakers at the convention, besides Prof. Haecker, were Mr. J. H. Sheppard, Dean of the Agricultural College, Fargo, N.D., J. A. Ruddick, Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa, Prof. J. W. Mitchell, Professor of Dairying, and Prof. Bedford, of the M. A. C., Winnipeg.

OFFICERS

The officers elected were: Pres., W. B. Gilroy, of McGregor (re-elected); 1st vice-pres., J. P. O. Allaire, St. Boniface; 2nd vice-pres., L. A. Race, sec-treas., W. J. Carson, Winnipeg; Directors, D. Langill, Woodlands; Chas. Fully, Resbair; L. A. Gibson, Winnipeg; J. R. Nesbitt, Shoal Lake; John Gill, Oak River.

The president, Mr. W. B. Gilroy, in opening the convention, reviewed the very successful season that the farmers and dairymen in Manitoba have just experienced. He paid a glowing tribute to the late Mr. Waugh, one of the founders of the Manitoba Dairymen's Association, whose portrait was unveiled during the convention.

Mr. J. A. Ruddick addressed the meeting on the outlook for the Manitoba dairymen. He reviewed his visit to the dairy countries of the old world, and showed along what lines Canadians should follow. Dean J. H. Sheppard gave a very practical address on the "Selection and Points of the Dairy Cow." At one of the evening meetings the "Evolution of Dairying in Manitoba," from 1870 to the present date was handled by Mr. Champion, who is the only surviving member of the founders of the Manitoba Dairymen's Association.

MANITOBA'S WEALTH

While speaking on the advantages to agriculture and the dairy business to soil maintenance, Dean Sheppard said, "The first six inches of Manitoba soil constitute all of Manitoba's wealth. She has no great forests, fisheries, rivers or manufacturers to fall back on. If the fertility of Manitoba soil is wasted, the prosperity of Manitoba is gone." The speaker warned farmers not to rob their lands by continuous wheat mining until they were worn out like the wheat land of the Dakotas. He urged them to adopt soil preserving methods before it was too late.

In Dakota they can grow more wheat on a rotation of roots followed by wheat for three years than they can by growing wheat for four years. The root crop is extra profit. By growing clover the wheat crop following gives bigger yields. Where a rotation of crops is adopted, live stock must be kept to dispose of the coarse fodders produced. The dairy cow can produce more money from these foods than can any other farm animal.

Prof. Bedford gave an excellent address on "Corn Growing in Manitoba." He advocated the growing of early ripening varieties, such as the North Western Dent and Longfellow;

then the silage produced will be sweet and good. Mr. J. A. Ruddick gave an illustrated lecture on his old country trip, showing pictures of the old country buildings and stock. The convention all through was one of the most successful ever held in the West.

Dairy Breeds For Dairying

"The advantages of Employing Dairy Bred Stock" was the subject handled by Prof. Haecker, of St. Anthony Park, Minn., an American expert on the feeding of dairy cows and balanced rations for scientific milk production, at the recent Dairymen's Convention held at Winnipeg. He pointed out that the dairymen of Manitoba would make much more progress when they paid more attention to "the cow end of dairying." That is, they should breed cows that will make large yearly milk records.

For the special dairy farm, where the best of feed and care can be given, the Jersey and Guernsey are the most profitable dairy cows. But under average Minnesota and Manitoba farm conditions, where the cows get only ordinary care and feed, he would not recommend the somewhat delicate dairy breeds. He would recommend the improvement of common cows by better feeding, selection of the best milkers and gradual grading up. As the herd improves the dairymen will also increase his stock of information and experience, and will then be ready to care for the special dairy cow as she must be cared for.

The average dairy cow of Manitoba was a better milk cow than the average farmer was a good dairymen. By this was meant that the common cows did not receive the care and food necessary to bring out their utmost milk capabilities.

At the Minn. College dairy, they have always kept common cattle to compare with the dairy breeds. The special dairy cows invariably gave greater returns for feed consumed. To illustrate what effect dairy farms and on milk production, 18 years ago the herd was divided into two sets, the beefy cows in one lot, and the regular dairy type in the other. The regular cows averaged 350 pounds of butter, produced at a cost of 11.7 cents a pound, while the beefy cows averaged only 205 pounds, produced at a cost of 14.2 cents. All these cows were good dairy cows. Type has a lot to do with economical milk production.

Some interesting comparisons could be made between the best and poorest cows in the Minnesota herd. The poorest cow in the herd gave a gross income of \$52, with a net profit of \$19, while the best cow gave a gross income of \$85, and a net profit of \$56. The poor cow was one of common farm stock, the good one a Jersey. Thus one high-class Jersey cow is worth two common cows for dairy purposes.

Our Insurance Premium Offer

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But the merry lot changes and dwindles every year. They gradually drop out and leave their unfortunate patrons helpless with trashy machines. More will fade away this year. The dairy farmer, like the creamery man, is coming to know something of separators. He doesn't swallow mere "claims" so easily. Ninety-eight per cent. of the world's creamerymen use DE LAVAL machines. The percentage of farm users content with nothing else is always increasing.

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