

A Veteran's Story



Mr. Joseph Hemmrich, an old soldier, 529 E. 146th St., N. Y. City, writes us voluntarily. In 1862, at the battle of Fair Oaks, he was stricken with typhoid fever, and after a long struggle in hospitals, lasting several years, was discharged as incurable with Consumption.

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Closing Hours

Of the Great Gathering of Ontario Dairymen.

A Grand Banquet Winds Up the Successful Convention.

Interesting Figures From Inspector J. B. Millar's Report.

A Talk About Bugs—Characteristic Address by Hon. John Dryden—Speech by the Veteran C. E. Chadwick, of Ingersoll—A Series of Resolutions.

Thursday Morning.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The morning session began sharp on time by the reading of the association inspector's report by T. B. Millar, also of the Ontario Agricultural College. During the year he had visited 78 cheese and one butter factory all over Western Ontario. He had traveled 6,040 miles by train and had driven 1,505 miles. In these 78 factories the milk in 87 was found to contain less than 3 per cent. of butter-fat, and in five places less than 2 per cent. The poorest milk inspected contained 1.5 per cent. butter-fat, the richest sample 7 per cent. This was said by Mr. Millar to be a splendid argument in favor of buying and selling milk according to quality. Forty-two patrons were charged with tampering with milk; 33 pleaded guilty and two more were convicted. Seventeen were charged with taking cream, fifteen with diluting and three with keeping back strippings. The lowest percentage of dilution was 13, the highest 80. The Babcock test could be found in 35 factories, and fifteen factories were paying for milk according to quality.

PERTINENT POINTERS.

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne advocated the dairy school at Guelph as a means of obtaining a working knowledge of the Babcock test. He would also establish centrally located factories for the instruction of cheese-makers who could visit them. One might be established, to begin with, at Woodstock.

Duncan Leitch, Glenora, said that the people around Ingersoll and Woodstock thought that they were the whole of Ontario. They forget that between London and Windsor there was a stretch of over 100 miles of unexcelled dairy land, and between London and Sarnia there was 60 miles more. Speaking of the difficulty of securing competent cheese-makers and the need of securing more instructors, Mr. Leitch took occasion to give Hon. Mr. Dryden, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, some advice, counselling him to sell about 250 acres of the college farm at Guelph (and they could well afford it, he said) and establish a little dairy and fruit farm west of London. (Applause.)

PROF. FLETCHER ON BUGS.

Prof. Fletcher, Ottawa, gave a talk on "Bugs," which he held to be a most important thing. They were losing more from bugs than they were from anything else. Mr. Fletcher drew attention to insects injurious to crops and animals, fungus growths and noxious weeds. Insects living on crops could be exterminated by a rotation or change of crops. This would also save soil from exhaustion. Insects could be divided into two great classes—those that ate and those that sucked their foods. For those insects that eat plants poison should be placed on the plants. A mixture of coal oil and soap suds sprayed on insects that sucked their food was very satisfactory, as also was insect powder. Remedies were of two kinds—preventive and active. Among the first named were high culture, proper care, clean farming and rotation of crops. The simplest of active remedies was hand-picking, hopper dosers, and insecticides. Paris green was best applied in liquid form, by a spray pump if possible. It could be applied in dry form when the dew was on the plant, but very often in summer time plants (like men) did not get their dew.

HON. JOHN DRYDEN.

Mr. Dryden was warmly applauded. It was certainly a grand meeting, he said, and he was delighted to be present. He apprehended that anyone who wished to be a dairyman must be pleased to be present at such a gathering. He was especially pleased to see that there were several prominent American gentlemen present. He was glad to have had the liberty of looking into their faces and was happy to tell them that the present gathering was a

