PUMPKINS AND DAIRYING.

Senior Dairy Supervisor McFadyen (Victoria) /ells of a farm where pump-kins were turned to great profit.

"About a mile from the Toors station, the railway line passes through the farm of Mr. R. H. Downing. This property is worked as a dairy farm on the share system by Mr. Chas. Lousada and family; milking an average of 65 cows the year through. The cream is sent to the Foster butter factory; and the skim milk is used in raising and fattening the progeny of 9 brood sows. Hay and Maise are grown for the dairy herd; and the silo is made use of in conserving surplus fodder for winter use. Potatoes, pess, and pumpkins are grown to provide the bulk of the solid food for the pigs.

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"The pumpkin crop this year on this farm was a particularly fine one. From two average sections of the li-acre paddock, a total of 444 sq. yards was measured off, and the pumpkins thereon were counted. On this area, there were 160 pumpkins averaging 50 lbs. each. There were very few small ones, and one of the largest weighed 130 lbs. This rough estimate of the crop gave over 40 tons of pumpkins per acre.

"These are put through a pulper; and the 50 pigs on hand consume about 600 lbs, weight of them daily. The variety sown looked like a cross between the Ironbark and Mammoth variety; and heavy crops have ben grown from the same sample of seed on other farms.

"As a useful fodder for both pigs and cows pumpkins might be much more generally grown. They occupy the ground for only a few months in the year; they do not require much attention; they are easy to harvest; they keep well; and they can usually be depended on to give a heavy yield per acre."

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