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Senator Derbyshire presided at the Wednesday meeting in his own initial style. Sir James Whitney, who is a producer of milk and other dairy products, was protesting against the price of the cheapest protein foods that we have, was the text of the address of Prof. H. Harcourt of Guelph. Milk at eight cents will produce 10,402 calories of heat for each dollar spent. For the same expenditure butter at 30 cents a pound will produce 12,000 calories, cheese at 20 cts., 10,300 calories, beef at 14 cts., 7,983 calories, eggs at 25 cts., 3,853 calories, and so on till we reach such feeds as the cereal grains, oats and beans, which are cheaper than milk, but come in another class of foodstuffs. Could all consumers be made aware of the facts of the address such as unknown.

Other speakers were Hon. Jos. D. Duff, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, who paid a feeling tribute to Sir James Whitney, being seriously ill, and J. A. Zuffelt, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, who took the audience on a trip around the world, giving lantern views of dairy scenes in many countries.

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Half the carloads of cheese reaching Montreal have many boxes damaged. This was more complaints last season than the year before. This break-proper stowing in the cars, and complaints are infrequent from those countries where the factories employ a box or two supervising stowing. Styles of boxes were discussed, and Mr. Ruddick expressed his preference for the New Zealand two-cheese crate. Three Montreal produce men who spoke, A. G. Ayer, W. C. Wieland, and E. C. Dennis, strongly advised against an effort to save expense. Mr. Publack was at his best, and the splendid will that he gave will be dealt with fully later.

In the past the Canadian dairy farmer has been a hewer of wood and a drawer of milk to the factory for mighty little returns. But H. H. H. Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College, in an address that attracted much attention perhaps than any other. He often has before, and the financial returns to the farmer have never been

commensurate with the work, skill and investment required. "What we need," said he, "is an agricultural Moses to lead the farmer into the promised land." The solution of present unsatisfactory conditions on the farm he saw in a closer union of producers, carriers and consumers for the cheap interchange of products.

The second evening's session was quite equal to the first in both interest and enthusiasm. J. R. Dargavel, M.L.A., presided. Dr. G. C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, told the whiffores of agricultural education in the college and the public school. He told of the efforts that are being made in Ontario to take the school to the farmer and through the school to the younger generation. He advised the farmer to retire on the corner of this losing lot in his district his influence in the church, the school, and all other interests of the rural community.

Mr. Andrew Broder, farmer and Member of Parliament, with his wife, Mr. Lincoln drawl and fine mixture of the serious and the humorous, delighted his audience for half an hour. "Don't let your wife be known on the street as your farmer's wife by the cut of the clothes she wears," was a characteristic and pungent remark. Mr. G. A. Putnam spoke of the work and progressiveness of the Women's Institute of which he is superintendent.

A representative of that body of men who are taking the college to the farmer, the district representatives, Friday morning in the person of E. Frad, B.S.A. He told of the work the representatives are doing to aid in the organization of breeders' and farmers' clubs, the encouragement of cow testing, and so forth. Two of the speakers on the programme were unavoidably absent, Mr. Queen's University, who was slated for an address on "Farm and Factory Water Supply" and Dr. T. Torrance, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner.

The Dairyman's Association has done more than any other organization in Eastern Canada in building up the dairy industry of this country. J. A. Thompson, secretary of the Kingston Dairy School, commended G. Publack and his assistants on their good work. "More stringent measures will have to be resorted to," he concluded, "if the pernicious habit of tampering with milk cover forms is to be effectively stamped out."

Ontario Fruit Improving

Mr. W. B. Baxter, Chief Dominion Fruit Inspector for the prairie provinces, is spending a few days at headquarters in the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Baxter reports that the Ontario growers have improved their standing in the western markets very considerably during the past season, was rather a poor one as regards quality. The general improvement in packing, both in barrels and boxes, has inspired confidence in Ontario fruit, as well as other fruits. This general improvement in the standard of Ontario packing makes the violations that are found all the more noticeable. Mr. Baxter thinks that the competition which Ontario and British Columbia growers meet with in the United States is more largely in the matter of packing than in the fruit itself.

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