

have been saved it would have meant \$180,288 in the pockets of the Canadian farmer. There is no adequate reason that we can see why the United States producer should have an advantage of \$6 per head in freight rates over his Canadian competitor. But it is not the cattle trade alone which suffers from these excessive freight rates.



Two-year-old Guernsey Cow Frestia, Imported. Won first at the New England Fair, 1898, and first and sweepstakes at the Industrial Fair, 1898. Owned by J. N. Greenshields, Isaleigh Grange Stock Farm, Danville, Que.

The export sheep trade has suffered more than any other, perhaps, in this respect, and all our varied lines of exports suffer in a greater or less degree, the producer having to pay the penalty.

In the face of all these facts, we contend, now, that the proposed scheme for a fast ocean service has fallen through, that the amount to be appropriated for that purpose might advantageously be used in securing cheaper and better transportation facilities on all Canadian products destined for the British markets. A fast ocean passenger or mail service may be beneficial in inducing a few more gentlemen of leisure to visit Canada, and in facilitating business correspondence with the Mother Country; but we put the question straight: Would it confer one-quarter as much benefit upon the great producing classes of this country as a 10-per cent. reduction in ocean and railway freight rates on products destined for the British market? We do not think so, and, therefore, believe that it would be wise on the part of the Government to let the fast passenger and mail services wait till all that can be done is done towards securing better and cheaper freight rates on all outgoing products. In several ways it seems to us that this fast ocean steamship service is a kind of luxury. In a young country like Canada, where effective work is required in order to place our products in the hands of the British consumer in the best possible condition, it is not luxuries we need most, but practical, definite efforts along the line of increasing the profits to the producer, and how can this be done more effectively than by securing better freight rates on all products destined for the British markets?



Dairy Meetings

Time and Place of the Annual Conventions Arranged for.

Cheese and Butter Association of Western Ontario

The directors of this association met on Sept. 6th on the exhibition grounds. There were present President Harold Eagle, Attercliffe Station; John Prain, Harriston; A. F. MacLaren, M.P., Stratford; A. Pattullo, M.P.P., Woodstock; Robt. Johnston, Uright; R. M. Ballantyne, Stratford; J. N. Paget, Canboro; A. Wenger, Ayton; James Connolly, Porter's Hill; G. H. Barr, Sebringville; and Geo. Hatley, secretary, Brantford.

Arrangements were made for holding the next annual

convention of the association at Guelph on January 17th, 18th and 19th, 1899. The following speakers are to be invited to address the meeting:—W. H. Jordon, Director Agricultural Experimental Station, Geneva, N.Y.; Geo. L. McKay, Dairy Instructor, Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa; Theodore Louis, Louisville, Wis.; Prof. Robertson, Ottawa; Prof. Dean, Guelph; Dr. W. T. Connell and J. A. Ruddick, Kingston; T. C. Harrison, Guelph; A. W. Campbell, Toronto; and A. Smith, Beachville.

President Withrow, of the Industrial Fair Association, presented the claims of the Fair to the Board, and promised that every consideration should be shown the dairy industries, and suggested that the entire space underneath the grand stand might be placed at the disposal of the cheese and butter associations for the dairy exhibits.

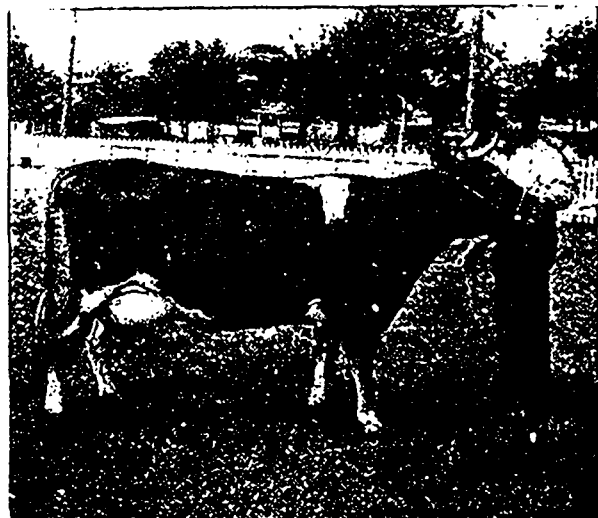
Cheese and Butter Association of Eastern Ontario.

The Board of Directors of this association met at the Rossin House, Toronto, on the evening of September 6th. Those present were Messrs. D. Derbyshire, Brockville, president; Henry Wade, Toronto; J. R. Dargavil, Elgin; Wm. Eager, Morrisburg; P. R. Daly, Foxboro; Ed. Kidd, North Gower; T. B. Carlow, Warkworth; A. Campbell, Ormond; John McTavish, Vancamp; and the secretary, R. G. Murphy, Elgin. It was decided to hold the next annual convention of this association at Kingston on January 10th, 11th and 12th, 1899. Among the speakers invited will be ex-Governor Hoad, of Wisconsin; the Minister of Agriculture, Prof. Robertson, Prof. Dean, Dr. Connell, and Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Kingston.



Poultrymen Meet

The Ontario Poultry Association met on the fair grounds on Sept. 8th, President Dr. Bell, Toronto, presiding. Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, was present in response to an invitation, and the members took advantage of the opportunity to make application for a special grant from the Government of \$300 to enable them to entertain the members of the American Poultry Association, whom they have invited to hold their next annual convention here next January. Mr. James promised to lay the matter before the Minister of Agriculture.



Princess May XII., Imported Four-year-old Guernsey Cow. Won first place at the New England State Fair, 1898, and first at the Industrial Fair, 1898. Owned by J. N. Greenshields, Isaleigh Grange Stock Farm, Danville, Que.

A representative was present from the Peterboro Poultry Association, and brought an invitation to the association to hold its annual exhibition for 1900 in Peterboro. The winter poultry exhibition for 1899 will be held in Toronto during the time when the American Association is meeting here, and a big gathering of poultrymen is expected.