

Britain, where they are very popular. We do not know of any such contest ever having taken place in Canada. Several contests of this character have been conducted by the British Dairy Farmers' Association, and if "Subscriber" desires full particulars as to how these have been carried on we would advise him to write to the secretary, William C. Young, 12 Hanover Square, London W., England.

In conducting such a contest it would be unfair to have farmers' sons and daughters compete with butter makers from the creameries. There should be separate sections for each of these classes. It is likely that the cream was ripened for churning before the contest began, otherwise it could not be completed in one day. We do not think there should be much difficulty in arranging for a butter-making contest at some of our leading agricultural fairs provided a suitable building and the necessary appliances could be secured.

AYRSHIRE BREEDERS' MEETINGS.

The first annual meeting of the Amalgamated Dominion and Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Associations convened in the eastern office, Montreal, February, 15, 1899, Mr. Robert Niss, president, in the chair.

The report of the Secretary, Mr. Henry Wade, was then read. It was, in part, as follows: "The past year has been an historical one. The breeders of Ayrshires, previous to a year ago, were recording animals in the Dominion Herd Book with two distinct classes of pedigrees, namely: those that traced to importation on side of both sire and dam, and those that could not be traced on the dam's side clearly to an imported cow were published in what we called the appendix, although, doubtless, if dead men could speak, several of this latter class could qualify for the higher standard. Owing to the neglect of keeping private records the history of several families of imported Ayrshires has been lost track of, especially in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as nearer home. It took a surgical operation a year ago at the annual meeting at Toronto to extract the appendix from the body of the Dominion book. Then came amalgamation with our friends from this province, another historical feature of the year, which, doubtless, will work wonders in the way of renewed prosperity, life and energy in the Ayrshire cause, as this new association will soon, we hope, be a power in the land.

"There is no doubt that amalgamation at first has caused a great disappointment to some of the breeders as, unfortunately, several pedigrees in the Canada Book were the same as those that were in the appendix of the Dominion Book, and consequently had to have the knife used to cut them out also. It would give the committee on the standard of pedigrees great pleasure if they could meet some one who

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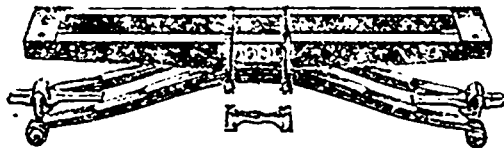
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