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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEESE AND BUTTER BOARD.

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Cheese and Butter Board was held on Thursday of last week in the Board of Trade Rooms, Ottawa. There was a large attendance from different sections of the Ottawa Valley and the greatest interest was manifested. The general opinion was that the Board will receive large concessions to its membership this year. The scarcity of cheese at present makes it an assured fact that the season will open with high prices.

Before taking up the business the president introduced Mr. A. W. Woodard, of the Experimental Farm, who spoke explaining the formation of syndicates, and on the curing of cheese in relation to cold storage. While Canada makes the best cheese in America it does not come up to the standard of Scottish and English make. Canadian cheese has not as good a flavor, and investigation proved that it was due to the fact that Canadians do not cure at a low enough temperature. The loss incurred by the improper curing of cheese amounts to thousands of dollars annually. While Canadian cheese sells on the English markets at 40 and 42s., Scottish and English cheese sells at 60 and 62s., due to the curing. The Minister of Agriculture has determined to use the curing rooms of this country as far as possible to prove this fact to the farmers. The shrinkage of cheese, and the subsequent cracking is caused by too dry an atmosphere in the curing room. He advocated a uniform temperature of about 60 degrees.

Speaking of the formation of syndicates he said the success of the cheese makers of Quebec is due to the splendid system of inspection. Syndicates are formed and an inspector appointed to see that factories are kept clean, the temperature normal, etc. The inspector is paid by a tax on the output, say 60 cents a ton. No more than 30 factories are allowed in one syndicate. The Quebec Government helps pay the salary by giving a bonus of

\$250 to each syndicate employing an inspector who has passed an examination and works under the rules of the Provincial Dairy Association.

Quebec has gained in ten years 150 per cent, while Ontario has gained only 50 per cent, which is due to the system of inspection.

In reply to a question Mr. Woodard explained the best known methods of securing a uniform and low temperature in curing rooms.

Mr. McGregor, representing Lovell & Christmas, wanted information as to the best way of preserving the cheese while en route to Montreal. Mr. Woodard replied that he did not suspect that there were no ice cars between Ottawa and Montreal. In Quebec all the railways run refrigerator cars and supply ice for the shipment of butter and cheese.

There was a lengthy discussion on the system of inspection and it was finally agreed to leave it with the buyer and seller to agree on a point of inspection.

Mr. S. G. Irvine, Arnprior, favored factory inspection.

Mr. Stevenson wanted inspection at the shipping point.

Mr. Fortier was in favor of a public inspector at Montreal.

Mr. Witherspoon, of Montreal, said that a public inspector at Montreal is impossible. He would not and no exporter would, allow an inspector free access to their warehouses.

Mr. Ault, representing Hodgson brothers, asked the salesmen to state any grievances existing last year.

Mr. McKechnie, Pontiac, wanted to know what it would cost to store the cheese in cold storage at Ottawa and have it inspected there. He complained that the Pontiac and Pacific Junction railway made no effort to handle the cheese expeditiously.

Mr. Ault objected to the cold storage idea and said that no buyer would try cheese frozen in a cold storage building.

Mr. James McCullough, of the Ottawa Cold Storage company, said he

was satisfied to have the cheese go to Montreal, for cold storage, but if the cheese was refused it meant that the owner would have to go to Montreal to sell it. Mr. McCullough made an offer to store at a price below Montreal.

Mr. Hardy, of Jockvale, wanted factory inspection.

Mr. J. R. Weir of Winchester, said that the high prices paid at Ottawa last year was going to cause a slump from other boards this year.

Mr. Kavanagh suggested boarding the cheese so that the seller designates whether he wants factory, Montreal or Ottawa inspection. The buyer would then bid on the conditions of sale as fixed by the seller.

Mr. Witherspoon said it was a splendid suggestion.

Mr. McGregor said that no buyer would agree to Ottawa inspection. After further discussion Mr. Kavanagh's idea was adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

For President, Mr. Joseph Kavanagh was nominated by Mr. J. Tierney, Arnprior, seconded by Mr. J. D. McGregor, Alexandria, and supported by Mr. J. C. Witherspoon, Montreal. The motion carried unanimously amidst hearty applause.

For Vice-President Mr. J. C. Hardy, Jockvale, was nominated by Mr. J. H. Wood, Maxville, seconded by Mr. A. W. Ault, Montreal.

Mr. John Burke was appointed secretary treasurer and auctioneer.

New quarters will have to be secured this year, and the officers were instructed to look after it.

