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THE DAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN ONTARIO.

The dairymen of eastern Ontario claim that they were very little behind their friends in the west in the establishment of co-operative dairying. Their first factory was started at Belleville, in Hastings county, in 1866, by Ketchum Graham, often called, in the east, the "father of



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cheese factories." But Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville, claims that cheese was made on the co-operative principle by Philip Wing, of Farmersville (now called Athens), in Leeds county, as early as 1860, four years before Mr. Farrington began operations in Norwich, in Oxford county. About the time Mr. Graham's operations began, a factory was also started at Port Hope, in Durham county, by Mr. John Wade and his son, Mr. Henry Wade, the present provincial registrar of stock.

The Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario was, as already stated, formed by separation from the Canadian Dairymen's Association in 1877.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The work of instruction, which, as we have seen, has been so successfully carried out, and has conducted so much to uniformity of product in the west, has been similarly pursued in the east. In 1880 the Eastern Association sent out its first instructor, Mr. J. B. Harris being the appointee. In 1881-1883 two instructors were employed, Mr. James Whitton for the Belleville district and Mr. Howard Bissell for the district around Brockville. This number of instructors continued to 1889, when four instructors were appointed, and since then from four to six instructors have been employed every year.

In 1892 the association took a very decided step in the line of advancement. It established a "travelling dairy school" to give special instruction to its cheesemakers. It was thought that a travelling school, which could visit several dairy centres in a season, where meetings could be held, and discussions made, and ideas interchanged, would be more productive of good than a fixed school. For two years this good work was carried on, Mr. J. B. McEwan, of Bridgenorth, being the instructor.

In 1895 the Kingston Dairy School, which had been established and equipped by the voluntary efforts of the friends of Queen's University, was placed under the patronage of the association, and the travelling dairy school was discontinued.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED.

Eastern Ontario, and especially the country between Cobourg and Brockville, has had, for many years, a world-wide reputation as a cheesemaking district. It is only fair to say that the excellence of the cheese produced in this district is largely due to the persistent and careful teaching given by the instructors appointed by the Eastern Dairymen's Association. The present staff consists of Messrs. G. B. Publow, Perth; J. D. McCann, Perth; A. P. Parvis, Maxville; George Bensley, Warkworth; and W. W. Grant, Wellman's Corners. The secretary of the association is Mr. R. G. Murphy, of Elgin.

The roll of the Eastern Dairymen's Association contains many names of historic interest in the development of the cheese industry of Ontario. Of these may be mentioned Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville, a past president of the association; Mr. D. M. Macpherson, of Lancaster, familiarly known as the "Cheese King"; Mr. J. B. Carlaw, of Warkworth, president for 1894; Mr. E. Kidd, of North Gower, president for 1895; and Messrs. William Eager, of Morrisburg, and William Bissell, of Algonquin, former residents. Mr. Henry Wade, the president for 1896, was