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THE CREAMERIES' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The high quality of the cheese product of Ontario, and the consequent reputation that it has gained, are due to the systematic efforts towards improvement that have been made under the auspices of the two dairy associations of the province. But Ontario is a great butter-producing country as well, though it was not for many years that the same attention was paid to the improvement of buttermaking that was given to cheesemaking. So true was this that at dairy meetings the talk was all about cheese—very little about butter. The buttermakers, therefore, became dissatisfied,



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and, finally, at a convention of the Western Dairymen's Association, held in January, 1886, they complained openly that the dairy associations were not doing anything to improve the quality of the butter product of the country, and stated that they must start a new association for buttermakers exclusively. To the credit of the cheesemakers it may be said that the convention unanimously adopted the proposition, and in May of that year (1886) the Creameries' Association of Ontario was formed, and it at once had the good will of the Government, and received a Government grant.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

No very important action was taken in the first year, but in the next year (1887) an instructor was appointed, who visited the creameries in operation in the province, about fifty-six in number, and gave practical instructions in buttermaking. During the next two years, two instructors were engaged. In 1890 Mr. Mark Sprague, of Ameliasburg, was appointed sole instructor, and since that time he has devoted him-

self wholly to the work. His personal skill as a buttermaker, his thorough acquaintance with all the details of the business, and his knowledge of the scientific principles underlying them, have resulted in a great improvement in the output of Ontario creameries. He enjoys the utmost confidence of the officers of the association, and has won by his painstaking diligence and ability the confidence of the buttermakers of the province, whose work it is his duty to supervise.

There were, in 1895, 115 creameries in operation in Ontario. But the industry is still in its infancy, and there is very much work yet to be done in the promotion of co-operation among dairy farmers, advanced methods in the creameries, and the production of a product that will satisfy and hold the foreign market; also in the advocacy of improved and more successful methods of packing, shipment, transportation, etc.

The officers of the association for 1896 are: Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville, president, who has been the efficient president of the association for a number of years; Mr. William Halliday, of Chesley, and Mr. T. J. Millar, of Spencerville, vice-presidents; and Mr. R. J. Graham, of Belleville, treasurer. Mr. Sprague, the instructor, is also secretary. Prominent members of the association are Mr. A. A. Wright, of Renfrew; Mr. A. Wenger, of Ayrton; Mr. J. H. Croil, of Aultsville; Mr. W. G. Walton, of Hamilton; Mr. M. M. Moyer, of Georgetown; Mr. J. T. Brill, of Guelph; and Mr. John S. Pearce, of London.

THE FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

One of the oldest, most vigorous, most efficient, and largest of the voluntary associations connected with Ontario agriculture is that entitled the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, which was organized in the city of Hamilton in the year 1859. The membership for 1895 numbered 2,472, and its receipts from members' fees alone for the year amounted to \$2,477. It also has connected with it a number of "affiliated horticultural societies," which have been established in fruit-growing centres, and in these local associations the liveliest interest is taken by the leading citizens of the localities where they are organized.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the association, as of all the associations we are noticing, are co-operative and educational, namely (in this instance), to encourage the fruit-grower in his work, to teach him the best methods of propagating, cultivating, and caring for his fruit, to choose and determine what varieties are