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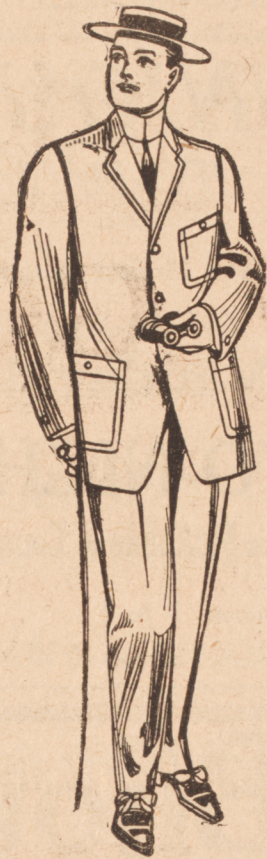
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Some Plain Talk by Delegates at the F. and D. Convention— "Why Should we put up with a Medical Doctor for Commissioner of Agriculture?" asks one Delegate—Strong Criticism on Failure of the Government to Grant Assistance to the Dairying Industry

The session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association on Wednesday evening had a large attendance. Nearly the whole time of the meeting was taken up with a discussion in "How to Improve the Dairying Industry," and incidentally the Hazen government came in for considerable adverse criticism. Mr. E. A. Schofield reported for the committee appointed last year to interview the government in regard to bonusing the dairy cow, and informed the convention that the proposal had been turned down.

Mr. Riley, a very intelligent delegate from Westmorland County contributed a very breezy address which followed the reading of the report. He was unable to understand why the farmers of New Brunswick were content to have the agricultural department presided over by a medical doctor.

Mr. Dickson, another Westmorland delegate deplored the fact that there was but "one solitary farmer" in the legislature and moved a resolution for the appointment of a committee to give an expression of opinion on the subject.

Consideration of a resolution to have the government appoint dairy inspectors for the different counties count of the lateness of the hour. of the province was deferred on account of the lateness of the hour.

BONUSING THE DAIRY COW

President Hatheway in commencing the discussion on dairying, remarked that the consideration of this important question had been stood over from last year. The farmers must keep cows and it is important that they should have the best. He had had considerable experience in dairying. The question of feed was an important one and should be given careful attention if results are to be achieved. He regretted that our farmers did not produce the butter that our local market demanded. The same was true of beef, and in this connection the speaker read an extract from The Mail showing that a carload of beef cattle had lately arrived from Toronto for a Fredericton firm. The President stated that last year a committee had been appointed to interview the government on the question of bonusing the dairy cow. Mr. E. A. Schofield was the chairman of that committee, and would submit a report.

MR. SCHOFIELD'S REPORT

Mr. Schofield on being called upon, stated that the committee had waited upon Hon. Dr. Landry and had presented the resolution to him. He stated that he was in favor of the suggestion and would submit it to his colleagues in the government. Nothing was done about the matter however until the Winter Fair at Amherst in December, when the committee again met Dr. Landry. He assured them that he favored the idea, but could not get his colleagues to consent to the granting of the assistance asked for. He suggested that the sum of \$3000 now voted to farmers institutes might be used for the purpose and asked if the association would endorse such a proposal.

He also suggested that the grants now given to exhibitions might be taken away from them and given for the encouragement of dairying along the lines suggested. The committee however, were unable to assure him that the proposal would receive the endorsement of the association. He (Schofield) regretted to say therefore, that the assistance asked for from the government was not forthcoming. He suggested that a new committee be appointed to take the matter up with the government again this year.

Mr. Schofield went on to speak of his own experience as a dairyman and expressed the opinion that the business could be made profitable if the right methods were adopted. He thought it only right that the government would grant assistance to the dairymen. He was pleased to hear the Commissioner of Agriculture say that something ought to be done, and he believed that if the association struck the regular thing the government would grant assistance.

Mr. Schofield thought it important that milk could be weighed and tested and suggested that the department might employ an inspector for each county to look after this work. It was a good plan to interest the boys in the dairy herd as well as in the general work of the farm. The farmers if they wished to keep their boys on the farm should endeavor to pay them as much as others would give them for their work.

Mr. Schofield by request read the resolution on bonusing the dairy-cow passed by the association last year.

Mr. G. E. Fisher said that he was much interested in the dairying industry and wanted to hear it pretty well discussed. He looked upon dairying as a waning industry in New Brunswick and the reason for this was that it was not backed up by the government. He thought the convention should pass a resolution calling upon the government to do something for the dairying industry.

