

of the condition. We regard it as a state of affliction, to be borne patiently like any other affliction, when manifestly the will of Providence, but to be escaped from if possible, as gladly as from an attack of disease or a lot of suffering of whatever kind. The poor, who are so by reason of their own want of industry, energy, forethought, virtue and thrift—and this is true of many—have small claim on the pity of their fellows, and make a greivous mistake when they trace their lot as they are apt to do, to the inscrutable will of God. Still, after all exceptions and allowances are made, it remains a fixed fact, "the poor ye have always with you," and they are entitled to kind consideration, ready sympathy, wise encouragement and timely help.

CANADIAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

We received, January 24th, quite too late for its publication in our columns to help the attendance, a circular announcing that the third annual meeting of the above-named organization, will be held in the Town Hall, Ingersoll, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2nd and 3rd, 1870. More to show our good will than because it is likely to serve any useful purpose, we devote a column to a notice, which, had it been in our last issue, might have been of some service to the Association. When agricultural journals freely give space to notifications and recommendations of such bodies, the least their secretaries can do is to see to it that intimations are forwarded in good season.

The annual address will be delivered by X. A. Willard, Esq., on practical matters relating to the dairy.

Members of the Society are urgently requested to prepare papers to read at the approaching meeting, on subjects of their own selection, and to use their individual efforts to render the meeting valuable and interesting. This duty cannot be too strongly impressed on members. and it is hoped they will come prepared to perform it.

Among other subjects the following will be discussed:

1st. To what extent has the system of making cheese once a day been practiced the last year; have curd mills been more generally used, and what have been the results?

2nd. The proper treatment of acidity in cheese-making.

3rd. Rennet, its nature and effects.

4th. What has been the general reputation of our cheese in the English market the past season, and what are the defects necessary to be overcome to bring it nearer the standard of the best English cheese?

5th. Hoof disease: has it prevailed among dairy herds, to what extent, and the best mode of treatment?

Factory reports of statistics and operations for 1869 are earnestly desired. They should be handed to the Secretary at the Convention.

We trust there will be a very full attendance of the friends and representatives of this important department of Agricultural interest.

Arrangements have been made with the different railways to pass members of the Association over their roads at a reduced fare.

As we did not go to press with this number of the ONTARIO FARMER until after the meeting above notified had been held, we are enabled to furnish our readers with the following account of the proceedings, prepared by our own reporter.

The Annual Convention of the Canadian Dairymen's Association was held at Ingersoll on the 2nd and 3rd instants, and was attended by about two hundred members and a large number of ladies. This Association was organized about four years ago, and has met annually at Ingersoll ever since. These meetings have been held for the purpose of electing officers, listening to an Annual address, and discussing questions relating to the dairy business. In this manner the Association, by an interchange of the experience of individual members, becomes possessed of a large amount of practical information. Few people have a very intelligent idea of the extent to which this important branch of Canadian husbandry is practiced in the Province of Ontario, and fewer still are aware of the immense profit with which it can be carried on. The climate of the province and much of its soil are admirably adapted for dairying—the climate being healthful and the lands upland, rolling natural meadows, with enduring rills and springs innumerable. Large as the dairy business of Ontario already is, it is constantly on the increase; and when its great profits shall have become more thoroughly understood, it may confidently be expected to take a first rank among the agricultural industries of the country.

The first day was occupied with the Inaugural Address of the President of the Association, C. E. Chadwick, Esq., of Ingersoll, and the discussion of certain questions of importance to dairymen. Mr. Chadwick remarked that the County of Oxford has the honor of being, in the dairy line, the pioneer county of Canada, as it was there that the business first became developed as a specialty, and it was there that the "factory system" was first introduced from our American neighbors. Statistics of the cheese production of Canada cannot be accurately estimated, owing to the imperfect and irregular returns from the different factories.

The quantity of cheese shipped during the past year from Ingersoll and Woodstock, two stations on the Great Western Railway, was 2,594,544 lbs., at a total cost of \$350,000, of which \$315,000 was paid by