Notice —Herd-books

Dr. Couture, 49 rue des Jardins, Québec, is the secretary of the herd-books and stud book of Canadian cattle and horses, and of the swine and sheep registers recently opened by the Council of agriculture

In future, all requests for registry in the above books as well as all letters, documents, &c., connected with them, should be addressed to him.

All letters requiring an answer must contain a 3 cent stamp.

ED. A. BARNARD,
Sec. Coun. Agriculture,
Director of the *Journals of Agriculture*.

Agricultural Clubs —Important Notice.

The agricultural clubs already in existence and those shortly to be instituted, are requested to apply to the secretary of the Department of agriculture, who will forward to them, gratuitously, for the use of their members, certain pamphlets on agriculture, and all the information on that subject that the department is able to afford them.

H. G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Pres. Council of Agriculture.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

Department of Agriculture and Colonisation.

Quebec, October 10th, 1892.

TO THE MEMBER FOR—

Sir,—Please allow me to request you to fill the accompanying table and return it to me by the first of November next.

I have sent you some copies of the speech I delivered in the House last session, when I defined the policy of the Government on the question of the Dairy-Industry.

I more especially desire to draw your attention to what I said on the importance of the butter and cheese syndicates: they are the guarantees of our success.

I wish you, during the month of October, to kindly endeavor to persuade your manufacturers to form a syndicate. We are desirous of having timely notice of the number of inspectors that will be necessary for next season. Information on the formation of syndicates can be had from the Secretary of the Dairymen's Association at St. Hyacinthe.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the butter- and cheese-school now under construction, at St. Hyacinthe, will be opened about the fifteenth of November next. The course will be given gratis to all those who may become members of the Association ($1.00 a year). Henceforth, it will be necessary to follow the course of this school, or at least to have undergone an examination before its board of Examiners, to receive an inspector's diploma and to be employed as such.

During the first session of 1890, the House voted the sum of $5,000.00, and, during the second session of the same year, another amount of $6,000.00 towards the encouragement of the Dairy-Industry. Great difficulty was found in distributing these amounts satisfactorily. So embarassing was it that some members could not make the distribution. There are about eight hundred butter- and cheese-factories in the Province, some members having over thirty in their county. How apportion the grant to each county? And reduced by subdivisions, this grant could not be of any efficacious assistance.

Taught by this experience, I have resolved to utilise the amounts, placed at my disposal by the House, in such a way that all the butter- and cheese-factories in the Province shall benefit thereby. With the intelligent assistance of the Dairymen's Association of St. Hyacinthe, the St. Hyacinthe school was founded. I expect great results from it.

I pray you to use your influence in favor of this school, so that it may be well patronised. That at least each county may be represented therein. You will receive further details later on concerning this establishment.

I have thought it advisable, also, to grant money prizes, so as to encourage the manufacture of butter in winter and to also develop this branch of our Dairy-Industry hitherto so much neglected. These prizes will be given, as much to the farmer who delivers his milk at the factory, as to the proprietor of the butter- and cheese-factory, converted into a butter-factory for the winter, who shall make it into butter; each shall have his share of merit in this industry. The prize will be proportioned to the quantities of milk supplied by each, in such a way as to make the distribution of the grant as equitably as possible. It will only be given for milk furnished from the first November next; it will only be awarded, for that month's operations, to the factories which shall continue in operation for at least ten days in December. The amount of the prizes will be variable, it will be increased as the season advances, as the greatest merit consists in extending the period of lactation and in maintaining the quantity of milk furnished.

The following is the scale of award:

$0.05 per 100 lbs. of milk furnished in November.
$0.10 " " December.
$0.15 " " Jan. and February.

The prizes will be divided between patrons and manufacturers in the proportion ordinarily applied to the division of money arising from sales; 80 per cent of the prize going to the patrons and 20 per cent to manufacturers.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your devoted servant,

(Signed) LOUIS BEAUBIEN,
Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonisation.

CHEESE AND BUTTER FACTORIES OF THE COUNTY OF.....

SEASON OF 1892.

Number of Cheese-factories	Number of Butter-factories	Names of proprietors	Their address.	Number of Cheese-factories forming part of a syndicate.	Number of Butter-factories forming part of a syndicate	How many of those establishments will form into syndicates in 1892?