

THE PRIZE FARMS COMPETITION

Entries and Letters being Received that Show Great Interest—Another \$200 Contribution to the Prize List.

That interest in the dairy farms competition that will be held this year throughout Ontario by Farm and Dairy is increasing, is shown by the fact that letters, enclosing entries, or asking for particulars about it, are now being received by Farm and Dairy in almost every mail. In some cases farmers are calling at our office in Peterboro to get full information. Although a number of informal entries had been received, the first letter containing the fee of \$2.00, and an entry came to hand last week from Mason Bros., Tyrell, Ont., in Norfolk Co., which is in district number 4. Their farm is known as "The Maples." Shortly afterwards, Mr. Victor Beeg, of Moose Creek, in Stormont Co., which is in district number 1, called in the office of Farm and Dairy, Peterboro, and paid his entry fee of \$2, and entered his farm. Mr. Beeg commenced work on his farm a little over 30 years ago when it was practically all bush and swamp. He has cleared it and underdrained it until it is now one of the best farms in his section of the county. It consists of about 100 acres. The milk is shipped to Montreal.

OTHER ENTRIES

Mr. W. C. Good, of Brant Co., who is well known through his connection with the Dominion Orange, has applied for an entry form and is a likely competitor. Mr. John Murphy, of Silver Hill, in Norfolk Co., which is also in district number 4, is entering his farm of 170 acres.

From present indications, the keenest competition this year is likely to be in district number 2, between Kingston and Toronto as more entries have been received from this district than from any other. Recently an editorial representative of Farm and Dairy, while travelling in Prince Edward County, was much impressed by the large number of the farms and farm buildings that he noticed. If the farmers in this county enter the competition as they should, some of them will stand high in the prize list. One farm-

or who intimated his intention of competing, was Mr. A. D. Foster, of Bloomfield. Mr. Foster's buildings have been entered but he has a Holstein herd that will be hard to beat and his farm is an exceptionally good one. Another competitor in district number 2, will be Mr. R. Watson of Harwood. Mr. Watson is just getting started in the breeding of Holsteins and intimates that he is entering the competition pointers from the judges as in the hope of winning a prize.

WILL INCREASE VALUE OF FARM

One farmer while discussing this competition with Farm and Dairy pointed out that any farms that win a prize will be worth considerably more money afterwards as the very fact that they have won a prize in such a competition will tend to increase their value. A possible competitor in district number 1 is Mr. Jas. McGinn, of Dixon's Corners, in part. McGinn, who has written asking for particulars about the competition.

A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

As the expenses of conducting the competition are going to be very heavy owing to the fact that the farms will have to be judged twice, making a double expense for the salaried judges, and travelling expenses of the judges, to say nothing of the furnishing of the 60 gold and silver medals that will be given as prizes, the committee of management have been very much pleased at the generous contributions to the expenses that are being received. The latest contribution came to hand this week in a letter from the Empire Cream Separator Co. contributing \$200 to the prize list. The letter making this contribution was as follows:

Editor Farm and Dairy.—We have read with great interest the articles appearing in Farm and Dairy in regard to the dairy farms competition which you are arranging to hold in Ontario during the next three years. The competition which you held in

the district around Toronto two years ago was shown to be such an excellent thing for the dairy farmers of the district that we considered the contribution we made at that time the best possible way for us to spend what money we did for the benefit of the dairy industry.

The farmers of Ontario are learning more year after year, that dairying can be made, and should be made the backbone of their incomes. The largely increasing value of the dairy products produced in this country and exported from this country is the best evidence of this fact.

We are very glad to notice in the allotting of points to the different departments of farm work that you have given special prominence to sanitation, and to the necessity for having good ice and water for taking care of the dairy products. Attention to the proper method of taking care of milk and cream will do more towards increasing the value of a product from the dairy cow, than any other one line of effort, and if the competition will emphasize this to the dairy farmer, we consider that in this one feature alone the competition will be well worth while.

We shall be very pleased to contribute the sum of \$200.00 towards the prize list of your competition and its expenses, and it will be a pleasure to us to be of what assistance we can in any other line which you may suggest. Wishing you every success with it.