fair sample of what they would see in Ontario. Mr. Dryden said he was always glad to mingle in convention with dairymen, because they were among the most intelligent, progressive and most enterprising of all agriculturalists. Glad for another reason, because they had done so much in recent years towards perfecting their product and thus adding to the wealth of the Province; and again because of their recent victories in competition with the world at the fair in Chicago. The towns of Ingersoll and Sarnia, he said, were the dairyman's association in the Province of Ontario was organized; here the first annual convention was assembled, and here the first cheese fair was held under the auspices of this association, and he thought he was right in saying that in Ingersoll there had been established one of the best of provincial cheese markets. He thought he was correct in saying that the Ingersoll brand of cheese was of sufficient guarantee to command the best market anywhere. Twenty-five years of earnest, incessant work has brought the dairymen of this country their deserved reward. They had the satisfaction now of knowing that the product which they produced occupied the first place of all the cheese products in the world. Those who had managed this association during all these years had not been believers in legislative enactment to compel people to do certain things. They had rather picked out their best and strongest men and sent them to help those who were weak. The dairymen of the country had been standing side by side and shoulder to shoulder, realizing that one man could not make a poor article and put it on the market without injuring the others. They had been striving for a uniform grade and the result could be seen at the recent competition. The association could give notable results for the public money that has been expended in their behalf, and in this it was a good example to other associations. They had done nothing more than their duty. Some associations had not been so wide awake and active. He hoped that those who were engaged in the work might still move forward, for they had to remember that at Chicago they had given away the secret of their success; but in doing that they had, perhaps, convinced the world that Canadians were entitled to the first place. They would have to meet the same competitors in the future, and they must still go forward and do better.

Mr. Dryden went into the practical results of a year's work with eight cows. The cash received from the factory was \$305; received for products (cream and whey) \$80; for butter sold, \$193; skim milk, \$75; total, \$653. The cost of feed was \$294, leaving a balance of \$559 profit—within \$1 of \$70 per cow. The entire receipt from each cow was something over \$100. The tremendous drought extending all over the Province last summer caused a great falling off in the amount of cheese produced. Mr. Dryden spoke again of the great necessity for instruction, of the great pleasure he had in spreading the dairymen's report of the convention all over the country. There never was a time when dairying was at such high tide. It had been suggested that as head of the Department of Agriculture in the Province he ought to be doing more, and his friend (referring to Mr. D. Leitch, Glenora), told him how it should be done. But a legislator had to be careful of expenditure, as the electors would not return extravagant men; but he was not ashamed of what he had done, and Mr. Leitch did not need to apologize. Too much money could not be expended in furthering the dairy interest of the country.

"Dairying in this Province," said Mr. Dryden in conclusion, "has gone on steadily increasing since the time of the inception of these organizations, and I think I am right in saying that there never in the history of the country was so much interest manifested or were so many persons to be found who are turning their attention to dairying as at the present time. In the midst of the depression that ends all over the world to-day our dairy products more than hold their own, and notwithstanding that we are making many thousands of pounds more of butter as well as of cheese, both these products command a better price than at any time in recent years. Our Legislature cannot do better than to give every encouragement to the work of these organizations, for we can do better than to continue in office the public spirited men who have through all these years been so active, so energetic, in prosecuting the work you have in hand."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In order to get the town all in readiness for the banquet in the evening, the afternoon session was intended to be held in the Royal Templars' hall, but it was found to be too small, and an adjournment was made to the Salvation Army barracks. D. Derbyshire, Brockville, gave a practical address, in which he rehearsed the chief points brought out in convention. He dwelt on the efficacy of the Babcock test.

A VETERAN ON THE PLATFORM.

Mr. C. E. Chadwick, Ingersoll (honorary secretary), although suffering from infirmities attendant on increasing years, aggravated by the grippe, was able to be present. Mr. Derbyshire introduced the old gentleman as one of the pioneers of this great country; the man who stood up for the industry when there was no man to cheer it on. Every man in the hall stood up and cheered as the veteran commenced to speak. Their flattering reception made a deep impression on Mr. Chadwick. He said it was in all probability the last time that he might ever meet them in convention. The sands of life were fast approaching completion and the glass would soon be running to the turn of the other way and begin afresh. The large assembly on the present occasion was very gratifying, because after the experience of five and twenty years this was the most successful convention that he had ever witnessed. The association was composed of men second to none on the face of the earth; intelligent men, who with their energies and spirit had contributed to make out of the forest the fertile field. All honor to those men who have been instrumental in inaugurating that industry and had made it what it is. Who had done it? If it was not those present it was their forefathers. They had heard it said on too many hands that the country was going to the dogs, that our people were leaving us. What for? To go to another country better than this? He defied them to find one on the face of the earth. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

D. M. MacPherson and Mr. Gould contributed to the afternoon's programme.

PROF. ROBERTSON.

