

Prof. James W. Robertson

Gives Some Very Pertinent Reasons Why Winter Dairying Ought to be Engaged In by Farmers Generally.

To make his business profitable the dairyman must carry it on during the whole year, says Prof. James W. Robertson, the Dominion Commissioner of Agriculture. Milk and its products have been as a rule dearer in winter than in summer. A large amount of capital is invested in cows, barns and cheese factory and creamery buildings. It is wasteful policy to permit so much capital to be unproductive during five or six months of the year. In the past it has been not only unproductive but a source of expense. Considerable labor on farms during the winter is absorbed into the unremunerative chores of the farm buildings, unless animals are kept yielding a product, or increasing in value. Cows must be fed during the winter. If a direct revenue can be obtained, the work can be done with more enjoyment, more of it will be undertaken, and more profitable methods will be applied. Other branches of farm management, such as the raising of young stock, the fattening of swine, and the keeping of laying hens, will grow out of it. There are few more discouraging and joyless occupations than attending on cows all winter, without any revenue from the work.

There are hundreds of men who are employed as cheese-makers during the summer months and who unwillingly are comparatively idle during the winter months. If the capacity and ability which they possess, can be applied to butter making during the winter months, so much will be gained.

When dairymen obtain a satisfactory revenue from cheese factories during the summer, and get hardly any income during the winter, they can make only very slow progress in bettering their circumstances. The patrons who send most milk to the cheese factories in summer, might also send relatively the largest quantity in winter. As a result of the immediate revenue from butter-making in winter cows get better care and better feeding. As a consequence, they give more milk the following summer. After winter dairying was begun at the first Government dairy stations, the President of the Mount Elgin Dairy Company, who had thirty cows and had milked them during the winter, stated that during the month of May of the following year he obtained twenty-five per cent. more milk from his herd of cows than he had ever obtained in that month in any previous year. Doubtless that was mainly owing to the fact that the cows were kept in a fairly warm stable during the winter months and fed on succulent feed to induce a large flow of milk. Unless cows on the average are made to milk during ten months in the year, they are likely to become unprofitable as milkers. It will not do to let the cows become a leisurely class, on holidays for five or six months in the year.

The by-products of dairying in the form of skim-milk are more valuable for the raising of stock, the feeding of swine and the growing of chickens, during the winter and very early spring months than they are during the sum-

mer. The dairymen have not been, and cannot be fully prosperous until they have a revenue coming in regularly during the whole year.

