

operative plan. I am glad the Association is educating our farmers because we cannot know too much, and the more knowledge we can have regarding the art of buttermaking or of anything at which we are engaged, the more likely we are to succeed.

AN EXPLANATION.

Mr. WENGER.—I wish to say a few words to place the inspector right before you. Just before dinner there was a reply which I thought reflected both on Mr. Sprague and myself. Mr. Sprague called at my place several times last summer. I have spent in the last six or seven years thirty or forty dollars a year in putting my views before my patrons. I have attended every convention we have had; I have swallowed everything that has been said; I have read Hoard's Dairyman; I have the reports of these conventions, and from all these things I have formed certain conclusions. I put these down concisely in English and German and distributed them among my patrons. I called Mr. Sprague's attention to this and told him that the patrons had brought uniform cream during the season. This of course was in Mr. Sprague's mind, and that is the way my name was brought up. In regard to the gentleman who said he got a better price than me, that is a matter between him and his buyer.

Mr. SPRAGUE.—I can assure you that I was put under peculiar circumstances through reading the report. I wish now to make an explanation, not to retract anything I have said, but to try to make you understand the report in the way I put it. I said this, that the quality of cream that I saw this summer at Mr. Wenger's creamery enabled him to make the very best quality of butter.

THE CATTLE EXPORT TRADE.

Moved by D. Derbyshire, seconded by A. Wenger, and resolved

That whereas the trade in the export of live cattle from the Dominion of Canada has been gradually extending during the past few years and has been a source of profitable income to our farmers and carrying companies, we, the Creamery Association of Ontario, hereby record our judgment that the robust health of the cattle of Canada, their freedom from all dangerous diseases and their general excellence of quality is proverbial, and that the people of England need not fear that the health of their stock will be injured by the arrival of our cattle on their shores. We regret very much that the weather has of late been so inclement on the sea that some of our cattle have perished. That does not establish the presence of any disease in Canada, and we hope that Mr. Plimsoll will remain in Canada long enough to be convinced of this fact. It will be a very serious matter if the landing of live stock be stopped in England, as we cannot compete with the ranches in the west where they can raise cheap corn for the breeding of cattle.

A WINTER EXHIBITION OF BUTTER.

Prof. ROBERTSON: Just a few words. I examined a print of butter brought here this forenoon. It was of excellent quality. That leads me to say that I think next year the Ontario Creameries' Association should have an exhibition of butter in connection with the annual convention, and then the good qualities could be pointed out and the defects made evident. Sometimes during the summer exhibitions the weather is warm and the outside of the butter is therefore soft while the inside is good in body and flavor. At this season there would be no difficulty of that kind. Part of the money of this Association now unexpended could be used in the way I suggest. Instead of giving so much in the way of prizes at the summer exhibitions we might save the money for the winter, and have prizes large enough to attract exhibitors from all parts of the province.

I listened with a good deal of pleasure to Professor Dean, of the Ontario Agricultural College. I have a great many children over this province in some senses, and as I followed his line of treating his subject this morning I became convinced that I had a worthy pupil who would bring credit to the institution which he represents. If every farmer will give him a fair chance to do good work amongst you I am sure that you