Prof. Robertson detailed Canada's glory at the World's Fair and referred to the big Canadian cheese which he held had served the object for which it had been made—advertising. The cheese had been damaged on the outside when it arrived in Liverpool. The man who bought it refused to take it, saying that he had contracted that it should be landed in England in good condition. Mr. Robertson held that the contract was that the cheese should be in good condition when it left Chicago. But rather than take a lawsuit

he thought it better to sell at 5 or 6 cents and pocket it.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by D. Derbyshire, seconded by D. MacPherson: That the members of the Western Dairymen's Association in convention assembled hereby record our appreciation of the eminent services rendered to the dairy interests of Canada by Mr. A. F. McLaren, who acted as judge in cheese at the World's Fair, and the recognition of his ability, good judgment and fairness by his fellow judges from the United States and those officially connected with the exhibit was an honor and advantage to this country. Carried.

Moved by T. Ballantyne, seconded by H. White: That the officers and members of the Western Dairymen's Association express their thanks to the mayor and corporation of the town of Ingersoll, to the president and members of its Board of Trade for the cordial reception given to all who have attended this meeting, and for the excellent arrangements made to insure its success. We record our opinion that it is largely through their efforts that this has been the largest and most successful convention held in the history of the Western Association. Carried.

Moved by James F. Williams, seconded by A. F. McLaren: That the following gentlemen, namely, Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, Mr. Harold Eagle and Mr. J. F. Beam, be appointed to represent the Western Dairymen's Association at the road improvement convention to be held in the city of Toronto on the 31st.

Moved by L. A. Price, seconded by Wm. Fewster: That we, the dairymen who have attended this convention, tender our hearty thanks and record our warm sense of appreciation to the outside speakers who have been present at these meetings, some of whom have come voluntarily at considerable inconvenience, and have aided with their ability in making the meeting valuable to all present. We hereby thank our American friends, as well as our own speakers, for their contributions to what has been a grand and successful dairy convention. Carried.

Moved by J. W. Scott, seconded by D. Leitch: That the dairymen of Western Ontario at this meeting record our appreciation of the assistance rendered by dairy commissioners in securing a worthy exhibit of Canadian cheese at the World's Fair, by the directors of this Western Association, and by the buyers who responded to their invitation and devoted considerable time to the selection of cheese for that exhibit. We hereby thank them for their efforts which resulted in bringing off a large proportion of awards to Western Ontario. Carried.

Moved by J. F. Williams, seconded by R. Facey, and resolved: That whereas the executive committee of the Western Dairymen's Association have in the past been in the habit of making an annual grant to the Industrial Exhibition of Toronto, and the Western Fair of London, for the purposes of awards in cheese-making, which we do not believe is giving general satisfaction; we are, therefore, of the opinion that better results could be obtained by awards being given at the annual convention, where the defects could be better explained.

THE BIG CHEESE.

The last motion was referred to the executive committee. In speaking about the motion Mr. Ballantyne took occasion to reiterate his remarks made in London last summer that the big cheese was a bad investment. It would not be in fit condition to advertise Canadian cheese when it arrived in England, he said, and the arrival of the cheese in England in bad condition had borne out his contention. Mr. Ballantyne said that if the cheese was bad when it arrived in Liverpool it must have been bad when it left America. He again referred to Prof. Robertson's position with regard to Quebec cheese, claiming that Quebec had been favored by the professor more than Ontario, and asked that as every other exhibit from Ontario had been separately classed as such, why had not the cheese, and so bring the credit where it was due.

The auditors' report followed and was adopted, and then Prof. Robertson replied. He accused Mr. Ballantyne of being jealous, and said that he (Prof. Robertson) was not responsible for what the newspapers said. He had never written anything derogatory to Mr. Ballantyne; anything that he wrote had his name signed to it. He held that the progress Quebec had made in dairying would not hurt Ontario one-twentieth part of a cent. Quebec's gain was Ontario's gain.