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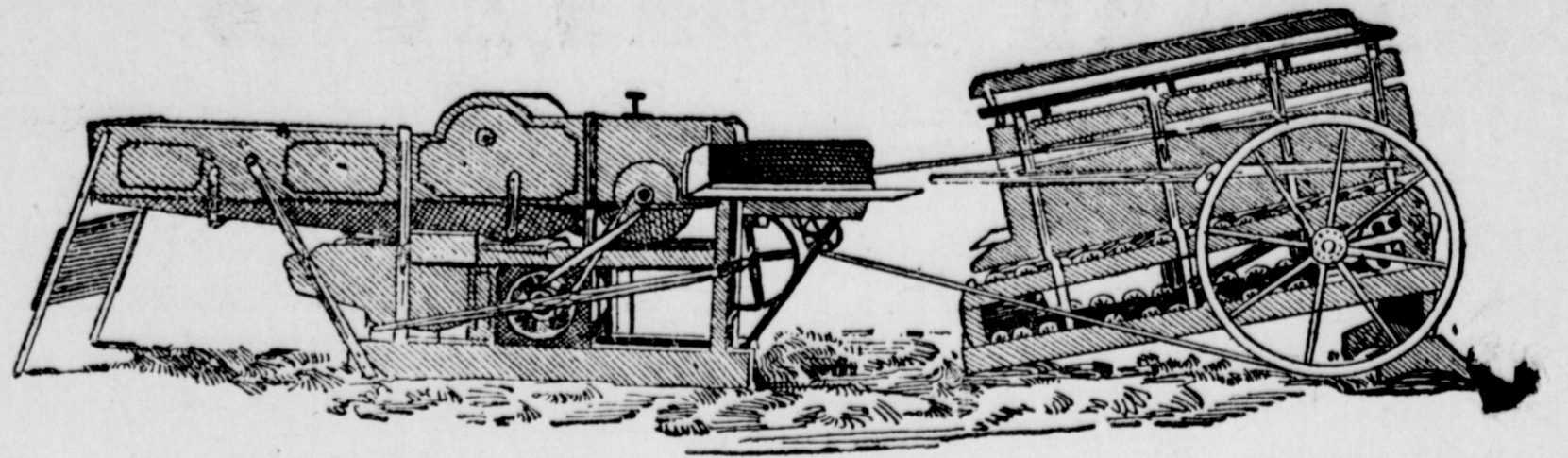
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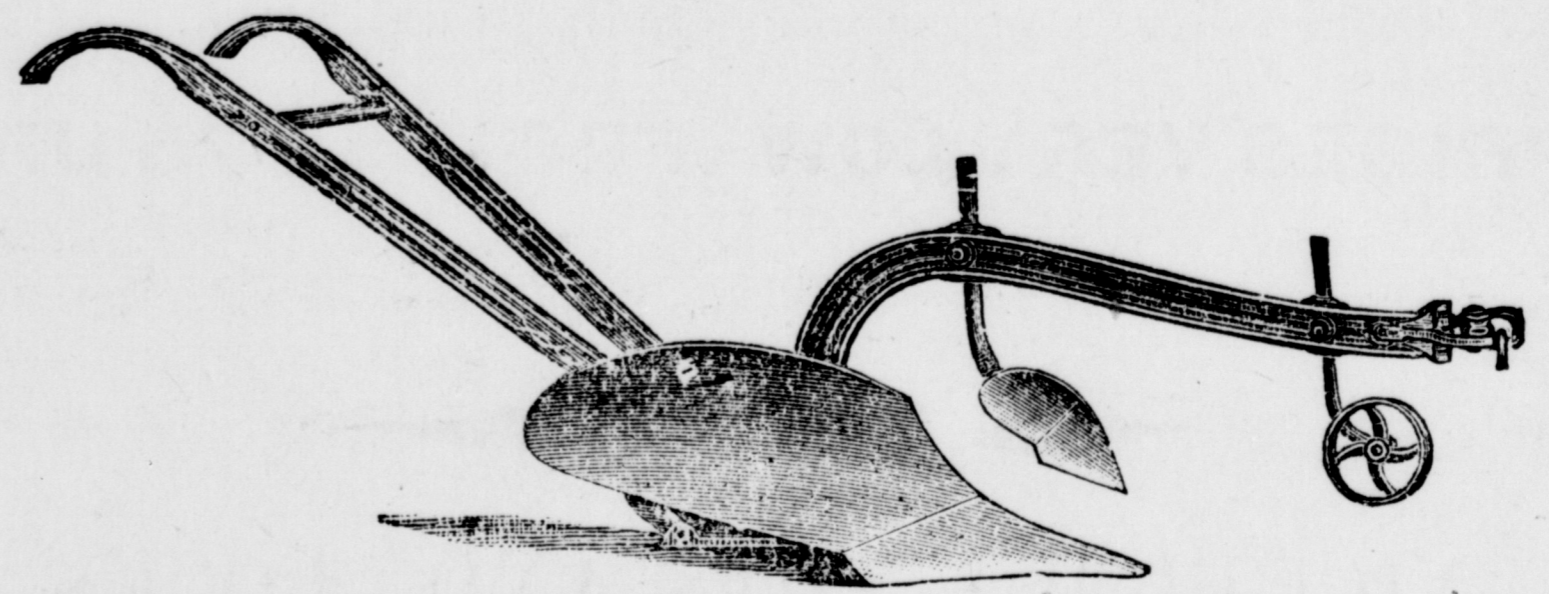


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