

PREFACE.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of the WESTERN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION which has just closed, was held in the Town Hall, at Stratford, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February, and has been in no way behind its predecessors in point of interest and the general excellence of the papers presented on the occasion. The old veterans in the service keep coming to the front and elaborating upon the new developments of the past year, and the interest taken by those in attendance at the Convention is a practical proof that the knowledge thus disseminated is likely to be utilized by the members of the Association. The vast strides which have taken place in the last ten years in the art of cheese making has been largely due to the influence and effort of the Dairymen's Association, an organization that has effected so complete a revolution in the amount and quality of dairy products, that astonishes those who may only casually have had their attention directed to this important item of our agricultural products. The business of the past season has been one of profit to the dairymen, the high price of the product has

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