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A DAIRY FARM'S COMPETITION.
A committee composed of leading farmers and dairymen representing the dairy cattle breeders' associations and the dairymen's associations of Ontario, have completed arrangements for the holding this year of a dairy farms competition through Ontario. The prizes will consist of 60 gold and silver medals, and diplomas, as well as a large number of special prizes, the details of which have not yet been arranged.

The province will be divided into four districts as follows:—From Kingston east; from Kingston to Yonge St., Toronto; western Ontario, north and south of a line running from Hamilton to Goderich. There will be a competition this year for the best farms in each district, and five gold and ten silver medals will be offered this year in each district.

The farms will be judged twice, once about July 1 and again some time during December, thus giving the judges an opportunity to see the farms under winter and summer conditions.

Next year the farms in eastern Ontario and all farms in western Ontario which win prizes in the competition this year will be allowed to compete in special competitions to decide the best farm in eastern Ontario and the best farm in western Ontario. Two years from now it is proposed to hold a final competition, in which the leading farms for both eastern and western Ontario will compete to decide the best farm in the province. Exceptionally fine prizes will be offered in this final competition.

All branches of farm work will be included in the competition. In all, 1000 points will be offered. These points have been subdivided as follows:—House and surroundings, 150; farm buildings, 150; live stock, 200; crops, 200; farm management, 150; farm machinery, 75; permanent improvements, 75. Several prizes will be offered to the farms that score the highest points on the house and surroundings, on poultry, on orchards, and other similar departments.

Competitions of this kind were held in Ontario some 25 years ago and created great interest. The gold medal farmer in the province at that time was Mr. Simpson Rennie, the well-known Farmers' Institute speaker, who now lives in Toronto.

The committee which has charge of the competition is composed of Messrs. H. Glendinning, of Manilla; G. A. Gillespie, of Peterboro, representing the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association; Mr. D. A. Dempsey, of Stratford, and C. R. Wallace, of Burgessville, representing the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association; Mr. W. W. Ballantyne, of Stratford; D. Duncan, of Don; George McKenzie, of Thornhill; R. F. Hicks, of Newton Brook; Gordon Gooderham, of York Mills; Simpson Rennie and W. G. Ellis, of Toronto, and H. B. Cowan, of Peterboro, the secretary.

Full particulars about the competition may be obtained from the secretary. Already a number of leading farmers in Ontario have indicated their intention to take part in the competition, which promises to create a great interest and be productive of much good.

Hope.
Miss A. Craven of Tillsonburg, Mrs. A. R. McDowell and daughter Emma of Eden, and Mrs. E. Fawcett of Brampton have returned home after attending the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crook and spending about three weeks visiting with relatives in Hope, King, and Laskay.

Mrs. T. C. Jackson and daughter Beth returned on May 1st to their home in Stettler, Alberta.

Glad to hear that Mrs. S. Bowes who has been seriously ill will soon be able to be out amongst us once more.

Mr. Charlie Crook has returned to his work after being home sick with a slight attack of appendicitis.

Miss Ethel J. Nixon spent over Sunday with Miss Mina Phillips of Laskay.

Some of the friends of this vicinity took in the quarterly services at Maple on Sunday.

Master Pickering McQuarrie is suffering from a severe attack of quinsy. We look for his speedy recovery.

Wedding bells are about to ring in the near future around the vicinity of Hope.

Mr. W. T. Cook is making all preparations for the erection of a new bank barn which will add greatly to the improvement of Pleasant Valley Farm.

The Sunday Schoolroom of Hope Methodist Church has been repaired which adds greatly to the improvement of the schoolroom.

Farmers of this vicinity have been put back with their seeding on account of the recent snow storms.

A SAFE INVESTMENT.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Dear Sir, I may, as a recent comer to Richmond Hill, be thought presumptuous to have any opinions about the place; nevertheless new eyes see new things, and suggestions which propose improvement are never inapt. I observe that men often go far afield for opportunities of investment, and not infrequently do they sink their hard-earned savings in some wild-cat mining and developing scheme, and wake to the recognition that all is lost, while at their door lie exceptional opportunities for profitable investment. If some of the men of capital in Richmond Hill and vicinity would take the initiative in erecting a few tidy habitable houses at moderate cost, and to rent at from six to ten dollars per month, they would soon find themselves possessed of something better than a Gowganda spec.

