

THE DAIRY TRADE

MANITOBA CHEESE.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue you inform your readers that the butter and cheese association has been formed because "there is a difficulty this season in disposing of the product." Those in touch with this market will perceive how misleading this statement is, but to those outside a wrong impression, misrepresenting the province will be conveyed, for, never since we engaged in the cheese trade, has there been so ready demand, or so high prices paid on the average as during the season now ending. If your statement is true one would infer that heavy stocks of cheese of unsaleable quality are now held? Would you inform us where they are? In fact, although the cheese makers were advised at the last convention of the Manitoba Dairy Association not to market till the cheese had been 30 days in the curing room, wholesale dealers in Winnipeg, during last summer, begged of the factorymen to bring in their cheese when they had been only two weeks in the racks.

Again, your statements are a great slur on the department of agriculture who must have shamefully mis-spent the \$10,000 or so per annum which has been appropriated for dairy instruction. It is no less a slur on the late dairy commissioner, who, if the statements of the new dairy association are correct, must have been giving for the last four years instruction of a dreadfully superficial kind. He may be too modest himself to resent the imputations, but as one of his friends I beg to protest against it.

All interested in the trade will be glad to learn that "selfish purposes" were eliminated in the formation of the union. This will gain for it the support of those who accept that assurance, but it cannot gain anything by resorting to misrepresentation at each successive step of its inception. No one has any right to cavil at those "people who are trying to make a living by the dairy industry looking after their own interests" as they put it, but when it is known that the sacrifices they are going to make for the good of the trade is to be done with public money their procedure is a legitimate object of criticism and sufficient excuse for this letter.

Yours truly,
ONE OF YOUR READERS.

Note by Editor—"One of our readers" is quite correct in saying that there has been no difficulty in disposing of Manitoba cheese this season. The trouble seems to be simply a misunderstanding of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the reference to which "our reader" takes exception. The meaning the statement was intended to carry was simply this: That owing to the indifferent quality of much of the Manitoba cheese, there is a difficulty in disposing of it in western markets, where it comes into competition with the Ontario product, to as good advantage as the Ontario article. This statement is, of course, quite true. The Commercial has nothing to do with the rivalry between the two dairy associations, beyond wishing propriety for the Manitoba dairy industry. If the rivalry will result in stirring up those interested in dairy work to more active efforts in furthering the dairy interests and improving the quality of dairy products, it will be a good thing for Manitoba.

The price of sheep skins has been advanced at Toronto 5c, making the price now 70c.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal arrived at Montreal Monday morning from the old country.

Shipments of cattle from Montreal for the week ending 6th October were: To Liverpool, 600 head; to London, 833; to Glasgow, 843, and to Manchester, 828, a total of 3,103 head.

At a meeting of the freight rates committee of the Toronto Board of Trade, held this week, the announcement was made that the railway companies had agreed to cancel the "owner's risk" clause in future freight contracts.

B. Shragge, junk dealer, Winnipeg, says that the prohibition bill of the local legislature is having a very detrimental effect on the occupation of peddlars and scrap gatherers. He says that over fifty men who up till a few months ago found occupation in the province gathering bottles, are now out of work owing to the falling off in the demand for these.

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