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Our British Columbia Letter

(By Farm and Dairy's Special B. C. Correspondent).

Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland milk producers are confronted by a sudden drop in the market. Two months ago milk was realizing the farmer at home 45 to 50 cents a butter fat pound, whereas now it is bringing only 35 cents. There is admittedly an oversupply of sweet milk. Cooperation is being called upon in the emergency, and the formation of the cooperative milk company, ably supported by the farmers, is going rapidly ahead.

Up at Chilliwack the other day, an interesting conference was held by milk producers. Chilliwack is a great dairying centre, and the gathering was the largest in the history of the district. Just about every factor in the situation was represented. H. E. Almond, a prominent Vancouver retailer, addressed the meeting. Mr. Chevalley, manager of the B. C. Condensing Company, spoke, and the other speakers included W E. Buckingham, secretary of the Lower Mainland Shippers and stock canvasser for the cooperative milk company, and C. E. Eckert and E. D. Barrow, of the Chilliwack Creamery.

Mr. Chevalley's remarks received a good deal of attention. "When the demand for milk exceeds the supply," he said, "many dairymen abuse their privileges and demand more than the product is actually worth. The reaction comes hard, but it is the only means by which economical production can be secured. Ontario, handicapped in many ways, is happy in receiving $1.02 for milk, but Chilliwack is getting $1.50. I will tell you how the change in market has affected our condensories. Up to a very few weeks ago, the demand for condensed milk could not be supplied. Since the change stocks have been piling up in our warehouse at the rate of $2.00 a day. In the month of May $88.00 worth of stock accumulated."

Messrs. Eckert and Barrow explained to the dairymen how the cooperative company planned, by controling the supply and having accurate information respecting the demand, to eliminate waste and prevent low prices by turning a portion of the supply to the creameries and condensories. Mr. A. C. Wells, a well-known Chilliwack breeder of Ayrshires, and formerly president of the Eden Bank Creamery, told how at the very outset that cooperative venture increased the farmers' profits 50 per cent.

A MARKET COMMISSIONER.

The Fraser Valley Development League, an organization of which boards of trade and municipal councils are members, has appointed Mr. R. C. Abbott, of Mission, market commissioner, and Mr. Abbott is devoting all his time in the interests of Valley farmers. He has proved of great assistance the past few days to the small fruit growers, and largely through his efforts the first straight carload of raspberries was shipped out of Mission last week.

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Handling charges levied by the Okanagan United Growers, Ltd., will be considerably lower this year than last. The new schedule is as follows: Beets, cabbages, carrots, watermelons, onions, parsnips, potatoes, hay, pumpkins, turnips, vegetable marrow, 75 cts. a ton; prunes, peaches, nectarines, quinces, 2½ cts. a crate; plums, tomatoes, 3½ cts. a box; apricots, 3½ cts. a crate; cherries, strawberries, gooseberries, loganberries, black currants, white currants, red currants, blackberries, tomatoes, grapes, cauliflower, egg plant, canteloupe, muskmelons, rhubarb, marrow, 5 cts. crate; wax beans, string beans, corn, cucumbers, green peas, peppers, 5 cts. box; apples, crab apples, 10 cts. box; celery, ½ ct. pound.

SALT AND MANGOLDS

For winter feeding many British Columbia farmers grow mangolds. They should be interested, therefore, in the result of an experiment under the supervision of P. H. Moore, B.S.A., at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Agassiz. Orchard land was used. To the acre there was applied 16 tons of barnyard manure, 350 pounds muriate of potash, and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda.

The variety of mangolds grown was Giant Half Sugar White. On one plot salt was applied at the rate of 400 pounds to the acre. The yield without salt was 25 tons 1,780 pounds per acre, and from the plot treated with it, 32 tons 565 pounds, an increase of 6 tons 780 pounds per acre for an expenditure of $3.60 for salt.

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