The necessity of this is the more apparent to the writer inasmuch as he knows of families in town who desire houses more suitable to their needs; and of others who feel themselves constrained to leave the village because they cannot procure for rent or purchase, a place to suit them, and still four other families who propose to come to Richmond Hill, but to be confronted with the same problem—where is there a suitable house? That the situation is bound to become more serious is pointed in the fact that at least four new families have moved into town in the past three months. Of course people do not care to take up permanent quarters in an old shack, much less pay rent for such, but people are waiting for the erection of more such houses as may be found, for example north from the High school. If some of our public-spirited men with an inclination to safe and profitable investment, would take up the suggestion it would help answer the questions as to how we may keep our people, and how we may induce others to come.

I am, sincerely yours,
E. C. CIVITAS.
Richmond Hill,
May 3rd, 1909.

Report of Concord School for April.

Sen. IV.—Euston Harrison, Charlie Grainger, Louisa Witty, Millie Vanderburgh.

Jun. IV.—Fred Gordon, Grace Gordon, Bertie Baker, Howard Baker, Isaac Baker, Arthur Bowes, Helen White, Hazel Page, Hilda Ellis.

Sen. III.—Eliza Brooks, Lyle Murphy, Percy Harrison.
Jun. III.—May Rudd, Ernest Clarke, Charlie Harper, Melvin Witty, Nelson Harper, Clara Harrison, Clarence Heise, Lily Lyons.

Sen. II.—Dorothy Gordon, Marjorie Cooper, May Fisher, Bert Witty, Willie Ellis.

Jun. II.—Allan Oster, Ida Fisher, Ollie Murphy, Ida Witty, Harold Gordon, Laura Gordon, George Moffat, Albert Allan, Willie Clarke.

Part II.—Albert Moffat.
Part I.—Charlie Cooper, Stewart Brillinger, Annie Ellis, Austin Bowes, Oman Bowes, Newton Bone.

Report of Thornhill Public School for April.

Sr. IV.—Gladys Ball, Florence Gooderham, Barbara Duff, Cecile Pearson, Amy Ball, Alan Francis, Frances Cox.

Jr. IV.—Jennie Seager, Frances Carleton, Stanley Pearson.

Sr. III.—Torrance Douglas, Gordon Francis, Flossie Allison, Eliza Muldoon, Violet Caseley, Marie Muldoon.

Jr. III.—Frank Charlton, Vernan Forbes, Louise Beasley, Matlyn Philips.

Sr. II.—Walter Duff, Martha Clapham, Stewart Charlton, Agnes Muldoon, Hilda Gibbs, Enid Drury, Willie Clapham, Vernon Gibbs, Donald Drury, Aggie Horan, Stella Hughes, Marjorie Philips, George Watt.

Jr. II.—Jimmie Duff, May Campbell, Harvey Gibbs, Mabel Chapman.

Pt. II.—Annie Muldoon, Charles Eckhardt, Irene Scott, Marjorie Farr, Willie Beasley.

Sr. I.—Wilfred Dean, Marjorie Ball, Nelson Forbes, Frances Hughes, Fredie Bowes, Lela Bowes.

Jr. I.—Lillian Francis, Hazel Riddle, Birdie Gibbs, Kathleen Hughes.

First—Eva Horan, Stuart Campbell, Muriel Dean.

News Notes.
West Toronto became Waid Seven of the city at midnight Friday.
Four thousand immigrants from Europe arrived at Quebec on Saturday.
The garrison church parade in Toronto last Sunday was participated in by 2,787 officers and men.
John D. Marsh of Winnipeg won the Canadian Marathon Derby at Hurlan's Point on Saturday, making a new record. The 26 miles 335 yards was covered in 2:39:47 hours.

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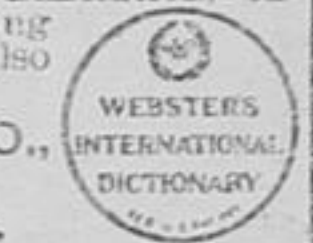
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