

SUPPLYING OF CREAM CANS.

Reverting to the quality of butter, he believed it could be improved by keeping individual cans and suggested the government supplying the cans and holding back 1 cent per pound on butter fat until they were reimbursed for the outlay. If, he said, some means could be devised of helping farmers get the cans it would give no small impetus to the industry. He asked if it were not possible to keep two or three creameries in the province running all winter as a large amount of cream was diverted elsewhere by closing down in the winter.

Mr. Burton stated that during the first year or two of the operation of the Langenburg creamery cans had been supplied, but the system had been discontinued because of the expense. When a farmer had not enough cream to send out the can would be used for all sorts of purposes for which it was not intended. They adopted another plan which, with the government's assistance, worked very well. The creamery company purchased a lot of cans and sold them, getting an order on the department from the purchaser and the department deducted the price of the cans from his cream cheque. Sometimes a patron would tell them he could not afford to have the price of the can or cans deducted out of his first cheque and in some cases three months elapsed before they got the money. But they eventually got it. The order on the department was always obtained before cans were given out. The government was helping them in this in an indirect way and he thought this worked just as satisfactorily as would the plan proposed by Mr. McCorkell for the government to provide the cans.

Mr. Motherwell asked if the patrons were satisfied with that arrangement. Mr. Burton replied that he had never heard a complaint of any kind. Mr. McCorkell asked what did they do when patrons, living twenty miles from the creamery, sent in for cans. Mr. Burton answered they had very little trouble in that way. In cases where they did not send in their orders they tried to get the department to deduct the price of the cans from the cream cheques without the purchasers' orders. Mr. Wilson, however, informed them the ruling of the department necessitated his having an order for everything he paid out. Last year they had a large number of patrons at distant points to whom they sent cans and in each case the patron sent his order.

Mr. Engesetter, of Birch Hills, bore out the remarks of Mr. Burton.

IMPROVING THE DAIRY HERD.

Mr. Whiting, Fort Qu'Appelle, spoke on the question of improving dairy herds. The agricultural society in his district had, he stated, purchased bulls and placed them in different parts of the district. They were changed around each year so that in two or three years each bull had done service all over the district. The arrangement was that the man who took the bull had the use of him free and the others paid 75 cents for service. Of course, the matter of the breed was a big question. Each district must decide which breed would suit it best. If they adopted the plan he had outlined they would find that in a very few years they would have their districts pretty well stocked with good cattle. This could be done just as well and, perhaps, better by the agricultural