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Canadian Creamery Association Holds Annual Meeting

Vigorous Protest Against Proposed Exorbitant Increase in Express Rates. Strong Support for National Dairy Council

CREAMERYMEN to the number of about three scores gathered in the Carlisle Hotel, Toronto, on Dec. 18, to the annual meeting of the Creamery Association of Ontario. The president, Mr. M. Robertson, of Belleville, occupied the chair. In his opening address he stated that during the past year much of the good work that the Association might have done was hindered through the depletion of its treasury. He ascribed to the fact that the violent storm of last winter occurred just when they had their meeting and prevented many members from attending and paying their annual dues.

The president then touched on the proposed increase in the express charges, but as that subject was being taken up by another speaker he did not enlarge upon it.

Put Ban on Oleo.

On the question of oleomargarine he felt strongly, and made a vigorous protest against the same being exhibited, sold or having the same handled with dairy butter at the different exhibitions, and suggested that the Canadian Creamery Association prohibit it also being exhibited in the same building. This suggestion was later framed as a resolution, the full text of which is given amongst the resolutions published here.

Resolutions Passed.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That whereas oleomargarine is only an imitation of butter; and whereas the similarity of the packages, wrappings, etc., in which oleo is handled to that in which creamery butter is handled is used as a selling argument by oleo dealers; and whereas we believe some misrepresentation may be made to the public by oleo being exhibited in the same building as dairy products at exhibitions and fairs; Therefore, be it resolved, That the members of this Association be urged to refuse to exhibit creamery butter at any exhibition; and that we be assured by the management that oleo shall not be exhibited in the same building as creamery or dairy butter; And that they be permitted the sale of oleo be made making it illegal to sell oleo in packages similar to creamery or dairy butter; and that it be sold in packages similar to lard and lard compound. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, the Honorable the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the Honorable the Minister of the Department of Agriculture before any such legislation is proposed, and to the Honorable the Minister of Finance for Ontario.

Express Rates.

Mr. J. A. McPeters, of the Toronto Creamery, spoke on the proposed increase in express rates. In the month of May he said he had written upon the express companies in the office of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to secure the option of returning all empty cans by freight instead of express. The objection included representatives of the bakers, produce dealers and ice cream men, and as a result of their efforts no change was made. Now, he said, if the movement at present on foot to revise the express charges succeeds in its object it will mean an increase to the creamerymen in their express charges of 100 per cent on short hauls and 25 per cent on long hauls. Creamerymen, he declared, must do all in their power to fight this increase, and he urged the preparing of figures to lay before the Railway Commission before whom the matter must come. No hearing date has yet been set with the Railway Board. Mr. McPeters strongly urged cooperation with other associations, such as the Wholesale Produce Association, ice cream men, etc., who are also vitally affected by the proposed increase. It was moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the other associations to appoint a council to represent them before the Railway Board.

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Toronto, declared in his address that during the last season a large percentage of low grade butter had been coming to the city. He would compare the foreign market with what he said we must have a first class product, and butter recently shipped to Ontario was not up to standard. In many cases, he said, the butter was shipped in poor unsound cases.

Mr. Scott, official butter grader, said that the biggest problems of trade in dairy industry were those of pasteurization and butter grading. A system of grading, he said, had been introduced and the details worked out to trade all butter which was about all that had been done.

Cooperation of Government.

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