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Meeting of The Dairymen's Association.

Thanks to the energetic exertions of their indefatigable secretary, M. J. de L. Taché, the meeting of the Dairymen's Association at Three-Rivers on the 19th and 20th of January seems to have been very successful. Various addresses were delivered by Messrs. Archambault, Painchaud, Casavant and others. Messrs. Chapais and Barnard led in the discussions to which the different papers read gave rise; and various resolutions were passed relating to partially skimmed cheese, and the means to be employed to discover the real feeling of the foreign, and especially of the English, market with respect to it.

In the evening of the 20th the members of LES CEROLES AGRICOLES held their annual meeting at the same place. The session was opened by Mgr Lafleche, Bishop of Three-Rivers, in an eloquent discourse on the estimation in which Agriculture ought to be held, and the three great principles on which the riches and power of every nation are founded. The

speech of venerable Bishop occupied two hours in delivery and was listened to with napt attention.

A conversation took place about a letter received by the president from M. l'abbé Montminy, complaining of a resolution passed by the Council of Agriculture, which evinces a certain degree of hostility to the *Cercles agricoles*; as being in the Council's opinion antagonistic to the *Agricultural Societies*, which the revd. abbé denied to be the case. The Hon. F. X. Larue declared that so far from the *Cercles Agricoles* opposing the proper operations of the *Agricultural Societies*, they had in several cases assisted them when in trouble.

On the 21st a visit was paid by the members of the meeting to Mr. Barnard's farm, about 5 miles from the town, where they were invited to inspect the implements, stock, and siloes of this experimental establishment. Thanks were voted to the Director of Agriculture for his kindness in affording the visitors an opportunity of inspecting his operations. The half bred Jersey-Canadians, the Canadian stallion, and the siloes seem to have afforded great satisfaction to the members of the association.

On their return from the experimental farm the last meeting was held.

Great astonishment was expressed by Messrs. Casavant, Larue, and Marsan at Mr. Barnard's not being a member of the Council of Agriculture, and the visitors were advised to impress upon the minds of the members for their respective counties the propriety of persuading the ministry to appoint Mr. Barnard a member of the Council as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, I could not be present at the meetings of the two societies, so M. J. de L. Taché was kind enough to read an essay I had written on "Permanent meadows and pastures."  
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