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A GREAT GATHERING OF EASTERN ONTARIO DAIRYMEN

Many Subjects of Vital Importance to Dairymen fully Discussed.—Some Important Recommendations Adopted and Resolutions Passed

The resolutions passed and the recommendations made last week, at the 32nd annual convention of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's association, held in Prescott, Ont., if carried into effect would revolutionize the dairy industry in Canada. The addresses delivered were so directly to the point, and they covered such a wide range of subjects, it is impossible to pick out any as being of special importance.

Chief Dairy Instructor G. G. Publow showed that the average production of milk from 340,829 cows in Eastern Ontario last year, during the factory season was only 2,700 lbs. each. Their total production for the year, therefore, would not likely exceed 3,600 lbs. each. Dairy Commissioner J. A. Ruddick capped this by reporting that 1050 cows, the milk of which was sent to one creamery in Denmark, had an average production of 5,000 lbs. of milk each. This is 1,000 lbs. each more than twice as much as the production of our Canadian cows.

Mr. C. F. Whitley, Superintendent of the Cow Testing Association, in a splendid address on the work of the Cow Testing Association showed

results of experiments conducted last summer in the care of milk on some farms at Smith's Falls. A simple method of caring for milk was described by Mr. Barry by means of lantern slides, which if followed by our farmers, would save them thousands upon thousands of dollars a year.

EUROPEAN CONDITIONS

President G. C. Creelman, of the Ontario Agricultural College, described farm conditions in Europe as he noticed them there last summer. He said that our Canadian farmers waste enough, in the management of their farms each year, to support the family of a European farmer. We do not yet know what intensive farming means. Dairy Commissioner Ruddick hammered this home when he showed that although Holland is no larger than that corner of Ontario lying south of a line drawn from Hamilton to Southampton, on Lake Huron, she exported, last year, \$27,000,000 worth of dairy products on a population of 3,000,000, less than the total dairy exports of all of Canada. What our dairy exports will be when we go in for dairying in as thorough a manner as the people of Holland do, it is impossible to estimate.

Dr. Jas. W. Robertson, of Macdonald College, Quebec, bore out what had been said by President Creelman, about our wasteful methods of farming, when in a masterly address, he stated that we Canadians are robbing our soil. On many farms in Canada, the land is not as rich as it was 25 to 50 years ago. Many farmers have been skimming the best out of their soil and leaving their farms for their children in poorer condition than they were when they first began to farm them. The destruction of our timber areas has been causing droughts in many sections of the country that if they continue to grow in severity, will ultimately drive our people from vast sections of land. He stated that farmers in Eastern Ontario and Quebec are as much interested in the preservation of the timber areas on the north shores of Lake Superior as are the people of that section.

WHAT WE NEED

President Creelman stated that what we need in Canada is not new and better breeds of cattle, horses and poultry, but better strains of the breeds we have. These can be secured by proper breeding and mating. Not new and better farm machinery, but better care of the machinery we have. Not bigger and better farms, but better arranged farms. We also need to improve the surroundings of our home and the home-life of the farm in order that we may keep the boys and girls from wandering to the cities.

WE FARMERS MUST ACT

"It is up to the farmers of Ontario to improve the farm operations of the country," was the opinion expressed by Mr. C. C. James, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. Mr. James showed clearly what the Department of Agriculture is doing to assist the farmers of Ontario, and stated that if our farmers will take advantage of the information and assistance that the department offers them free of cost, they can revolutionize their farm operations and make farming much more profitable and enjoyable.

WHY WE MUST IMPROVE

That, whether we want to go to the trouble and expense that will be involved in changing our farm methods or not, we will have to do so if we are to hold our position in the market for the work we brought out forcibly by Dairy Commissioner J. A.

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J. R. Dargavel, M. L. A., Elgin, Ont.

At the convention last week of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, Mr. Dargavel was unanimously re-elected as president of the association for 1909. This action was only a fitting tribute to the splendid work Mr. Dargavel has accomplished for the association. Through his efforts as a member of the Ontario Legislature the fee that the cheese factories and creameries had to pay for the use of their instruction purposes was removed relieving our dairymen of an annual tax of many thousands of dollars. Mr. Dargavel has been a member of the association for many years and is recognized as the leading dairy authority in the Ontario Legislature.

clearly that our Canadian farmers cannot expect to increase the milk production of their cows until they test them regularly. He advised them to join or form an association. The fact that the farmers of Denmark have increased the milk production of their cows during the past decade by 66 per cent. has been due in a large measure to the work of their cow testing associations. The convention unanimously passed a resolution urging the Dominion Minister of Agriculture to push and extend the work of the cow testing associations.

The immense loss that our Canadian dairy farmers sustain through not taking proper care of their milk was brought out more clearly than ever before by Assistant Dominion Dairy Commissioner Geo. H. Barry, who, in his address, (a report of which is given in another column), gave the

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