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## Dairy and Cold Storage.

**A Branch of the Civil Service Which, the Ottawa Citizen Says, is "Doing Great Work for Canada."**

*The newspapers often seek the Departments as places where good material is to be had for descriptive news-writing. The publication of such articles as the one here given does much to explain the civil service to its master,—the public. The whole of this article is from the Ottawa "Citizen" of December 16th last, except the list of officials. The personal element is added in republishing in "The Civilian" because civil servants are interested in one another as well as in the work in which all co-operate. In the heading under which the "Citizen" publishes the article appear not only the words quoted above but these also: "High reputation of country's fruit, butter, cheese, etc., abroad largely due to efforts of the Branch."*

One of the genuinely interesting branches of government service is the dairy and cold storage branch of the department of agriculture, at the head of which is Commissioner J. A. Ruddick.

Neither the exterior nor the interior of the offices 'way up near the top of the Canadian building on Slater street would suggest anything of extraordinary interest. The click of typewriters, the monotonous sound of voices dictating and all the other sounds and sights are common to official and clerical life in any of the other government offices. Nothing suggests the work of untiring agents who cross and re-cross the continent and the ocean with train and steamer shipments of butter, cheese, fruit, etc., all grown in Canada, and all on the way to the best possible market. Nothing suggests the work of other agents who inspect the butter, cheese and fruit that none of poor quality may be placed on the home market, sent abroad or otherwise exploited; nothing suggests the work of other agents whose tasks take them to the

wharves and docks of Liverpool, London, Glasgow, etc., where they represent the Canadian fruit and dairy interests.

Broadly speaking, the work of the dairy and cold storage commissioner's branch falls under two heads: that of production, and that of commercial exploitation, of fruit and dairy produce. Under Mr. Ruddick are: Mr. W W. Moore, chief of the extension of markets division; Mr. Alex. McNeill, chief of the fruit division; Mr. George H. Barr, chief of the dairy division; Mr. J. C. Chapais, assistant dairy commissioner; in addition to one chief fruit inspector, twenty-six fruit inspectors, six assistants in dairying, one inspector of dairy products, one official referee of butter and cheese, two chief cargo inspectors, twelve cargo inspectors, and three refrigerator car inspectors. The clerical staff brings the total number employed by the branch to the figure of about 91.

To make fruit and dairy producers turn out, as much as possible, the very best quality of butter, cheese, apples, plums, etc., is one of