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## Better Butter.

Why is it, that when Canada makes such excellent cheese and exports so much of it—her exports of that article in 1886 were 78,112,000 pounds valued at \$6,754,000, or an average of nearly nine cents per pound—her butter is of so low an average quality as is proven by the price obtained for last year's exports, 17.8 cents per pound, or say \$882,000 for 4,968,000 pounds, which, according to the Blue Books is all we exported. Have climatic conditions anything to do with the answer? We know it to be the opinion of some that carting milk to a creamery under the heat of our summer sun is enough to prejudice the chances of making butter from it that will compare with Danish. But as against this, have we not the experience of the Eastern and Western States, in latitudes similar to ours? And in them the quality of creamery butter is certainly better and brings higher prices than average dairy. Nay, have we not the experience of Canadian creameries whose product brings six to ten cents per pound more than dairy, whether sold at home or abroad?

We have recently seen a circular addressed to farmers and dairymen by Mr. Valancy E. Fuller, of the Ontario Creameries Association. Mr. Fuller deems it useless to send a lecturer round to address meetings of farmers and tell them how to make good butter. He also thinks the proposal to send an instructor among the farm-houses impracticable. His argument is: "Establish creameries which shall show the farmer how more money can be got for butter; the creamery is the best educator; wherever in the United States one has been established for any length of time, an improvement is observable in the quality of the dairy butter in its vicinity. Therefore, establish creameries for the purpose he proposes to send a competent instructor to any community which desires to erect a creamery; or to any creamery already built whose proprietor gets unsatisfactory returns or finds it difficult in working. All the charge for his services will be the travelling expenses and board of the instructor. The average farmer's wife has not, Mr. Fuller contends, time enough to devote to the requisite care of milk and cream or the manipulation of butter to produce it of proper flavor and keeping quality. And this appears a reasonable contention. He says, besides, what is quite true, that to ensure the highest prices being paid for dairy butter, it must possess a uniformity which cannot be claimed for various packages made by many people under many systems or waiting system."

Another interesting contribution to the subject is an open letter to the dairymen and farmers of Ontario from Mr. James Cheesman, many of whose articles in this journal. He calls attention to the fact that butter from Canada is better than that from Australia, and that it is but a trifle better than East India; while the Scandinavian countries, the low countries and even Mediterranean countries obtain from two cents to six cents per pound more for their butter than we. Here is the table:

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