

Association who might perhaps hope from the unfortunate dullness of the butter market, to compel the creamery men to accept less than 20 cents per pound for winter-made creamery butter.

I desire to point out to the members of your Association that not less than 5,000 farmers are already directly engaged in supporting winter creameries in Canada, and that the industry is capable of very considerable and profitable enlargement from year to year.

I may inform you that I have information from letters received at my Department, that the action of the Government in this matter is heartily commended by representative creamery men and farmers in the Dominion, and you will permit me to state that, while I regard the action of the Government as incidentally helpful and beneficial to merchants who export butter, it will be found especially advantageous to the dairy farmers of Canada, whose interests, I am sure you will agree with me, are incomparably of the greatest importance to the country.

I may further point out to you that the principle on which the Government has acted, namely, fostering, by giving a new direction to an important Canadian agricultural industry, is one that is well accepted.

The second reason which is urged in your letter against the action of the Government is that winter-made Canadian butter would come into competition "with new grass-made butter from other countries, which the English market is receiving."

I fear that in making this remark on behalf of your Association you have not been well informed as to the sources whence the English market received its supplies of butter at this season of the year, or it would doubtless have oc-