

NEW BRUNSWICK FARMING,

Hon. L. P. Farris, the Energetic Commissioner for Agriculture.

IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Reviews the Past Year's Farming and Dairying Operations in the Province.

The following are extracts from the report on agriculture submitted by Hon. L. P. Farris to the Legislature:

I beg to submit my report as Commissioner for Agriculture for the year 1904, which has been one of the most unprofitable for agriculturalists for many years. A long, cold winter, a very wet, cold spring, and an extremely dry summer, coupled with low prices for dairy produce are responsible for this changed condition of affairs, and the only thing we have to content ourselves with is the fact that during the past few years both crops and prices have been most satisfactory. Therefore if the farmers would strike an average, they would find in the end a satisfactory showing.

We find, on having perused reports, etc., from other Provinces of the Dominion, that in some instances the same condition of affairs prevailed as were prevalent here, and it seems to be pretty universal that crops were lighter, and prices, especially of dairy produce, lower than they have been for some years.

We find, upon examination of trade returns for the year 1904, that the shortage reported in wheat alone exported from Canada amounted to over \$11,000,000, and an Ontario report on the crops of that Province shows a yield for 1904 of 15.1 bushels per acre, and a total of 9,160,623 bushels, as against a yield of 25.9 bushels per acre, and 17,242,763 bushels for 1903. This report is for fall wheat, while the report for spring wheat shows a decrease in yield per acre over 1903 of 3.3 bushels, and a total decrease in production of about 1,200,000 bushels.

My object in pointing out these facts is simply to show the New Brunswick farmers that they are not the most unfortunate of Canadian people, and should put their shoulders to the wheel with that determination which means success.

This department is spending thousands of dollars every year with a view of encouraging and bettering the condition of the farmers of this country, and we are satisfied that we have been well repaid for the money spent and from the fact that on every hand, the work done is plainly in evidence, and the improvement in agricultural knowledge has been very marked, so much so that strangers from other countries have been commenting on the prosperous condition of our farmers. Barns that a few years ago were in a dilapidated condition, are today in good state of repair, while on every hand there seems to be evidence of improvement. We are satisfied that the farmers are studying their business, and the east-iron rules as practiced by our forefathers who had the virgin soil to work with, are giving way to improved methods, varied to suit our changed conditions. Our dairying industry, as a result of the improved knowledge, has grown to be a valuable asset, and while we are sorry to report a shortage this year, we can content ourselves with the fact that since the institution of a dairy department in connection with the Department of Agriculture, this is the first shortage ever reported, which does not at all go to prove that the shortage was caused through lack of interest, but through most unfavorable conditions for producing milk, viz., a cold wet spring, which resulted in poor pastures; and a very dry summer.

INSTITUTE SYSTEM.

The great value of agricultural meetings to the farmers of the province is now acknowledged, and from one end of the province to the other this department is receiving invitations for speakers.

It was the intention, when the Institute system was inaugurated, to give two series each year during the summer and winter months, but it has been found that it was difficult to get large attendances during the summer season, owing to the rush of work, and for the past two seasons a two days' session was given each Institute organization during the fall months, which has proved very much more satisfactory than the previous arrangement to give a one day session during different periods of the year.

The speakers have been selected from the best and most up-to-date farmers of this province, as well as from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, men who have been trained along various lines of work, and who are recognized all over the Dominion as experts in their various lines. They have given general satisfaction and, as a rule, when any fault is found with speakers, it is by those who have not attended and who know absolutely nothing of the speaker's capabilities.

It has been said, and was at one time generally thought, that the Institute speakers sent out by the various departments of Agriculture throughout the Dominion were men with no practical knowledge of agriculture, and were consequently branded as "book agriculturists." But today, all those who have had the pleasure of listening to the speakers sent out by this department have concluded that they are men well calculated to impart to their audiences agricultural knowledge. In this connection I might say that the Dominion Department of Agriculture has given us very valuable assistance, by allowing some of their best speakers to assist us with the work, and, at the same time, training our own local men, so that in the near future we will be self-reliant, and will be able to carry on the Institute work without any outside assistance.

The number of meetings held this year was about the same as was held last year, viz. 130; and, as before intimated, were distributed over the province generally. Unfortunately, the Dominion election campaign interfered to some extent with the last series, but with only a few exceptions, all the meetings proved very satisfactory.

