



A British Columbia Ayrshire that is Doing Things

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Our British Columbia Letter

(From Farm and Dairy's B.C. Correspondent)

A cooperative attempt to change agricultural conditions in the Lumby district, Okanagan, is being undertaken by the farmers. Up to a few years ago, there was a creamery at Lumby in active operation, but prices for hay advanced, herds were sold off, and the creamery closed its doors because there was no milk. The farmers now see their mistake, and at a largely attended meeting a Farmers' Institute was formed with the special purpose of fostering mixed farming. As a step in this direction it was decided to import cattle from Ontario. Slips were handed around and the farmers agreed to purchase 18 Durhams, 12 Holsteins, 27 Jerseys, five Shorthorns, two Ayrshires and seven Polled Angus.

To select the stock an experienced live stock man will be sent east. Letters received at the meeting stated that yearling heifers of good grade stock would cost \$35 f.o.b. Ontario, or about \$40 landed in the Okanagan. Grade cows would cost \$65 to \$85 in Ontario. A communication from the district freight agent's office in Vancouver stated that the rate on cattle from Ontario to Vernon would be 65 cents a cwt., with a 20,000-lb. minimum per car.

Soon after the arrival of the Ontario stock, it is hoped to re-open the Lumby creamery, which was a co-operative venture under government patronage.

SPRING PLANTING

Seeding has commenced all over the province, and in many sections is very well advanced. An average acreage in hay, oats, barley and wheat is reported. Plantings of spuds are larger than last year, and

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in onions quite a few Orientals and whites are plugging. British Columbia's onion production was slight last year, and crop shortages developed in California and Australasia, with the result that a price of \$100 a ton wholesale was obtained. While there is no assurance that such prices will rule next year, because local prices are regulated entirely by the outside production, still, many farmers are "taking a chance." Two cents a pound, they say, will give them a good profit, and there is always the possibility of three and even four cents.

The Okanagan Valley has an admirable climate for onion culture. The Lower Mainland is not so good, owing to the rainy weather often-times occurring in the fall. In the latter section, nevertheless, quite an acreage is going in. Successful market gardeners here with whom the writer has conversed, state that when only a small quantity is grown, no matter how wet the season, drying can be accomplished handily, but that when the quantity is large it is a serious problem to get the onions in keeping condition.

Much interest is aroused in the farming communities over the potato competitions for children, held under government patronage. Quebec has juvenile poultry clubs, Ontario its school fairs and Manitoba boys' and girls' clubs, but these competitions in spuds represent the first organized attempt to interest British Columbia boys and girls in things agricultural. Individual plots must be one-tenth of an acre in extent, and the seed planted one of two well-known varieties. Cash prizes are offered, each accompanied by Grubb's book on "The Potato," while to the boy and girl ranking highest for the province special awards will be made.

Albani, Strawberry Hill, Salmon Arm, Armstrong and Eagle River, are among the points where these competitions will be held.

FARM GOSPEL

A successful cooperative association is that of the rhubarb growers at Hatzie in the Fraser Valley. It is now shipping to the prairies at the rate of four carloads a week.

Over 100,000 fruit seedlings are being fumigated daily by the government inspectors at Vancouver.

Last week a carload of dairy cattle brought from Ontario sold privately in one day at Chilliwack for an average of \$140 a head.

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