FARM AND DAIRY

Dairymen Almost Unanimously Favor Cream Grading

It Would Result in Improving the Quality of Ontario Butter-Some Difficulties in the Way-How They May be Overcome

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Indications are that the dairy-men of the province are rapidly lining for the introduction of this reform. up for the introduction of this reform. The favorable reception that has greeted the remarks of those who have addressed the last few annual have addressed the last few annual dairymen's conventions, on this ques-tion, have indicated that a strong sentiment was spreading in favor of the adoption of cream grading. The The tened by the rapid progress that has been made in other provinces and by the great showing made by them at our large fairs in the creamery butour large fairs in the creamery but-ter sections, a showing which they do not hesitate to ascribe to the systems of cream and butter grading which they have adopted. The expressed opinion of dairy farmers, of creamery our other and the systems and opinion of dairy farmers, of creamery men and of buyers, whenever and wherever the subject of cream grad-ing heas been under discussion, has been for the most part favorable. At the creamery meeting held in Guelph recently, the sponsors for the system of grading were more outspoken than ever. It was also revealed that pre-parations had quictly been made to ather data by which a satisfactory basis for the grading of butter and of cream could be arrived at. Steps had also been taken to devise some system by which creamery men would be edu-

eated to do the grading uniformly. Everything points to the early adop-tion of both cream and butter grading in Ontario in Ontario. What Dairymen Say. With the object of securing informa-tion as to the option of the rank and file of dairymen on this important subject, Farm and Dairy recently ad-dressed letters to a number of repre-dressed letters to a number of repre-tional security ad-dressed letters to a number of the security ad-dressed letters to a number of repre-tional security ad-dressed letters to a number of the security ad-dressed letters to ad-dressed lette sentative dairymen requesting their optnion on different phases of the cream grading question. To give uniformity to the replies, certain ques-tions were asked, the object being to Home were asked, the object being to give men of every shade of opinion, an opportunity to express their views. Full discussion of the question was also invited. To those who believe this great good would accure to the dary industry of Ontario through the adoption of crean grading, the an-adoption of crean grading, the an-adoption to crean grading, the an-ment preserved were very gradifying. They show that there is remarkable unanimity of opinion as to the desir-ability of the introduction of cream grading throughout Ontario.

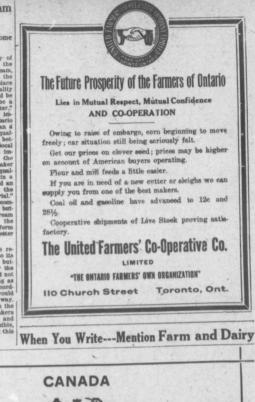
In answer to the question: "Are In answer to the adoption of a pro-you in favor of the adoption of a pro-vince wide system of cream grading in Ontario," about 10 to one were in In Omario," about 10 tone we calculate the affirmedive. Some are enclusias-tic in their support of the reform. "Yee, by all means:" "Absolutely:" "Most emphatically yes." were char-ecteristic answers. The necessity for making cream grading province-wide making cream grading province-wide and uniform was emphasized by some. "I am in favos of cream grading pro-viding everyone has to do it," seld one. "Yes, providing it is made com-pulsory," said another. A few are out and out opposed. "The only comput-sion I am in favor of is recruiking" was one of the answers. Another was opposed until more settle conditions was one of the answers. Another was opposed until more settled conditions in the dairy industry have set in.

The Probable Effect. "What do you think would be the probable effect of such a system on the quality of creamery butter?' brought out many illuminating replies brought out many illuminating replies. The following are some of these: "I think probably we would receive a great deal better prices for our but-ter, for we would make a better grade." "It would certainly improve both the quality of the butter and the price." "The effects of such a sys-

Ontario among the first in the quality of her dairy output." "There could be only one effect and that would be a much improved quality of butter." "One effect would be a splendid improvement in the quality of Ontario creamery butter." "It would mean a creamery publer." "It would mean a better quality of cream; a better qual-ity of butter; better prices and a bet-ter demand for the export and local trade." It should make a great imter demand for the export and local trade." "It should make a kreat im-provement." "It would improve the quality of cream and the buttermaker would be able to make a better qual-ity of butter." "It would result in a decided improvement in flavor and an all round töhlen product when the system had been given fair trial." "Ontario creamery hotter would com-pute havorably then with creamery but-ter from able movimes where Gram ter from other provinces where cream grading has been practiced for the last few years." "A more uniform product and one of very much better quality would result."

The following are some of the re-plies received to the question as to its plies received to the question as to its affect on the quality of creamery but-ter from those who do not favor the adoption of the system: "It would not affect the quality of butter as long as affect the quality of butter as long as we are not paid for our butter accord-ing to quality." "This question would not affect my factory in any way. Every other creamery would be in the same position. If the buttermakers and owners would do their duty, and the instructors also are resp the patrons can be educated along this

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