

To the Voters of the Town of Hardwick:

As I have been at the Town Farm since the 3rd day of October, 1933, I would like to bring to the attention of the voters some things about the Town Farm which may be of interest.

To begin with, I wish to state the Town could do no better than to retain Mr. and Mrs. Nat Jones to run the Town Farm. They have to work from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 or 8:00 P.M. every day. For the past few months there have been eight in the family to cook for. There are 14 rooms to look after and keep clean and there is a lot of needling to do for those who are there—five being there at the present time. There are four cows to look after and as there are about 400 bushels of potatoes and a large amount of vegetables down cellar it is necessary to keep a stove going down cellar practically all the time and during this cold weather Mrs. Jones has had to get up 3 or 4 times during the night and go down cellar and keep the fire going and in addition to this she has to carry down a pan of coals and leave it in various parts of the cellar to keep the potatoes and vegetables from freezing. To keep the potatoes and vegetables from freezing is a lot of work in itself.

In addition to looking after the cows the dairy tools have to be washed and kept clean and there are from 45 to 60 milk and cream bottles to be washed and milked every day. A word about the milk separator in the separator room. The separator is in a very cold room a few feet from the water tub which is surrounded by ice. Mrs. Jones has to haul blocks in the even and on the stove and take them out to the separator room and put them around the mouth and in addition to this she gets a pan of coals and places near the motor in order to get the motor warm enough so that it will start and after it is started it hasn't power enough to run the separator and Mr. Jones has to reach the separator until the milk is separated. The separator is an old one and should be replaced with a new one and the motor should be replaced. The separator wasn't worth a nickel when it was taken to the Town Farm.

At 6:00 in the morning breakfast is over, the chores done and the man started for town to deliver the milk and cream and as the inmates usually have egg and cream they must done the team is gone for 2 or 3 hours and after that a six-work is generally done with the team when Mr. Jones doesn't have to saw up wood. Last fall the wood could have been cut up for $80 and put under cover by the man who cut the enngale but this was not done with the result that it has to be cut by hand and has taken a lot of time. The wood was left outdoors without even a board over it and it is all covered with ice and snow and doesn't burn nearly as well as if it had been cut up and put in the shed.

A word about the cows. About half of them are cows and the others have eaten all the food the Town has made on the good grass. The runners should have been disposed of last fall and good cows put in their place. Five of them should be put into beef today.

I consider that $50 a month that is paid Mr. and Mrs. Jones is a very reasonable sum when one takes into consideration the large amount of work they have to do on the Town Farm. Mr. Jones furnishes a house for his keep to deliver the milk and cream to the village and also runs, horse in connection with farm work.

I believe if Mr. and Mrs. Jones were kept on the farm for several years and given more authority they could put it into shape so that it would pay. At the present time the farm is run down and doesn't cut half enough to keep what stock is now on the farm and the farm should, if properly managed, keep twice the stock it now maintains.

Frank P. Day.