

Activities of District Representatives

THE Holstein breeders held a meeting in our Bradford office, and their annual banquet was held in one of the restaurants in the city. About 40 members were present, as well as a few of the members' wives. Mr. King and Mr. Leach from Guelph spoke, there was also some musical entertainment. These banquets are doing much to create a good feeling between the members of the club.—P. Schuyler, Brant, Co.

Following a Good Lead in Elgin.

"After the Short Course there was a meeting of the Pure bred breeders to discuss the possibility of a sale if the pure bred stock to be held in the near future. There is already such a sale in East Elgin, contributed to principally by the Holstein breeders. I have arranged to meet the breeders, and discuss ways and means of getting out a catalogue for a similar sale.—G. W. Buchanan.

Dundas Ayrshire Breeders Organizing.

I am completing arrangements for the organization of an Ayrshire Breeders' Club in the County. We have the offer of Mr. W. F. Stephen, of Huntington, Que., to come and assist us at the organization meeting. I have to send out a circular letter to all the Ayrshire breeders in the county, asking for their opinion of the advisability of organizing such a club. A number have answered, and are entirely in favor of it. There are also several men in the vicinity of South Mountain who have intimated on a number of occasions that such a club would be beneficial, and there is no question but that they will give it every support. A preliminary meeting to consider the club idea is being called at South Mountain on March 3rd. At that meeting we will complete final arrangements with regard to setting the date of the organization meeting.—E. F. Brandt.

Parry Sound Farmers Buying Lime.

"I believe the Powassan Young Farmers' Association will be heard from. They have been instrumental in getting together upon small orders to make up a car load of crushed limestone, which they are intending to experiment with. This, I believe, will be an excellent work. Much of the land about Powassan is of a heavy clay nature and a great deal of it is decidedly sour"—F. G. Paterson.

Oxford Farmers' Club Refuses Poor Seed.

"One of the callers was the Secretary of the Embro Farmers' Club, which, a few days before, had been the victim of the unlawful sale of 125 bushels of Red Clover seed. The Secretary had just returned from Port Rowan, where he had completed arrangements with the man from whom the seed was purchased, to have all the poor seed returned. He was making arrangements to have all those who had taken the seed home, to bring it back to Embro Station on Monday, and asked me to go out and inspect the samples as they were brought in. With the exception of a few bushels, the seed was returned, and only about two samples out of the whole lot were clean enough to grade. One or two of the parties kept the rest of the seed, but the rest of it was promptly returned, and an order put in for 400 bushels of No. 1 seed, which they were able to get for a very reasonable price. The whole transaction has been an excellent lesson for the club members, and one which will teach them, in future, to

buy nothing but No. 1 graded seed."—G. B. Green.

Wes. 1 Out Poor Cows in Wink worth.

"Judging from the number of samples of milk brought to this office to be tested recently, and the call for record sheets, it would appear that the farmers are taking a greater interest in their cows and making an effort to weed out the unproductive ones."—F. C. Donald.

Items of Interest

THE list of experiments for this season's operations of the Experimental Union, has been prepared by Prof. C. A. Zavits, director, and is now ready for distribution. It outlines some 30 experiments, covering the ordinary farm crops, and includes experiments with mixtures for grain and fodder production. Any person in Ontario may choose one of these experiments, and upon application will have the necessary material furnished free of charge. Each applicant is requested to make a second choice, in case the material for his first choice should be exhausted before his application is received. A letter directed to Prof. Zavits, O.A.C., Guelph, giving the name and address, including the county, will bring full particulars.

Four experiments for beekeepers are outlined by Mr. Morley Pettit, Agricultural College, Guelph, in a small pamphlet dealing with the apiculture division of Experimental Union work. These include three experiments on the prevention of swarming under various conditions, and one on the method of spring management to get strong colonies for the honey flow. An application directed to Mr. Pettit, giving the number of colonies, type of hives, race of bees kept, and number of years experience as a beekeeper, will bring full information regarding this experimental work.

The annual Spring Catalogue of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, containing a list of the offerings of "Registered" and "Improved" seed by members of the association, has just been distributed. The catalogue gives the names and addresses of the growers, the kinds of seed, and the qualities that they are offering, the price per bushel asked, the percentage germination, and other information regarding the quality of the seed. A card addressed to the Secretary of the association, Canadian Agricultural, Ottawa, will bring a copy of the above publication.

The Farm Drainage campaign, inaugurated by the Ontario Agricultural College in 1908, has developed to such proportions that it has become necessary to divide the work of the department of Physics. Prof. W. H. Day, as head of the department, will continue in that capacity. The drainage work has been assigned to J. K. Spry, and all correspondence regarding this important branch should hereafter be directed to him. Mr. Spry has been associated with Prof. Day in his drainage work almost from the beginning.

The Experimental Union program for 1915 includes still further experiments in weed eradication. Valuable information has already been secured re culture methods of eradicating such persistent pests as sow thistle and witch grass. Much remains to be done, however, and anyone who wishes to assist in this important work will find full direction in another column of this issue of Farm and Dairy.



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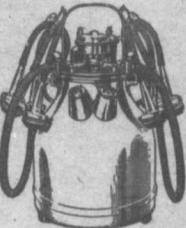
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