

single stroke of the harrows; at the same time a soil mulch is formed, which prevents undue evaporation. With ridges, this early destruction of weeds and mulching, is impossible.

It is a great mistake to sow mangels too early. When sown early they are affected by the cold nights, and turn a sickly color. On land that has been properly prepared, the 20th of May is time enough to sow. The plants will then come up readily, and do well throughout the season.

When level cultivation is practised, one thing must be observed. The mangels must be thinned at the proper time. Lack of success with level cultivation can be attributed to a non-observance of this important point. When left too long, it is practically impossible to thin them, as there is little space in which to dispose of the rubbish. If taken at the four-leaf stage, closely cultivated, and promptly thinned, no trouble will be experienced. In order to thin them all at this desirable stage it is necessary to sow them at several times, a few days apart. In this way one can have them ready at such times as will suit his convenience.

Has had Experience with Free Delivery

Ed. Dairyman and Farming World. When I was farming for four or five summer seasons recently in Michigan, it was a very agreeable experience for me, upon taking my place at the dining table, to find at my hand the daily mail package. Without leaving my comfortable chair I could spend a half hour partaking of a dessert healthful both to mind and body. This was to me far and away ahead of anything in the desert line that I had ever come across in Canada. Very reasonably, I concluded that Uncle Sam was a nice old chap to live with, largely on account of this rural mail service. But, he had no patent on it. Canada, with a revenue one-third greater per capita than the United States, and with no pension appropriations, nor army and navy outlays to speak of, should immediately give this great blessing to its citizens.

When I was in the United States, I decided that I would, upon my return in 1905, to my home in Ontario, employ my best efforts to help on the work of pushing this question to a successful termination. In Canada we have thousands of farmers, each one of whom, backed up by this intolerable and just grievance, could make more noise than 20 fast horsemen, yet these "strikeless," "mobless," "deputationless," "combineless," "noiseless" members of the community, have not taken the interest in this subject, that I hoped for. The advocates of rural mail delivery have no reason to be discouraged, notwithstanding the apparent apathy, and the treatment that Mr. Joseph Armstrong's R. M. D. resolution, in amendment to the speech from the throne, received in December last, at the hands of our Parliament at Ottawa.

If the friends of the service could have a look at my collection of news paper clippings, letters from editors, private members of our Dominion Parliament, on both sides of the House, and others, on this subject, they would be convinced that all that is required to terminate this hostile attitude of the Postmaster-General and his colleagues, is to indicate their desire for rural delivery, in some of the many ways that are open to farmers. The Post Office De-

partment out of the hundred million dollars collected yearly now at Ottawa, should give our farmers the comparatively insignificant sum (if the 1907 deficit, which is yearly decreasing at the rate of four or five million dollars annually in the post office department at Washington, is anything for us to go by) of half a million dollars. This is equal to about 40 cents a family. Last year Oxford's share in this revenue would be one million dollars at least. This, with the other millions in the country's treasury, is being paid to a racket, as did the people of Canada, but Oxford, and scores of other counties in Eastern Canada, will hardly see hide nor hair of it, unless they make a racket, as did the small cities. The postmasters and the horse race men insist that this tramp to the post office, by the country people, shall immediately come to an end.

Geo. Wilcox.

Oxford Co.

A Delighted Subscriber

Mr. Colin F. MacAdam, Antigonish Co., N.S., who recently sent us 45 new yearly subscribers, thereby winning a Pure Bred Holstein Heifer calf, has received his prize animal, and is very much delighted with it, as the following letter that has just been received from him, shows:

"I have the pleasure of expressing to you my sincere thanks for the beautiful calf you procured from Mr. Dickie, of Central Onslow, N.S., for me. I certainly feel well repaid for my trouble, and that my time was well spent by getting subscriptions for The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World. I think anybody with your paper should find it an easy matter to do as well as I did in securing new subscriptions. I know that there is a great improvement in The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, and feel certain that it will keep abreast of the times. I may say that Mr. Dickie delivered the calf to me in 'Al condition, and I feel that I have been used right all round.'—Colin F. MacAdam.

Many of our readers in all parts of Canada are working to win one of our pure bred stock premiums, or one of the cash prizes. The letter from Mr. MacAdam shows what can be gained by a little determined hustling.

Our offer to give a setting of eggs, of any of the standard pure-bred breeds, is creating interest. A recent winner of a setting of eggs, is Mr. Alex. R. McLean, of Middlesex County, Ont.

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Following is what some of our subscribers have written us this week:

Mr. C. A. Wetham, Wellington Co., says:—I do not wish to lose any numbers of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, as it is an excellent paper.

Thos. Sauve, Fournier, Grenville County, says:—I will do all I can for your paper. I would not do without it, as I find a lot of good points for these makers in it.

Mr. Lincoln R. Weber, Westminister Co., B.C., says:—I like the change that has come in your paper. It is getting better every year.

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