This year the buyers will present a guarantee from some local bank showing the ability of the firm to pay for any cheese that may be brought.

Professor Robertson, of the Experimental Farm, who was invited to address the meeting, wrote regretting that a previous engagement prevented his attending, and promised to address a meeting at the first of the season.

Mr. Robertson wrote that the department has arranged with Mr. Edward Kidd, North Dover, to carry

on experiments in the curing of cheese at low temperatures in one of his factories.—Ottawa Free Press.

IRISH NATIONAL FEDERATION.

At a special meeting of the city council, New York, of the Irish National Federation, held April 1st, at 47 West Forty-second street, called for the purpose of considering the action of Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, at the recent banquet of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, The Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien a member of the Irish National Federation of America, in his capacity as chairman of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, in his speech from the chair gave currency to the falsehood that England prevented a concert of European powers against this country at the outbreak of the war between Spain and the United States, when the speaker knew that our own Ministers to the Courts of England, Germany, France and Russia had made positive and definite denials of the falsehood, and when he was aware that the Emperor of Germany and Count Von Bulow, in open session of the Reichstag, had made denial of its truth and the representatives of France and Russia in their official capacity had made public denial declaring the whole story fictitious and made for the purpose of alienating the European Powers, that have always been our friends when assailed by England. Therefore be it

Resolved, That as Irish Americans we condemn this covert attempt to mislead public opinion in America, and as Irishmen sympathizing with the efforts of our kindred in Ireland to wrest self-government from the grasp of the Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien's newly-found friend of "liberty, democracy and humanity," we deem it our duty to mark our disapprobation of his language and action misrepresenting the attitude of Irish Americans by removing his name from the roll of membership of the Irish National Federation of America.

THE BOYS' SAVINGS BANKS.

Distributing "nest eggs" to the grown-up boys is one of the pleasant diversions Father W. J. Dalton of Kansas City, is engaged in these days and one in which he takes considerable pride. In 1887 the good father organized the boys of Annunciation parish, then one of the largest Catholic parishes in Missouri, into a society called the Dalton Cadets. Boys were allowed to join at ages ranging from 6 to 17 years, and the society within a couple of months had a membership of over 400. All members took a pledge to be total abstainers from strong drink and avoid going into sa-

loons or gambling houses until 21 years of age.

Father Dalton introduced one feature new to such societies—a savings feature. The boys were encouraged to deposit their dimes, nickels and quarters. They could make these deposits up to the time they were twenty-one and the whole amount was to be kept until the youngest member of the society was 21 years old, when they were to get their money back with six per cent. Interest added to each deposit for the full time. Father Dalton had put the money all out at interest not long ago. So now, every day or so, he pays back to the young men their childhood savings.

LARGEST CORNER STONE IN AMERICA.

The corner-stone of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Newark, N. J., which will be laid on Sunday, June 4, will be the largest in America. It is a cube of chocolate colored stone quarried from a deposit of remarkably close textured crystalline limestone recently discovered near Cresson Springs, Pa. The weight is estimated at 30 tons. A novel architectural feature of the corner-stone will be the inseting therein of two large stones presented to Bishop Wigger by the Patriarch of Jerusalem. One stone is from the site of the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem; the other is from the same deposit of stone from which the Holy Sepulchre was excavated. Before the stones were shipped from Jerusalem the Patriarch conceived the idea of having the Lord's Prayer carved on each stone in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. This work was entrusted to a Syrian Christian sculptor, who executed the commission in a highly artistic manner. The corner-stone will be so set and impaneled that the stones from the Holy Land will face the East.

AN ORGANIST SECURES DAMAGES.

The case of Hesse vs. the St. John Street Railway Company, St. John, N. B., ended on the 30th March, when the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing damages at \$25,000. Questions were submitted by Judge Vanwart. Professor Hesse was organist of the Catholic Cathedral, in Providence, R. I., and received injuries last July while a passenger on a runaway electric car of defendants, necessitating the amputation of his left foot. The action was taken out for \$100,000. The railway company's counsel, as soon as the verdict was announced, applied for a stay, and may appeal to the full court. Much local interest centred in the trial, because it was the first appearance of ex-Judge Palmer as counsel, since he left the Bench. He was Hesse's principal lawyer.

Archbishop Elder Eighty Years Old.

March 22 was the eightieth anniversary of the birthday of Archbishop W. H. Elder, of Cincinnati. At his own request no special significance was given to the day, but in all the churches of the diocese prayers were offered for the continuance of the life of the prelate. Many presents were sent him by his parishioners.

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