

system of co-operation among the producers, Canada's export butter trade is languishing for want of an equal share of attention.

"But what can we do?" some Canadian reader may ask. The first thing to do is to focus public opinion upon the steps really necessary for the development of the trade. There is no better method of doing this than by such a Dominion dairymen's convention, as Mr Lynch suggested in these columns some months back. Nothing could be more simple, nothing could be more effectual. Let the various provincial associations arrange to summon a joint conference at Ottawa during the coming session of the Dominion parliament. In this conference a large proportion of the members—those representing agricultural constituencies in all parts of the Dominion—would eagerly take part with the delegates from the various associations, and from the deliberations of these practical men a common plan of campaign would speedily emerge. All the better if from such a conference there arose an annual Dominion dairymen's convention, at which notes could be prepared and united action agreed upon. To reform Canada's butter trade it is first necessary to know what is wrong in the present methods, and how that wrong may be set right. This can only be done effectually by the counsel of all concerned. Their united utterances would command universal attention, and half the difficulties and uncertainties now surrounding the question would at once disappear. Let a few earnest men set to work to bring about this Dominion convention, and the rest will soon follow."

It is our persistent endeavor to prompt our farming friends to any market that seems likely to be open to them, and to stimulate their productions. In pursuance of this plan, we extract the following from one of our exchanges:—

"Under reciprocity we are told our farmers could send their pork, beef, etc., to the United States markets. It is a fact that our farmers receive quite as large prices now for such produce as the New England farmer receives for that of an equal quality. In view of this fact, which no one who knows the state of the markets in the rural districts of New Hampshire and Vermont will controvert, it might be well for our farmers to enquire whether, pending the negotiating of a treaty which does not appear to be imminent, it would not be well to endeavor to secure access to some of the markets which are now supplied from Boston or New York. In this we refer more particularly to the supplying of ships' stores, etc. In many instances vessels sailing regularly between provincial and U. S. ports purchase all their supplies in the latter. This should not be the case. Our farmers can produce such supplies as cheaply at least as those of New England, and would, we believe, find it a profitable business in which to engage. Mixed farming is the safest system our farmers can follow, and we can see no reason why, in addition to his apples and potatoes, his small fruits, and his live stock for the English markets, the Kings Co farmer should not put up the bacon and beef required for the home market. If more of such articles were produced, cured and packed in the best manner, the demand would increase, and better prices be secured. We would like to have the opinions of some of our farmers on this matter."

OUR COSY CORNER.

Says a correspondent of an exchange:—"Everybody who writes about fashions ought to think every new confection or creation in the dressmaking line heavenly and too lovely for anything, but I am bound by my sense of what is due to the truest womanhood to protest against the public indecency of full dress. A young lady of my acquaintance, the other day, was trying on a dress, and her arms were bare, as the sleeves were not in yet, when her brother came into the room, and she gave a little squeal of dismay, and seized a shawl and threw it around her shoulders, and yet she had just finished a ball dress, and it is made in just such a way that she has to take off all other garments above the waist line to be able to wear it. One old lady who goes each year to Saratoga with her children and grand-children, told me one day that a prominent gentleman told her that one reason why our best men have given up dancing is, that they are positively ashamed to be seen on the floor with their arms clasped about a partner in such a state of undress, and yet one and all of these women will squeal with real horror if anyone sees them with their arms bare in their homes.

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