

brief mention must suffice. I allude to the large number of well equipped butter and cheese factories, to the presence of the travelling Dairy among you, and to the excellent schemes now on foot for establishing winter Dairying as the rule and not the exception.

One can hardly over-estimate the immense advantages of the co-operative system in making both cheese and butter.

Fifty years ago we all made butter and cheese at home, for the same reason that we travelled by stage coach, simply because we had to—there was no other way.

But the march of Progress has brought us many good things, many labor-saving things, and I do assure you that one of the greatest of these is Co-operative Dairying.

Why is not every man a blacksmith to shoe his own horses, or a manufacturer to make his own binding and reaping machines?

Just because those things can be done better, quicker and consequently cheaper by those who make it their life-long business, and whom constant practice makes perfect. While the farmer, on the other hand, can use the time to better advantage.

The factories can give you the benefit of such skill, such uniformity, and such market facilities as can only be found occasionally in private Dairies.

Also let me mention another point, that often escapes observation. After a long life of study I have come to the conclusion that the oftener one churns the better. Take a cow's cream for a week before churning it, and in spite of all your care, some will be too ripe, some not ripe enough, and so on; till I am convinced you get a better result if you churn that cow's cream three times a week, still better if you churn it every day, and, best of all, if you could churn every milking by itself.

We all know this to be practically impossible in private houses, but here is where the factory steps in, and carries out this idea to perfection.

There is, however, one lion in the path of these factories, one mill-stone round their necks which cripples their usefulness, and which even, in an indirect way, is ruinous to the best stock interests of the country.

We are now fighting this difficulty, and will soon win the battle.

I allude to the **WANT OF DISCRIMINATION** in receiving the products from the patrons.