

I drove them around some myself, and two salesmen were present at our association meeting in London last year. They went around, and they found out what we were doing and the principal thing that they learned was that our dairymen always cried: "Don't skim; don't skim. Don't make skim cheese." They were making skim cheese and putting in other ingredients to cheapen the product and make a profit by destroying the quality. They went back and told the Americans and their representative men, and the representative men went to the Government, and the Government gave them money. They told them that they must appoint inspectors and see that the milk sent in was better. They did so, and last year they got \$70,000 from New York State alone, and they have \$10,000 to employ two special analysts for New York State alone, making \$80,000 in all. What is the result? I heard a large dealer say last fall, that instead of being able to come to Canada to get these goods they could get these goods where skim cheese was produced before. We know their interests and we know our own, and we must look at our materials and see that we do not lose the market we have to-day. We have to use pure milk. We have to continue the making of excellent cheese. We have Prof. Robertson and others who can tell us what to do; but we want an Act to punish the fraudulent and protect the honest one, and I am sorry to say there are too many of them not honest. Perhaps some of the farmers will not like what I say, but I say before the committee that there should be an Act to punish them, and inspectors should be appointed by the Dominion Government to see that there may be no failing, and, where guilty, to see that they shall be punished. This last year we spent \$3,200 on inspectors, in western Ontario, and it has resulted in a very large amount of good.

In the first place, many of the factories said: "We don't want inspectors;" but those who did not want them last year want them this year. Why? Because the good milk will go to the factory that has the inspector and the bad will go to those that haven't them. A gentleman here will tell you that when they had Mr. Macdonald, who was a volunteer inspector, visit their factory last year he found thirty-six adulterated and thirty-two pure. You would hardly think that possible in a respectable community. Next day, when they inspected the milk they were nearly all right. They expected the inspector. It is not the amount of good which may be done at the time, but it is the terror that keeps dishonest men from doing it. The man who sends watered milk not only robs the factory, but robs this country of its good name. It did me good yesterday to see the way that representative men took up the work. They seemed to be heart and soul in with the dairymen. I never was so much surprised as to see the intelligence and ability of these French gentlemen. They took hold of the matter in such a way as to show they have a power that we have not got, especially my friend Prof. Barnard. If anything is to be accomplished and this Dominion association carried on we need a little grease to keep the wheels going. We have seen the good results from the Ontario association through the grants given by the Ontario Government. I believe more good can be done by the Dominion Government. If Canada is to stand to the front, and if we are to be able to produce the best goods to send to England, we must have the right quality of milk. I am sorry to say that very much of it is not the best, and the reason is, you cannot make good cheese from rotten milk nor robbed milk. If you take away the cream you take away the essential oils that give that peculiar richness which marks our Canadian cheese; you also take away the weight. But there is no time to go into all these things. We want the law first to punish the offenders, and then we want the inspector appointed to carry it out. We want the means necessary to do these things. We do not want more than is necessary, but we want this man appointed, so that we will find out what is wanted. I believe if you give us a grant and give us your assistance we shall be able to appoint a man of prudence and judgment, a man of integrity, who will spend that money solely for the advancement of the dairy interest of Canada. I hope you will see in your judgment the necessity for a Dominion association, and help it along. When I first got word of it a few weeks ago, when Mr. Lynch first approached us with his letter, we said the delegates would