

The Makers' Corner

Butter and Cheese Makers are invited to send contributions to this department, to ask questions on matters relating to cheese making, and to suggest subjects for discussion.

Dr. VanSlyke Favors Fat Basis

At a dairy meeting held recently at Cornell University, Dr. L. L. VanSlyke, the well known dairy authority, gave an address on "Butter Fat as a Basis for Fixing the Value of Commercial Milk." He discussed various methods of payment to the milk producer, dwelling particularly upon the payment for fat and other solids, considering the value of one pound of solids not fat as one-tenth the value of one pound of fat. His conclusion was, that while this method was probably the most exact, the variation in price as compared with the straight fat basis of payment, would be so small within the average range of fat content in milk, that it would hardly be worth while to go to the additional trouble and expense which would be incurred by the use of the more complicated system.

A Successful B.C. Creamery

THE first annual meeting of the Salmon Arm Creamery Association, Salmon Arm, B.C., revealed the fact that the business of the Association was in a flourishing condition. Beginning last July, 28,000 lbs. of butter were churned up to March 1st. At the commencement of operations, no market was found for the butter, and, in consequence, some of it had to be stored, with the result that it deteriorated in quality, until it had to be disposed of at 35 cents a pound. New selling arrangements, however, very much improved matters, and the output is now selling for as high as 37½¢ a pound.

The auditor's report showed that the creamery had done a good business for the district in that it had brought in a large amount of ready cash each month, and had given the patrons a good price for their butterfat. The running expenses had been only a trifle over \$140 a month.

The retiring directors recommended that a dividend of six per cent. be paid on the amount of paid-up capital; that sufficient funds be taken from the savings account to pay the interest when due, and that the surplus be left in the bank for an emergency fund. These recommendations were accepted with the exception that it was decided to defer payment of any dividends this year, the amount to be credited to the savings account in order to provide against future contingencies. Receipts for the year totalled \$12,532.76, and profits totalled almost a thousand dollars.

Dairy School Graduates

THE special courses in dairying held at the O. A. College, Guelph, in spite of the general depression, were well attended indicating that dairying is one of the most stable agricultural industries in the Province of Ontario.

The registration of students by courses was as follows: General 12 weeks' course, 63; cow-testing, 24; ice cream, soft cheeses and specialties, 8; inspectors and instructors, 16. Total, 86.

When it is considered that these dairy courses have been held for 33 consecutive years, that no houses or special inducements have been offered to those attending the dairy classes, and that students are charged a registration fee in all the courses, except

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