

Q. Do you mean so much per pound?—A. Yes. That is a matter for Mayor Morris. I am to get my instructions from him.

Q. Because I understand you have been getting very profitable prices this year?—A. They have been profitable. The butter we made this year from November up to now has been a paying investment to the farmers, and they have made money, where they have been able to avail themselves of sending their milk to the winter creameries.

Take Wellman's Corners, established by the Government as a dairy station, to see what could really be done. The other morning they telephoned me that they had received that morning 23,000 pounds of milk. What do you think of that, in March? That was delivered by the farmers in a vicinity where a thousand pounds was a big quantity a year ago, in that same creamery. Now this business is going ahead.

Q. This may have been milk for a week?—Not a bit of it; they were delivering every day.

Q. 23,000 pounds is a good lot?—A. It is a good lot for this time of the year. If the farmers are able to send \$1,300 worth of milk in the summer and in the winter to this creamery, the children won't leave the farm, the wife won't appear in an ordinary bonnet to church, but the people will feel happy and good natured, because they have got the money.

By Mr. Campbell :

Q. What assistance do you want?—A. I do not feel at liberty to forestall what Mr. Morris, the warden of Sherbrooke county, proposes to ask of the Government this afternoon, but I will tell you what we want in Ontario. What the Ontario Creameries Association would like to see is a faster line of steamships. We want larger refrigerator compartments and more of them so that we can get our butter to the old country fresh and in the finest condition in summer as well as winter, so that indeed we can go in and possess the land.

By Mr. Sanborn :

Q. And drive somebody else out?—A. Yes, and we will drive them out. Why should we not sell our butter to England as readily as Denmark does? We have driven out our competitors with our cheese and we can do it with our butter.

By Mr. Campbell :

Q. Do you want a bounty on butter?—A. That is what we want.

By Mr. Carpenter :

Q. How many pounds of winter milk will make a pound of butter?—A. About 20 pounds on the average. Some of them make it with 18 pounds.

Q. What is the average charge of the creameries?—A. Three cents a pound for making.

Q. Ready for export?—A. Ready for export.

The CHAIRMAN.—I may explain to the committee that Mr. Derbyshire is one of the oldest creamery men in Canada. I have known him for a great many years and he is certainly one of the first men in the country in this particular line. Anything he says on this subject ought certainly to have more importance attached to it than anything coming from a man of less experience or less intelligence.

The preceding statement by Mr. Derbyshire, President of the Ontario Creamery Association, is hereby certified correct as taken down by the committee's stenographers.

J. H. MacLEOD,
Clerk to the Committee.