

CANADIAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of this important organization, formed July 31, 1867, was held in Ingersoll on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5th and 6th, 1868, pursuant to the call of the Executive Board. The President, C. E. Chadwick, Esq., of Ingersoll, called the Association to order at 11 a.m. on the 5th instant, when some 100 dairymen were present from various parts of Ontario. A large attendance being expected by the noon trains, the only business transacted was the appointment of the following committees:

1. Committee on the nomination of officers.
2. Committee on the order of business and programme of proceedings.
3. Committee on finance.

The Association then adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

At 2.30 a much larger assemblage had convened, arrivals from east and west having well nigh doubled the number of delegates in attendance. The President, in calling the meeting to order, made some introductory observations as to the objects, progress and prospects of the Association. This movement had undoubtedly been of benefit to the dairy business, and he believed it was destined to be yet more useful in time to come. He had attended, in company with Mr. Farrington, the recent Dairy Convention at Utica, where they had received the utmost courtesy as delegates from this Association. The Utica meeting was well attended, and the interest shown was very great. Much useful information had been brought out by such meetings, and the opportunity they afforded of comparing views and experience was very valuable. The Utica convention showed that a large number of the ablest New York agriculturists were engaged in the dairy business. The manner in which the various subjects were handled showed that not a stone was left unturned which could add to the importance and success of their enterprise. Since the last meeting of this Association, the Secretary and himself had done all they could to advance the interests of the Association by obtaining such statistics and information as they could from the different factories. Many of these had answered the questions sent them in the most satisfactory manner, but he was sorry to see the reluctance displayed by many factorymen to furnish returns to the Association. It was highly important that facts and figures should be put in the hands of dairymen.