

DAIRYING INDUSTRY NATIONALLY ORGANIZED

Four-Day Conference of Representatives From All Parts of Dominion Results in Permanent Body Being Formed

The four-day session of dairying representatives, held in Ottawa, concluded on Thursday, November 28th, with the formation of a National Council. The delegates comprised the dairy representatives of Provincial Agricultural Departments, the nominees of the dairy and creamery associations throughout the country, of the associations of breeders of dairy cattle, of the milk distributors, condensaries and other commercial organizations, together with the agricultural press. Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dominion Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner, occupied the chair.

In welcoming the delegates on Monday, November 25th, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. J. H. Grisdale, the acting deputy, pointed out the economic importance of placing dairying, which represented the largest single agricultural interest, on such a footing as would insure its status being maintained and advanced during the period of reconstruction upon which the country was now entering. He regarded it as vital to the country's well-being that the dairy interests should be safeguarded and promoted in every possible way, and said that the conference had been called to consider means to that end.

Legal Standards Discussed.

Dr. A. McGill, Dominion Analyst, and Chairman of the Standards Board under the Adulteration Act, dealt with the legal standards of quality for dairy products, followed by Dr. F. T. Schutt, Dominion Chemist of the Central Experimental Farm. The Dominion standards for milk, cream, homogenized milk and cream, ice cream, condensed milk, butter and cheese, were explained and discussed, and a committee was appointed to formulate resolutions on the subject for adoption at a future session of the conference.

On Tuesday the delegates took up the question of the grading of Canadian dairy products in relation to the requirements of domestic and foreign markets. The systems of grading and marketing adopted in various provinces were discussed. The Dairy Commissioner for Alberta, Mr. C. Marker, outlined the procedure followed by the grading and marketing service in that province. Mr. E. Borbeau, general cheese inspector, spoke for the province of Quebec. The ensuing discussion on the relationship of grading to successful marketing was taken part in by S. A. Trudell, manager of the Agricultural Co-operative Society of Montreal; P. W. McLagan, manager of Messrs. Lovell and Christmas, produce merchants, Montreal; J. H. Scott, official butter-grader for Ontario, and others. Several of the speakers emphasized the necessity for a uniform Canadian system of grading, naming and weighing in promoting export trade.

The question of the formation of a Dominion-wide organization, which should represent and unite the interests of Canadian dairying, was introduced by L. A. Zufelt, superintendent of dairying in Eastern Ontario. It was the opinion of the delegates that the personnel of such an organization should represent all phases of the dairy business, inclusive of representatives of departments of agriculture.

Revised Federal standards for dairy products were adopted on Wednesday, and the recommendation was made that the same be recognized and adopted by all municipalities engaged in food inspection work.

A resolution was presented by Mr. H. H. Dean, Professor of Dairy Husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College, recommending the introduction of the process of pasteurization in all Canadian creameries. Pasteurization, he said, was the first requisite in the manufacture of butter of uniform grade, free from objectionable flavors and of long-keeping quality. It was the secret of Danish success and universally employed in New Zealand. Before Canada could hope to attain first rank as a butter producer, the general adoption of pasteurization was essential.

Dr. F. Torrance, Veterinary Director-General, dealt with the necessity for the pasteurization of dairy products, pointing out that the milk from tuberculous cows constituted the main source of infection of tuberculosis in hogs. He estimated that the loss to Canada was more than a million dollars annually, and was gradually increasing.

A resolution was adopted calling for legislation necessary to make compulsory the sterilization of skim milk and whey. Dairy Research Division.

The chairman, Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Canadian Dairy Commissioner, announced the intention of the Federal Department of Agriculture to organize a Dairy Research Division, which should investigate the scientific problems constantly arising in the manufacture of dairy products.

The basis of organization of the National Dairy Council was decided upon. It was agreed that the council should be composed of two representatives from each province, and that they add to their number as follows: Four cheese manufacturers, three butter manufacturers, three milk distributors, three milk and cream producers, two ice cream manufacturers and one condensary representative. From the above, numbering thirty-four in all, eastern and western executives should be selected.

At the final meeting of the Dominion Dairy Conference resolutions were adopted dealing with the following subjects: The improvement of dairy herds, oleomargarine, payment for milk on butter fat content, investigation of British market requirements; procedure in taking milk samples; scale of points and grading certificates for cheese and butter.

National Dairy Council.

The following were named by the delegates to the conference as representatives of the respective provinces on the National Council:—

British Columbia—E. W. Clark, S. H. Shannon.

Alberta—E. T. Love, P. Palleson.

Saskatchewan—O. W. Anderson, H. Salmon.

Manitoba—W. J. Cummings, Alex. McKay.

Ontario—E. H. Stonehouse, MacRobertson.

Quebec—Jas. Winter, J. B. Vincent.

New Brunswick—P. Simmonds, W. H. Huggard.

Nova Scotia—H. Faulconer, D. W. Murray.

Prince Edward Island—J. W. Jones, J. T. Profit.

Representatives of the various branches of the dairy industry were appointed as follows:—

Cheese—J. P. Cox, Quebec; F. Boyes, Ontario; W. Olmstead, Ontario; W. W. Brevey, Alberta.

Butter—J. Pare, Quebec; W. G. Wedd, Ontario; W. A. Wilson, Saskatchewan.

Milk distributors—J. J. Joubert, Quebec; J. Bingham, Ontario; J. M. Carruthers, Manitoba.

Milk and cream producers—A. P. Hillhouse, Quebec; R. G. Leggett, Ontario; J. W. Berry, British Columbia.

Ice cream—J. W. Carlyle, Alberta; W. J. Foaster, Ontario.

Condensaries—Representative to be named.

Officers of Council.

The council elected the following officers:—President, E. H. Stonehouse, Weston; vice-president, A. M. MacKay, Winnipeg. Eastern executive: E. H. Stonehouse, F. Boyes, Dorchester, Ont.; J. Pare, Coaticook, P.Q.; J. Bingham, Ottawa; J. Walter Jones, Prince Edward Island. Western executive: A. M. MacKay, Manitoba; P. Palleson, Calgary; J. W. Berry, British Columbia; O. W. Anderson, Saskatchewan. Secretary, pro tem, G. A. Putman.

The conference passed a resolution thanking the Minister of Agriculture for calling the dairymen of Canada together at the present opportune time.

WAR SAVINGS STAMP CAMPAIGN

The personnel of the National War Savings Committee has been announced by the minister of finance. Sir Herbert Ames has been appointed chairman of the committee. With him will be associated 15 members, representing every province in the Dominion. The following are the names of the members of the committee as officially given out:—

Sir Herbert Ames, chairman; Campbell Sweeny, Vancouver; H. W. Wood, Calgary; Hon. Geo. A. Bell, Regina; John Galt, Winnipeg; Geo. M. Reid, London; Sir Geo. Burn, Ottawa; Rene T. Leclerc, Montreal; W. M. Birks, Montreal; Hon. Cyrille Delage, Quebec; Sir Douglas Hazen, St. John, N.B.; W. A. Black, Halifax; Hon. Murdock McKinnon, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Thomas Moore, president Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Ottawa; and Dr. J. H. Putnam, secretary-treasurer Dominion Educational Association, Ottawa. The sixteenth, representing Central Ontario, has not yet been appointed.

It is understood that the minister of finance will invite the members of the committee to meet in Ottawa shortly, when the war savings stamp campaign recently announced will be fully discussed and plans formulated.