BOOK REVIEW

"CREAMERY BUTTERMAKING," BY MICHELS.

The rapid growth of the creamery industry in Canada makes a work by so well and favorably known a writer as John Michels a welcome addition to the literature of Canadian dairying.

The work is composed of two main parts, Buttermaking proper and the Creamery Industry in general. The first chapter deals with the composition of milk. The Babcock test is very fully discussed—one might almost say too much so for a work on buttermaking.

The author very properly calls attention to the fact that "Direct Heaters," i.e., heaters which use steam added directly to the milk, are very objectionable, as there is always some dirt in the steam which is likely to taint the milk.

The range of temperature suggested for ripening cream seems rather wide-60° to 80°. We should be inclined to restrict this range, yet each buttermaker must study this question and adopt such a temperature which gives best results in his particular circumstances. The general rule is, ripen the cream at as low a temperature as possible, consistent with a reasonable time and proper development of lactic acid. By breeding the right kind of bacteria cream may be ripened at a comparatively low temper-

The principle of "selection" and "survival of the fittest" is applicable in bacteria as among higher orders of life.

Our own experience scarcely agrees with that of the author with reference to the relative keeping quality of butters made from ripened and unripened cream, more particularly with reference to cream pas-

teurized. Adding ice to cream to cool it is strongly condemned by the author on p. 76, yet many creamerymen find this is about the only way they can cool their

cream at times. Too much washing of butter destroys its fine flavor by removing the delicate flavoring substances as explained on p. 103. This is a point wherein many buttermakers make a mistake. If no bad flavors be present in the butter, wash it as little as possible and salt lightly, to retain the delicate flavor for which people pay a high price.

A number of buyers complain with reference to irregularity in salting butter -or, rather, in the amount of salt retained in the finished butter. The salting question is very intelligently discussed on pages 104 to 106.

The marketing hints, pages 116 and 117, are valuable. Too many fail at this point to receive just reward for their labors. The author advises the of two per cent. to the fat delivered by cream patrons where there are both milk and cream delivered to a creamery. He estimates that this added two per cent. will about compensate for the extra losses of fat in skim milk and handling whole milk. The practice among Canadian creamerymen is to place both classes of patrons on the same

The use of a clear, concise monthly statement to patrons, the pasteurization of by-products before returning them to the farm, and the more general adoption of pasteurization are all commended. He falls into the error of crediting Storch, of Copenhagen, Denmark, with having originated the system known as pasteurization. The credit belongs to Jensen, as nearly as we can find out.

He quotes Danish experiments to show that the cost of pasteurization of cream is about one-tenth of a cent per pound of butter. Experiments now in progress at the O. A. College indicate that this figure is too high, and a full report of this

work will appear later. The buttermaker is advised to have a maximum of not over 15 per cent. moisture for butter, in order to keep out of the clutches of the law.

Screening against flies, the use of a septic tank for sewage, a proper system of bookkeeping, and a chapter on "Creamery Mechanics," are commendable features. A glossary and index make a litting close to an excellent book.

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