

ings of the Institute addresses are delivered and discussions held, the results of which are of great value in keeping the members informed as to the latest developments in agricultural science and most profitable processes. In 1902, 791 meetings were held with a total attendance of 47,642. Women's Institutes have latterly been established as a branch of the system, at which the farmers' wives and daughters discuss improved housekeeping methods and such branches of general farm industry as butter-making and poultry raising. The appropriation by the Legislature in aid of Farmers' Institutes is about \$10,000.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

One-third of the expenditure of the Province for the improvement of Agriculture is devoted to the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies which receive grants amounting to \$77,000 in aid of their annual fairs. No institutions have done more for the education of the farming community and the maintenance of high standards of excellence than the agricultural fairs at which visitors have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the best and most profitable varieties of live stock and grains and the newest systems and processes. The liberal financial aid extended by the Province has alone rendered it possible to maintain them in many parts of the country.

ORGANIZED FARM INDUSTRIES.

Another agency working on a somewhat different plan of action which has received substantial aid from the public treasury is the associations comprising those interested in special lines in connection with farming. The Dairymen's, Fruit Growers, Live Stock and other associations, which draw annually some \$22,000, hold annual conventions at which all phases of the special branch represented are considered and the members enabled to keep in touch with each other and take action to promote their common interests. An Example of the progressive and valuable character of the work accomplished is afforded by the high degree of excellence attained by Canadian cheese and the place it has obtained among the staple exports of Ontario. This is mainly due to what has been achieved by the Dairymen's Associations combined with the instructions given at the Government Schools of Dairying. The value of the product in 1902 was \$14,800,000. The same influences are rapidly improving the quality and increasing the demand for Ontario butter.

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATIONS

The Live Stock Associations have been consolidated under a general Superintendent and have become a powerful influence for the development of the stock raising and exporting industry. Under their auspices the Provincial