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"The Enslage and Economic Stock Feeding Association" will hold their Annual Convention at the Star Office Hall 165 St James St. Montreal, on Thursday 17 March. Several valuable papers will be read and discussed. Professor Robertson has promised to be present and address the meeting. **ALL FARMERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.** Mr. Chas. D. Tylee, of Ste. Therese, Province of Quebec, the Secy will be pleased to give any information required.

Official visit to Vermont and to the Dairymen's Associations.

Quebec, January 30th, 1892.

To THE HON. LOUIS BEAUBIEN

Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sir,—Having been entrusted by you with the duty of attending, first, the meeting of the Dairymen's Association of the district of Bedford, next, that of the State of Vermont,

Montmagny on the 27th and 28th of the present month, I have the honour to make the following report :

That the syndicate of the united factories of the and, finally, that of our own provincial association, held at

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organised at most eighteen months ago, has succeeded in a manner that surpasses our highest expectations. It was found to be expedient last year to establish a second syndicate. The two together have so improved the cheese made at from 50 to 60 factories, that it obtained the **GRAND PRIZE** at the last Dominion Exhibition, held at Sherbrooke, in competition with the best cheese sent thither from the different provinces of Canada. The Judges were Mr. Robertson, Commissioner of the Dairy-Industry, who is attached to the experimental farm at Ottawa, aided by one of the principal buyers of Great Britain, who happened to be in Canada on a visit of inspection. The judges, therefore, could not but be well selected and perfectly disinterested. The cheese was thought to be of so superior a quality, that it was sent to England and Scotland, to the local exhibitions, and to the best known importing firms. The Commissioner of the Dominion Dairy-Industry telegraphed to us at Montmagny, that the cheese of the Bedford district had met with the greatest success, has been considered one of the best samples of cheese hitherto exported to England, and was sold in England at the highest market price.

The meeting at Cowansville, at which you yourself, Mr. Commissioner, were present, lasted two days. The sessions, of which there were six, were most attentively followed up, and in the evening, deep into the night, numerous groups of farmers and other interested persons continued the discussions in the hotels, and detained the weary specialists on their road