

## PREFATORY REMARKS

We have great pleasure in presenting to the Dairymen of Canada, and to the general public, the Report of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Canadian Dairymen's Association. The Executive Committee spared no pains to make the Convention a success, by arranging an interesting programme, and by securing the services of men of marked ability to explain, on scientific principles, the ordinary, as well as the exceptional results of dairying operations. The Report will, doubtless, therefore, be found replete with valuable information, and if the questions therein discussed, and the facts therein explained be read with that careful thought that their importance demands, the result must needs be profitable to all. It will be more especially profitable to that class of the community for whose benefit it is more especially published.

It is pleasing to witness the increasing interest which is being manifested by dairymen in the deliberations of the Association. When men will travel far, and incur expense, and suffer hardship to attend the Annual Convention, it shows how keenly they appreciate the advantages and realize the benefits accruing from such cooperative societies. Dairymen are everywhere awakening to the importance of profiting by each other's experience and of utilizing the results of every scientific analysis. They realize the fallacy of the expression: "The farmer needs not the help of science." They feel that every year they have to contend with a keener com-