

what you call "deacons" are disposed of and young calves killed in order that the full milk can be used in the dairy. I have no doubt that a great many of those calves would make excellent dairy cows. They come from good dairy stock and would make excellent dairy cows. A system might be devised by which these animals could be exported to Manitoba, and so much wealth be made to flow into that country. What we want out there is population and stock of all kinds. We will develop and assist in developing that country, so far as butter-making is concerned, and show that the country is quite capable of doing so. We live in that latitude where the highest quality of butter is produced, and we can develop a system by which we can draw from our cows a great deal more value than we do at the present time. We only take six months' milk from our cows. We ought to take nine or ten months, and we could do that with a proper system of winter dairying; but there are many ideas of this kind that we might learn from one another by being brought together in this association. I believe the most important association of this Dominion will be the Dominion association. It is the purpose of this association, if they can succeed in forming themselves and getting the necessary legislation to become incorporated, to meet here about the opening days of Parliament and have a session of three or four days, so that each representative might keep himself thoroughly posted in such an important interest. We are here for the purpose of asking your assistance to give a dairy commissioner, whose duties shall be to watch over the dairy interests of the country and to assist us in other ways. We have got to thank you very much for your kindness in allowing us to meet here in these rooms, and I will take back to the Province of Manitoba a very satisfactory feeling of the good results that are being accomplished through this association.

MR. CASSEWELL (Ingersoll).—I will not detain you long. It would be useless in me, after the exhaustive speeches that have been made, especially by Prof. Robertson, to speak at length. I think, however, I can give you a few facts that will cover the ground for the necessity of this Dominion association. We received an invitation from Mr. Lynch to meet here, and our association thought well to send six delegates, but I am sorry to say only two came. I am sorry Mr. Ballantyne is not here, but I am happy to say we have been able to place him on the board of directors. What I wish to impress particularly on the mind of the committee and the Government is this: that in the past there is nothing that has done so much good as the dairy industry of Canada. I have had the honor of being connected with the Ontario Association, as director, president or vice-president, since its inception, along with Mr. Ballantyne.

We have tried to do the best we could for the public interest, and we have tried to use the money given us to as good advantage as possible, so I do not think the Government of Ontario can look back and find where they have spent any money more judiciously than that given to the Dairymen's Association; and what I want principally to impress on this meeting is this: that we are at the head of the world as a cheese-producing country, and have the name of producing the best quality. Now, we have competitors who, if we do not take care and keep ourselves at the head, will take the place we have, and that we have taken from them. Some fear the United States; but we have other countries to fear more than the United States, especially Australia and New Zealand, who are devoting their attention to the produce of dairies, and last year it was the cause of lower prices being paid during the season, because there was expected to be a large amount, four times the export of what it was other years, but on account of the drouth it did not come, and it did not have the expected effect. Well, some few years ago the American product was excellent and the best goods sent to England. The circulars reported American cheese 2 to 4 shillings above Canadian cheese. About four or five years ago, through the efforts of the Dairymen's Association, all the intelligence that could be brought to bear on Canadian cheese was published in the circulars. Canadian cheese then took a start and headed the market. What did the Americans do? They appointed some of the principal dairymen of that country to go through our dairies.