

Farm, Truro, and recently appointed Superintendent of Agricultural Societies, has assumed his new duties. Mr. Fuller is spending from one to two days with each society, holding meetings in the different sections and meeting the members personally. He is also inspecting the stock and endeavoring to effect improvements in the selection and management of animals purchased by the societies and is well qualified to give assistance in this connection.

There are 166 agricultural societies in Nova Scotia. These receive a bonus from the Government amounting this year to 80 cents for every \$1.00 subscribed. The money is used almost entirely for the purchase of pure bred stock. In some sections much improvement has been wrought by this means, but in other sections there has been altogether too much changing of breeds and a tendency to purchase inferior sires at low prices. When first organized the members, for the most part, had an idea that a pure bred bull could not but be good. They have now learned, sometimes after sad experiences, that even among pure breeds there are good and bad individuals.

The value of having a well organized Department of Agriculture is shown by the recent invasion of the "Brown Tail Moth." Through the efforts of the Department this pest has been located and its bounds defined before the people whose trees were being affected were aware of its presence. Another year without any public effort would have meant that this serious pest would have gained an almost impregnable foothold in the Province. By prompt and strenuous effort upwards of 3,000 nests have been destroyed. Now that the period for destruction has passed, the Department is operating two spraying outfits in those sections of Digby County where wild apple trees exist in large numbers and where little, if any, private spraying is done. These spraying outfits are in charge of Mr. G. H. Vroom, of Middleton, who reports that they are working very satisfactorily and assisting in the further destruction of the caterpillars.

One Travelling Dairy School is being operated this season, under the superintendence of Miss Bella Millar, of Guelph. She is holding meetings in Kings, Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth counties.

The Government will this year import some more horses and sheep, which will be sold by public auction in several centres. About 100 rams and some ewes, 20 Clydesdale fillies and probably one or two stallions will be imported.

The importing of fillies is especially being commented on. Heretofore there have been some splendid sires of various breeds in Nova Scotia. Unfortunately there have not been many females of the same breed. As a result, little pure bred stock has been raised and there has been a tendency to save the best grade sires for subsequent use. This has greatly retarded progress. There are some who criticize this importation of fillies on the ground that a filly, at least for the present, can benefit only the individual purchaser, whereas, a stallion may be of value to a whole community. When, however, one looks at the subject as above, in the light of 10 to 20 years hence, the importance of securing pure bred females cannot be overestimated. Many Western readers will wonder why private enterprise would not accomplish this end. Undoubtedly it ultimately will but, up to the present, it has not, and the policy of the Government in devoting a certain amount of the agricultural appropriation for this purpose seems to be sound.—Com.

Prince Edward Island Notes

Matters agricultural are looking up a little here at last, after the exceeding late and cold spring. Grain is doing well, is a good color, and if we have seasonable rains it will be a good crop. Hay will be much under the average, as there is no clover in the meadows and timothy is thin. Clover was winter killed all over the Island. This means an immense loss to our farmers—a loss in feed and also a loss in fertility.

Pasturage has been poor, but is coming up now with the advent of warm weather and thunder showers. Grass with us is king. If it fails our stock interests suffer. Our best farmers depend almost entirely upon profits from stock, either in beef or dairy products, and good grass is the foundation for success in these. Corn is not to be depended on here, as our season generally is too short and too cool to bring it to maturity. Corn for green fodder for dairy cattle though it does not always come to the best stage of ripeness for

the silo, is valuable for its succulence in September and October, and if some grain is fed with it, makes a fairly well balanced ration.

Farmers are plowing up winter killed grass lands and sowing with oats and peas to cut for hay. This will help out the grass crop and help also to carry over more stock through the winter.

The co-operative cheese and butter factories have all been in operation since about the first of June. The supply of milk was small at first but is increasing now, and we look for a fairly successful and profitable dairy season.

Beef cattle never were so scarce here as they are now. In looking through the Charlottetown market a few days ago we noticed plenty of butcher stalls empty. The larger meat dealers have control of about all the available cattle. Grass beef will not be much in evidence till late in August.

Institute meetings are the order of the day here. The outside speakers are: T. H. Mason, Staffordville, Ont.; C. M. McRae, of the Live Stock Department, Ottawa; S. J. Moore, of the Seed Division, and Theo. Ross, Secretary of Agriculture for P. E. I., who accompanies Mr. Mason.

The Catalogue of the P. E. Island Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition is just out. It will be held on October 8—11. Over \$6,000 are offered in prizes which will be open to competition in the three Maritime Provinces. We look for a good show in live stock, especially as the stabling capacity has been greatly enlarged.

We would suggest to the management the laying of water pipes to at least some of the larger cattle barns. This would save a great amount of confusion in watering stock and also relieve exhibitors of a great amount of work. There was a strong demand for this improvement from exhibitors last year. County Exhibitions will be held in both King's and Prince County.

Quebec Eastern Township Notes

Never was the value of a summer silo so well demonstrated as this season. Those who had silage to carry over have been in "clover," as the Irishman say, as they had something to supplement the short pasturage in June. Had every dairyman in the "Townships" had a summer silo, it would have increas-

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