We are, your very truly,
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THE SMALLER COMPETITION

As our readers are aware, Farm and Dairy is conducting a smaller competition in Counties of Durham and Peterboro open to all classes of farms. In this competition there is no restriction as to the number of entries that shall be kept. Two gold and three silver medals are being offered for the best farms in each county. As yet no entries have been received from Peterboro Co., although several are expected shortly. Several have been received from Durham Co., including one from Alexander Smith, of Enfield, Albert Tamblin, of Orono, and Thomas

Baker, of Solina, the president of the Farmers' Institute. In Durham Co. Messrs. Arthur Vance, of Ida, and H. C. Hoar, of Hampton, have consented to assist Farm and Dairy in the management of the special competition in their county. They are both Farmers' Institute officers. In Peterboro County: Mr. Frank Birdsal, of Birdsal, and Mr. John N. Telford, of Bridgenorth, the president of the East and West Peterboro Farmers' Institute, will be the committee of management that will assist Farm and Dairy.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES

On page 24 in this issue appears an entry form which intending competitors are asked to fill in and forward with their entry fees as speedily as possible. Our readers are again urged not to be backward about entering this competition and also to tell their friends about it. The directors of the South Waterloo Agricultural Society have taken hold in their section in the right spirit. They have appointed a committee from among their members to interview leading dairy farmers in their section to urge them to compete with their enterprise on their part merits success. The office of a number of farmers' institutes purpose discussing this matter at their annual meetings this month.

Again we would urge farmers not to be afraid to compete. While their farms may be weak in some branches, they probably are strong in others, and this will help to even matters up and thus enable them to make a good showing. They should remember, also, that where farms score low, the scores will not be published. Help us to make this competition a great success by entering your farm and by getting your neighbors to enter theirs.

June Excursions to O.A.C., 1909

Thursday, June 3rd, Lambton Teachers' Convention.

Tuesday, June 8th, Galt Collegiate Institute, N. and S. Waterloo.

Wednesday, June 9th, South Wentworth.

Thursday, June 10th, E. and W. Kent, W. Elgin.

Friday, June 11th, S. and W. Huron, Haldimand.

Saturday, June 12th, Lincoln, Welland.

Monday, June 14th, C. Simcoe; C. Wellington, N. Ontario.

Tuesday, June 15th, E. Elgin; N. Grey; N. and W. Bruce; N. York.

Wednesday, June 16th, Halton.

Thursday, June 17th, E. Huron; N. and S. Brant; W. York.

Friday, June 18th, E. Middlesex; N. Perth; S. Simcoe.

Saturday, June 19th, N. Wentworth.

Monday, June 21st, N. Oxford; S. and C. Bruce; S. Grey and E. Wellington.

Tuesday, June 22nd, E. and W. Victoria; D. and E. Wellington; W. Wellington.

Wednesday, June 23rd, S. Ontario and W. Durham; Peel; C. Grey.

Thursday, June 24th, S. Oxford; E. and W. Lambton; Perry Sound.

Friday, June 25th, E. York; W. Simcoe.

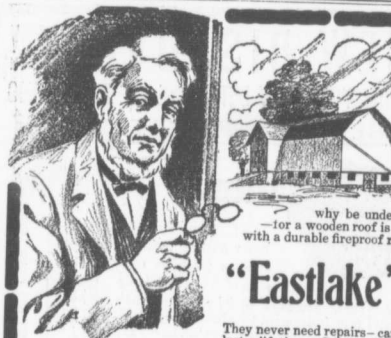
Tuesday, June 29th, S. Perth.

Hallman's Holstein Sale

In spite of the rain a fair crowd of eager buyers assembled at Mr. C. Hallman's place, Breslau, on May 27th, to attend the sale of his Holstein cattle and Tamworth swine. The Holsteins offered were a choice lot. Mr. Hallman deserves commendation for the enforced absence of so many good buyers.

Heifer calves were much in demand. Prices for these were generally well up to the hundred mark. The highest price paid was \$300 for a 2-year-old

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Now is the Time to Repair the Roof

The seeding is done—you have a few weeks of spare time until the hay is ready to cut, after which you will be busy with the harvesting and threshing until the fall. T. is an excellent opportunity to repair the roofs of your barns, while the weather is warm and fine—but, stop a minute, this expense every year, not to mention the labor

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