

been started in British Columbia. The work has been conducted along the right lines; namely, that of education. Last fall the Agricultural Department sent a veterinary inspector to nearly every section of the province where cattle are raised, to hold meetings for the purpose of dis-

cussing the various phases of the disease and methods of combatting it. Teaching of this nature is just what the people need and want, and when they fully understand the dangers of tuberculosis they will then work hand in hand with the government for the eradication of this fatal disease.

FREE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY IN CANADA

It is now several months since the first, free, rural mail delivery route was established in Canada. It runs between Hamilton and Ancaster, Ont., and is proving a great success. The farmers are delighted with it as their letters published in this article show.

A number of other routes are now in operation in other parts of Canada. Hundreds of Canadian farmers now enjoy the benefit of having their mail delivered and collected at their doors each day. In some cases they have their mail delivered to them twice a day.

It is less than a year since Farm and Dairy started its campaign for free rural mail delivery in Canada. When some 15 months ago we sent our special representative to the United States, to go thoroughly into the question of free rural mail delivery at first hand, we had little expectation that some of our Canadian farmers in less than a year would be enjoying this service. Our representative, who interviewed the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian Postmaster-General, was informed by that gentleman that he was opposed to the introduction of free rural mail delivery into Canada. After we had been publishing our special illustrated articles on rural delivery for several months, the government began to change its views. It saw that the farmers were becoming aroused on the question. By the time the Dominion elections were approaching the government had completely changed its position and announced that it intended introducing free rural delivery in Canada. This shows what the farmers of Canada are able to accomplish through an influential farm paper like Farm and Dairy.

DELIGHTED FARMERS

Knowing that our readers situated throughout the Dominion are greatly interested in this question of Free Rural Mail Delivery that is being enjoyed by a few of their more fortunate brethren,

a convenience rural mail delivery is to me. Our mail carrier starts from Ancaster, a distance of seven miles from Hamilton, in the morning, collecting all letters from the boxes that are turned

"The rural mail service that we are enjoying is highly satisfactory. We have had our mail delivered four times a day coming from both Ancaster and Hamilton. A letter posted in North Dakota at 8.30 p.m. on a Monday reached me by 5.30 p.m. on the following Wednesday. This system of mail delivery is a very great convenience."
—J. J. Lyons.

OTHERS WILL WANT IT

"So far our rural mail delivery has been quite satisfactory. As our home is situated only a couple of miles from the city and as we have hourly communication by electric railway there



Free Rural Mail Delivery in Canada

Hundreds of Canadian farmers now enjoy the benefit of having their mail delivered and collected at their doors each day. The illustration shows Capt. Eccles collecting the first letter posted in Rural Mail Box on the Hamilton-Ancaster route last October. Read the adjoining article.

towards the road, posting them in Hamilton before 9 o'clock. At 11 o'clock he brings the mail from Hamilton, putting the letters and papers in our boxes, and turning them towards the houses. Thus when the boxes are empty they are parallel with the road. At 2 p.m. the letters are collected again and we get another delivery at 5 p.m. A letter posted in Toronto at 7 o'clock in the morn-

ing, we do not feel the improvement quite so forcibly as those living at a greater distance. The furnishing of free delivery to those long established mail routes will be only a meagre instalment of what the people would like to have. Should it stop at that the service will, in all probability, cause jealousy and dissatisfaction in the minds of those without the pale. The question is can the government do more at the present time unless they curtail expenses in other directions."—John S. Rowman.

"I have had the pleasure of having the service of free rural mail delivery for some two months. I consider it a great boon to the farming community in this section. The mail is delivered twice daily and does away with the inconvenience of going to Hamilton for expected mail when duties call for us to be at home. I consider the service a great benefit to the farming community in this township."—William Renton.

"We find the rural mail delivery service very convenient and now think we could not do without it. We now receive our letters in good time whereas before they would be two or three days in the post office before we could get them."—Richard Stroud.

"I am well satisfied with the mail delivery and find it a great convenience. We get two deliveries a day from Hamilton instead of having to go three miles to get our mail."—J. Allen Binkley.

GET MAIL TWICE A DAY

"I can speak only in terms of the highest praise of the new free mail service that we are enjoying on the Hamilton and Ancaster route. You can imagine what a convenience it must be to us to have our letters and daily papers brought right to our door twice a day, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., whereas in former times we had to go to the city, which is three miles distant. We have enjoyed the service now for about three months. It works like a charm and we especially thank the Hon.



Rural Free Mail Delivery—The Post Office at the Front Gate

The photo was taken on the first rural route to be established in Canada. It is between Hamilton and Ancaster. It shows Mr. John A. Brown receiving his first mail from a rural mail box at his gate on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1908.

we have secured a number of letters from farmers living on the first route established, that from Hamilton to Ancaster. Here is what a few of them have to say in regard to the benefits of this service.

"It gives me much pleasure to tell how great

ing is delivered to us at 11 a.m. the same day. We are perfectly satisfied with the rural mail service. Our letters are posted quickly and delivered promptly. This service has proved itself a great boon to all farmers of this section."—John Buttrum.