A DISSENTING VOICE

Mr. A. J. Jensen thought the proposal to bonus the dairy cow was the most absurd that he had ever heard and should be dropped. He did not think the association should always be running to the government for assistance. They could not all get their hands into the treasury. The most feasible plan he thought was for them to go home and go to work. He would vote against bonusing the dairy-cow, but if the word bull was substituted there might be something in it.

Mr. F. A. Dickson thought that the dairy industry had as good a right to the bonus as the steel industry of Canada. The farmers are the largest wealth producing class in the Dominion and have as good a right to assistance as any other class. However, personally he did not favor bonusing the dairy cow.

President Hatheway said that in spite of the fact that \$3,000 was now spent annually on institute work, the dairying output was not increased.

ing. It was those who failed to attend meetings of this kind who needed assistance.

Mr. O. W. Wetmore was in favor of appointing a dairy inspector to go through a county and give the farmers some practical instructions. He thought something should be done to encourage dairying as it would be impossible to have an overproduction of first class dairy products.

Mr. Fisher pointed out that the government bonused the farmers who attended the meetings of the association. He was unable to see the difference between bonusing the farmers in that way and in bonusing them by sending a man through each county to instruct them in dairying.

Mr. J. E. Porter admitted that the farmers wanted to put forth industrial effort but there was no reason why the government should not grant some assistance. Instead of asking for assistance how would it do to ask the government to import some good dairy stock.

President Hatheway said that dairying could only be successfully carried out by weighing and testing the milk. It was with the hope that this plan would be universally adopted that the government was asked to bonus the dairy cow.

SOME PLAIN TALK

Mr. J. P. Riley of Melrose, Westmorland County, contributed an important speech. He said the whole trouble to the debate was due to the fact that the government is composed of business men and lawyers and not farmers. Now remember I am not saying the present government is any worse than the last one. Who have we today for commissioner of agriculture? Why a medical doctor. Now just suppose that at the next session of a medical association I, a farmer, should get up and ask to be appointed to the office of president of the Association. Why I would be kicked right out of the window. (Laughter). The Labor organizations all over the world have their representatives in Parliament and governments. Why don't the farmers assert their rights and demand representation in the cabinet of New Brunswick? He thought the farmers were entirely too easy going and had been for years. If it is wrong to ask for bonuses why do big corporations go into cities and demand them? If it is right for them to do so why is it not right for the farmers to ask that the dairy cow be bonused. It is a wonder now that the farmer has courage enough to ask for a bonus would be rendered. Whatver they asked for last year they should repeat this year. Don't pat the members of the government on the back and tell them they are good fellows. Straighten them out now and then and they will thank you for it.

President Hatheway said that the farmers were no ways dividant in asking the government for favors. The report of the agricultural commission had invited suggestions from the farmers, and the proposal to bonus the dairy cow had arisen from that.

Mr. Schofield being called upon, made a further explanation of the plan proposed by the committee of last year.

Dairy Superintendent McDougall briefly discussed dairying conditions in New Brunswick. He favored the appointment of district inspectors and thought there was much they could do. For instance, he might solicit candidates for the Truro Agricultural College. It was a little short of disgraceful that only eighteen students from New Brunswick attended last year.

Prof. Cumming concurred in Mr. Schofield's idea that milk-testing was the proper means of putting dairying on a paying basis. That fact had already been established in many countries. While he approved of much that Mr. Schofield said, he did not think that at the present time the bonus scheme would be practical.

Mr. A. J. Jensen did not think that the supporters of the scheme to bonus the dairy cow had advanced very good arguments.

Another delegate told of his experience in testing the dairy cow. He now knew what his cow could do, and therefore would not take double the price for her that he might have taken did he not know her capabilities.

The report of the committee, presented by Mr. Schofield, was received and adopted.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED.

Mr. Walter Limerick moved that a committee be appointed to familiarize (Continued on page seven.)

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Porter have the sympathy of the community in the death of their youngest daughter, Robina. The funeral took place yesterday from their late home, conducted by Rev. Mr. Stebbings.

La grippe is making its annual visit in this neighborhood and a great many houses have received a call. Mrs. Tylor Mills, who has been very ill for the past few weeks, we are glad to report is slowly recovering.

Miss Annie Sansom from Fredericton spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Miss Nereme Kilburn.

Mr. Robert Poore and Miss Lea Pettett were married Monday afternoon at Springhill Church by Rev. Mr. Shewan. They have taken up their abode in their cosy new home. We wish them every happiness.

Master Randolph and Ralph Kilburn and their sister and Miss Ella Cliff spent Sunday with their uncle Mr. L. A. Cliff at Lower Queensbury and also visited their grandfather, who has reached the ripe old age of ninety-six years of age and who seems to all appearance to be hale and hearty.

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