very small area and the dealers were not long in finding out that ample sup-ply could be secured by bringing in milk by train. This was done and milk producers 100 miles away helped to relieve the scarcity.

It is pleasing to know, however, that both parties have decided upon the common sense plan of arbitration. A full presentation of the case for both sides before an independent tribunal should help matters very much and bring about a better understanding of the situation. Up to the time of going to press the arbitrators' award as to price had not been given.

## The Dairymen Must Make Good

While we have no desire to criticize in any way the expenditures for dairy-ing this season, as we believe that the Government should do all that it can to maintain and improve the quality of our dairy products, yet it will be of interest to many to know that the total appropriation of the Ontario Govern ment for dairying in 1907 alone is \$84,000. Of this amount \$28,000 is for the tion with the Ontario Agricultural College, and \$13,750 for the dairy schools at Kingston and Strathroy, leaving a balance of over \$43,000 for instruction work in cheese factories and creameries work in cheese factories and creameries and in grants to the two dairy associa-tions. It is only fair to say, however, that the appropriations given above for the dairy schools are offset by a revenue of over \$20,000 derived from products The expenditure for instruction work

is the main item and the large increase over 1906 is due to the decision of the Government to have the instructors visit every factory in the province. According to a report issued by the Government last year, there were 1,350 cheese factories and creameries in operation in Ontario in 1906. Deducting the \$2,000 grant to each of the dairy associations, we have a total of \$39,000 to be expended on instruction work this year, or an expenditure of nearly \$29 upon each factory and creamery in the province. This makes it incumbent upon the dairymen to make good. No other branch of agriculture receives as much from the public treasury and if good results are not forthcoming to show for it the large expenditure may come in for some criticism from those interested in other pursuits. far as the instructors are concerned, we believe they will make good. But they cannot do it all. If the rank and file of our dairymen, whether makers or operators, are not willing to make the best use of the instruction given the best results cannot be obtained. The patron and maker should realize this most thoroughly and endeavor to make the most of the instruction they receive. Do not hang back and let the instructor do the whole thing. Co-operate with him in every way and endeavor to profit as much as possible from this large expenditure.

## Shipping Green Cheese

For one or two seasons past there For one or two seasons past there have been many complaints from the trade of cheese being shipped from the factories too green, a practice that will most certainly injure the reputation of Canadian cheese in the British market and eventually lessen the price to the producer. Dairymen have been warned repeatedly regarding this pernicious practice, and why they will continue to ignore the advice given is a mystery.

Dairy Commissioner Ruddick writes

us that many factories are this season shipping cheese in a very green condition. Cases are reported where cheese made on Monday has been boxed and shipped on Tuesday. Such a practice is ruinous. Dealing with this question further, Mr. Ruddick says

"If we continue to ship green cheese of Great Britain at a time of the year when they are most likely to go into direct consumption, there can only be one result, and that will be to check the consumption of cheese enormously, with a consequent decrease in the o mand which is bound to have the effect of reducing the price before the season is over. It would seem to require scarcely a second thought to convince any person that it is a most suicidal policy to allow the cheese to be shipped when they are not in a condition fit for food and when their presence on the market will have the effect of stopping the consumption of cheese, and encouraging the consumers to look for some other article of food.
"It is useless to throw all the blame

on the buyers, and let it go at that. The buyers know the danger of this ort of thing well enough, and the fact that they are offering to buy the cheese is proof that they will not act in the interest of the producer when it serves their purpose to do differently. factory manager or salesman cannot escape his responsibility for the pro-tection of his own business, or the business of his patrons. It is quite evident that the only way to deal with this question is for the salesman to refuse to sell the cheese until they are fit for market. I appreciate the difficulty of individual action in a matter of this kind, owing to the strenuous competition among the factories, but there is nothing to prevent the salesmen on the different cheese boards from agreeing as a body not to allow cheese to leave their factories until they have attained a reasonable age, say at least ten days or two weeks. Some of the cheese boards have already done so and I venture to say that the factories represented will reap a handsome reward before

the season is over.
"When the patrons of cheese factories come to fully realize how vitally they

are interested in the actual condition of the cheese as it reaches the consumers in Great Britain, they will make it warm for any factory manager or salesman who allows absolutely green cheese to be shipped from the factory. What is the use of the Governments spending money for the purpose of instruction

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