

begin to realize, properly, how much we owe for all that makes life desirable to the freedom of the institutions under which we live.

There is no place I looked upon while abroad with more interest than the little island in the Thames, opposite Runnymede, and just below the royal castle at Windsor. It was here the barons in old time forced from King John the Magna Charta, the grand old compact, that gave birth to English and American liberties. The stone is still preserved there, upon which the king signed the document more than six hundred years ago; and as I looked upon it, I thought how different might have been the destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race, had the great Charter not been given, and how great its influence in moulding and educating the people in the rights of manhood, and in establishing our civil and religious liberties.

Surely no two countries ought to be more closely united in friendship than Great Britain and the United States. Our commercial relations, to say nothing of race, language, religion and laws, make it desirable; and I trust that no unkind feelings may ever be engendered between such near neighbors as the States and Provinces. As dairymen, we of the States desire that all political or sectional differences be laid aside, and that you unite with us in elevating the standard of American cheese, until it has no rival in the markets of the world. We hail, therefore, the inauguration of a Canada Dairymen's Association, hoping that it will make common cause with us in our competition with European manufacturers.

The product of cheese now manufactured in America is very much beyond the consumptive demand of our people. Large quantities must be exported abroad, and unless remunerative prices be obtained, other branches of farming must be taken up, and our herds and factories abandoned. Britain is our principal foreign market. The peculiar condition of her wants is a fortunate circumstance for us, and gives hope that we shall ultimately succeed in producing for her the great bulk of this product. She now divides her imports, purchasing from Holland 80,000,000 pounds of cheese per annum—nearly double what she takes from us.

England, as you are aware, is densely populated, and is devoted to manufactures. She has long since ceased to produce the food needed for her people, and draws largely from other nations for every kind of eatable. The product of the dairy is a concentrated food, cheaper of transportation than the more bulky articles of grain and live stock, and this would seem to indicate that the time must come when dairy-farming in England will be abandoned for the fattening of stock for the shambles, and the growing of those crops, the cost of transportation upon which makes it expensive for her to import. Could the dairy-farmers of England be induced to abandon the business, American cheese dairying would the most reliable, remunerative and enduring branch of industry in which we could engage. We should have a steady export trade of all we could make, and at good prices, because *there* cheese enters into general consumption, and is regarded as one of the staples of life. But we never can effect this object, or break the Holland trade, so long as we continue to flood her markets with an inferior cheese, quick of decay and liable to waste upon the dealers' hands. I regret to say, that with all our appliances and skill, there has been but small improvement in the manufacture of American cheese the present

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