

Dairy Notes.

The patronage given the local creamery continues to increase. The churning last Saturday gave about 500 pounds of butter of a superior quality. We wish again to urge upon the creamery patrons the necessity for raising the grade of cattle. Each farmer should provide himself with a milk tester and keep a careful record of each cow. Having this it is possible to weed out the herd and keep only the ones that pay a profit over the cost of their keep. A cow that does not average 6 or 7 quarts of milk per day for 300 days, being 4000 to 4500 pounds a year, is not a profitable one to keep. Many herds of selected stock have an average yearly product of 5000 pounds per cow. The quantity of butter must be considered as well as the quantity of milk in determining whether a cow is profitable or not. Many cows give an abnormally large yield of milk which is notably lacking in butterfat. Such a cow should be replaced at the earliest opportunity. Many herds have an average of 300 to 350 pounds of butter yearly and some cows have a record of 2 pounds per day. Among dairymen the Ayrshires, Holstein Friesians, Jerseys and Guernseys are considered the most desirable and profitable. The first two breeds are noted for the quantity and the last two for the quality of their production. Careful selection and breeding will soon give us as good cattle here as can be found anywhere. We have all the natural advantages necessary, in fact we have many advantages over the eastern states where dairying is made profitable, and there is no reason why it should not be made a source of profit to this community.

We notice that creameries elsewhere are paying 4 cents under New York price of butter for butter fat. Our creamery is paying for the fat just 3 cents under New York price for prime fancy butter, which is the highest price being paid by any creamery in this part of the state. Arrangements have been made for the collection of cream at Sherbrooke to be brought down by the stage. A route has been established from Clifford and trips are made Wednesdays and Saturdays, thus giving the Clifford people the advantages of an up-to-date creamery.