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## Advancing Dairy Interests.

The Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, Hon. John Dryden, has once more shown his appreciation of the importance of the dairy interests to Ontario farmers by establishing a dairy school at Strathroy, for the benefit of farmers in the western part of the province. This school was opened last month, and will fill a long-felt want, as the dairy school at Guelph has proved insufficient to accommodate all who wished to make use of the assistance offered them in receiving a practical dairy education.

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## Railway Rates.

The recent increase in the tariff on small shipments of cattle, which has been made by the railway companies, is not only a damper on the raising of purebred stock, but, if persisted in, must kill the business. The previous rates in force were heavy enough in all conscience. These billed animals under six months at 1,000 lbs., under one year at 2,000 lbs., under two years at 3,000 lbs., and over that age at 4,000 lbs. By the new tariff all animals, even if only two months old, have to be billed at the 4,000 lbs. rate. There was in the old tariff a further regulation that when animals were shipped over 100 miles a man had to go in charge, paying half fare to his destination and full fare back. As the regulation now stands, the man is carried free to his destination and pays full fare back. This is a small sop to the shipper, but does not in any degree make up for the outrageous charges levied on the stock shipped.

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## Abolishing the Cattle Quarantine.

The Canadian Cattle Breeders' Associations, in council assembled, during the past month passed unanimous resolutions favoring the abolishing of the quarantine restrictions now in force against purebred American cattle coming to Canada, and asking the Dominion Government to request the United States Government to remove the embargo off Canadian purebred cattle. The resolu-

tions pointed out the uselessness of waiting any longer for the British Government to open their ports to our cattle, inasmuch as the breeders' interests in that country were too strong in favor of protection to their herds.

We are thoroughly in sympathy with the resolutions passed, which are in line with what we have previously urged in these columns. If the useless quarantine restrictions—useless, because no contagious pleuro-pneumonia exists in either country—between Canada and the United States are removed, it will be a most beneficial move in the interests of stockmen in both countries.

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## A New Departure.

The Board of Management of the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, intend making a new departure this year, in having live stock on the fair grounds by Thursday noon of the first week of the exhibition. With this end in view, the manager, Mr. Hill, was present at the meetings of horse and cattle breeders held during the past month, and in every instance succeeded in getting the consent of the associations approached, with hardly a voice raised in opposition. The sheep and swine breeders have not yet consented, but it is probable that they will fall into line.

The request made did not involve much sacrifice on the part of the breeders, because in past years most of them, unless there was some important exhibition going on elsewhere (which will probably not happen this year), had their stock on the ground by Saturday, and a great many arrived by Thursday. Then, too, they will have the opportunity of meeting the numerous American visitors that come during the first week, many of whom are buyers, and as the judging of the various classes will be spread over a greater period they will have more time to show their cattle to visitors.

To the association the concession will mean much, because now they can get the railroads to give cheap excursions during the first week, and so spread the crowds, that now come during two or three days of the last week, over the two weeks, which will be a great advantage, especially if, as often happens, some days are stormy. The asso-