After some further remarks from Chairman Pattullo and a humorous benediction from D. Derbyshire, Brockville, the convention ended.

[Special to the Advertiser.]

THE BANQUET.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 25.—The great three days' convention of Western Dairymen came to an end to-night in a blaze of glory and a banquet. Covers were turned for fully 500 people in the town hall, and while the men ate the fair ones of Ingersoll occupied the stage and looked with interest on the brilliant scene below. Mr. Stephen Noxon presided, and the Ingersoll orchestra furnished excellent music.

WHO WERE THERE.

Sir Richard Cartwright occupied the seat of honor, and on his right and left were Prof. Robertson and President Pattullo. Among others present were Hon. Senator Reid, Hon. John Dryden, Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, Dr. McKay, M.P.P. (South Oxford), Prof. Fletcher, S. H. Jones (Toronto), Mayor Williams (Ingersoll), J. C. Hegler, J. H. Hegler (secretary of reception committee), James Sinclair, George Alderson, J. A. Mitchell (Ingersoll), A. F. McLaren (Windsor), Wm. Irwin (local manager of the Merchants' Bank), D. Derbyshire (Brockville), John Gould (Ohio), J. L. Williams (Ingersoll), J. W. Wheaton (London), T. D. Miller (Paragon cheese), John Gayber (Ingersoll), W. A. Dowler (warden of Oxford), Rev. E. B. Hutt, J. A. Richardson (Imperial Bank), A. N. Christopher, T. B. Noxon, Thos. Seldon, John Podmore, C. C. L. Wilson (Ingersoll), J. A. Ruddick (Woodstock), J. S. Pearce (London), D. H. Charles (Woodstock), John Christopher, Joseph Gibson (postmaster), J. F. Morley (Ingersoll), E. Casswell (London), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. J. C. Hegler, Mrs. J. H. Hegler, Mrs. Noxon, Mrs. Seldon, Mrs. Newton, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Simater, Mrs. Hault, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Kelso, Miss Payne, Mrs. Gayber, Mrs. Noxon, Mrs. A. M. Christopher, the Misses Christopher, Miss Chadwick, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Mills, Miss McCoy, Mrs. C. C. L. Wilson.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were received in a truly loyal and patriotic style. John Gould, of Ohio, replied characteristically and wittily to "Our Neighbors." Hon. Senator Reid and Sir Richard Cartwright replied to the toast of "The Canadian Parliament"; Hon. Thos. Ballantyne and D. Derbyshire to "Canadian Dairymen"; Andrew Pattullo to "The Press and the Dairy"; Hon. John Dryden to "Our Agricultural Interests"; Prof. Robertson to "The Dairy Commissioner"; C. E. Chadwick and S. H. Jones to "Canada Our Home"; Mayor Williams, M.D., to "The Birthplace of Canadian Co-operative Dairymen"; and Dr. Lucas to "The Ladies." Letters of regret were read from Hon.

Willfrid Laurier, Hon. John Thompson, Sir Oliver Mowat, W. R. Meredith, C. C. James (Deputy Minister of Agriculture), and others.

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The ticket scalpers of the east are going to have a hard time if a plan now under consideration is adopted by the big railroads running into New York. This plan provides for the redemption of unused tickets by the railroads selling them for the price originally paid for them by the purchasers. It also provides that partly used tickets, or single rate excursion tickets, as well as all special rate tickets, shall be redeemed by the respective companies insuring them at prices that will drive the scalpers out of the business, as the scalpers will have no purchasers.



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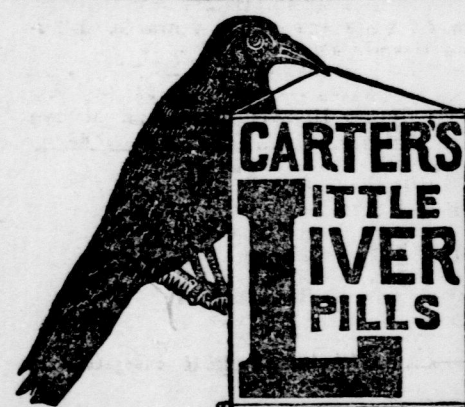
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