The list of speakers and their addresses, are as follows:—L. C. Daigle, Moncton, N. B.; C. F. Alward, Havelock, N. B.; Fred E. Sharp, Midland, N. B.; N. S. Dow, Woodstock, N. B.; W. S. Fraser, Bradford, Ont.; W. F. Stevens, Trout River, P. Q.; Andrew Elliott, Galt, Ont.; F. W. Broderick, Ottawa; Major Jas. Shepard, Queenston, Ont.

It has become quite apparent that each year our farmers are demanding more information, which, no doubt, has been brought about by the increased knowledge gained through the Institute work, and through the reading of agricultural journals. It is a well known fact that the more a man knows regarding his business, the more there seems for him to learn, and we believe this is especially true of agriculture, which, to our mind, requires more knowledge

than perhaps any other line of work, because of the varied conditions under which the farmer has to work. With the Institute system this information and knowledge is brought to practically every man's door.

We wish to strongly urge the farmers generally to read more agricultural papers, which contain much information, and can be had each week at small cost.

DAIRY WORK.

As year after year passes by, the importance of the dairy, in connection with the farm work, forces itself upon us, and we are convinced that this country cannot let go the hold it has upon the industry without serious results following. Of course, if we, today, would make comparisons as to the value of this crop, or that, with the dairy, we no doubt would find the dairy behind some crops as far as dollars and cents go, but we must not estimate this industry by the net returns in dollars from the sale of the finished product. We must figure on the value of the by-products when fed to pigs, calves, etc., and also the value of the fertilizers made through this medium. Yet, if comparisons should be made between the value of dairy products of the Dominion with that of any other farm crop, we would find that the former had the best of the argument by seventeen and a half millions of dollars, not taking into account the enhanced value of the farm, or the impetus given the pork making industry, etc.

To give an idea of the total value of exports of cheese and butter from Canada for the season of 1904, let me refer you to the following figures: In 1904 there was exported from Canada over thirty-one million dollars worth of cheese and butter, and during the same period there was exported about thirteen and a half million dollars worth of wheat, leaving a balance in favor of the dairy of over seventeen million dollars. In view of this fact, it seems only reasonable to suppose that Canadian dairymen place considerable value upon this industry, and while this Province has made considerable progress in the development of the dairy industry, our people have not entered into it in the spirit it deserves. Of course, we are well aware of the difficulty experienced in obtaining farm help who will care for milk cows, but the difficulty can and will be overcome here, as it has been in other Provinces of the Dominion. We believe that this Province is capable of producing very large quantities of cheese and butter, and of a quality that will bring the highest prices.

The shortage this season is to be regretted, but, as before mentioned, low prices and a poor season for the supply of milk were the cause, and we trust that another season will result in more favorable conditions, for cheese and butter is an article of food, and must be produced from the farm. The prices prevailing during the last few years for cheese and butter have been abnormally high, while the seasons have been favored for milk production, consequently, if the past season is averaged with the present, a fair price would be shown.

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Already the movement seems spreading to England, and there is much to confirm the views of those who for a long time past have been asserting that the train was laid, and that the spark alone was now needed to set the kingdom in a blaze. Nay! is it not even possible that we are on the verge of a world-wide revival? Such an event, at any rate, would only be in keeping with the teaching of history, which shows very plainly that it is just when materialism seems to be marching to its Austerlitz that it meets instead with its Sedan.—From The Church Eclectic.

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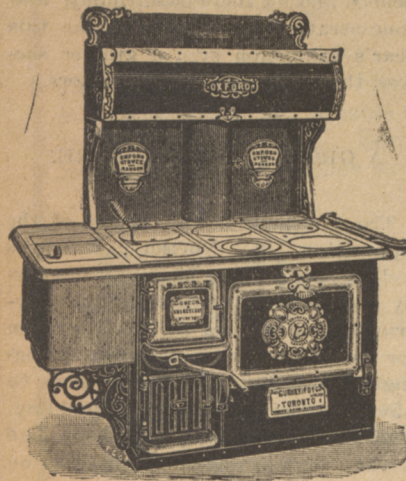
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