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SYNDICATES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE FACTORIES

TO THE PUBLIC.

On the 22nd January, 1889, the eve of the annual meeting, held at L'Assomption, the Board of Directors of the Dairymen's Association adopted the following resolution :

" Resolven : That, seeing the excellent results obtained by the organisation of a system of inspection and instruction in the factories by inspectors having under their control a small number of factories, and visiting them constantly during the course of the season, the Executive Committee of the Association should have an interview with the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture for the purpose of praying the Government to encourage the formation of factory syndicates established with a view of providing themselves with inspectors engaged by the syndicates, and intrusted with the general superintendence of the factories composing these syndicates, by offering them a pecuniary aid, equal to the amount subscribed by the said factories towards the special objects of their system of inspection; provided that these syndicates be composed of at least ten and not more than thirty factories, which shall, between them, subscribe and pay a total amount of not less than \$150 and not more than \$300; and provided, moreover, that these grants be not paid over except on the recommendation of the Association, after a report has been made by the syndicates of the operations of each year."

On the fifth of February following, the above resolution was forwarded to the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture.

On the 21st of February, 1890, a deputation met the Hon. the Premier at Quebec, and explained to him the importance of the principle set forth in the above resolution, praying the government to assist in the realisation of the project for establishing these syndicates. A memorandum addressed to Col. the Hon. Wm Rhodes, Commissioner of agriculture, at the close of the above interview, and dated 26th of February, showed that this idea had made considerable impression, and that the representatives of the dairy-industry were actively engaged in causing it to become practically useful: new resolutions, passed by the Association at Arthabaska; resolutions at the meeting of the association of the district of Bedford, Cowansville, January 10th, 1890, (without any previous understanding with our association); at Baie-du-Febvre, February 16th; at Danville, 14th January, 1890; at Huntingdon, 11th January; letters and telegrams received from all parts of the province, all giving their adhesion to this project; these are the proofs which this memorandum offered in support of its prayer.

The government yielded to this evident unanimity of feeling on the part of the public, and appropriated a sum of \$1,200 to assist the formation of the syndicates. Unfortunately, as the department of agriculture could not announce this fact until towards the end of June, there were only three syndicates established during the summer of 1890.

At the last meeting, at Sorel, after a long session, in which all the speakers once more argued unanimously and strenuously in favour of the project, it was decided to send a delegation the following day but one to meet the Hon. the Premier.

At this interview, were present: Mr. Bernatchez, M. P. P., president of the Association, the Hon. Mr. Justice Lynch, M. M. S. Fisher, M. P. P. Couture, M. P., Milton McDonald, M. P. P., Rocheleau, M. P. P., Owens, M. P. P., De Grosbois, M. P. P., England, M. P. P., Desmarais, M. P. P., Cameron, M. P. P., the Hon. J. G. Robertson, M. P. P., and Messrs. Foster, of Knowlton, Courtney, of Brome, Ewing, of Richmond, Dr. McEachran, V. S., of Montreal, and the secretary of the association.

This time, the success was complete. The Hon. the Premier promised the necessary funds, on condition that the association should take upon itself the superintendence and direction of the syndicates, and that the province should be divided by it into regional inspection-districts, the government reserving to itself the appointment of inspectors, who would have to pass an examination as to their fitness for the post before a board appointed by the association. The Premier promised to bring in a bill such as the delegates might think suitable to enable the association to carry out its objects under the conditions submitted.

These preliminaries being settled, those interested will herein after find:

1. The law passed at the last session on the subject of the syndicates;

2. The regulations adopted by the association, January 15th, for the working of the new organisation, forwarded to the Hon. the Commissioner of agriculture, January 23rd, and approved the same day by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council;

3. The programme of the examination to be passed by the candidates for the post of inspectors.

Will all that has been said and laid before the public, these documents are sufficiently clear to need no comment. To all interested therein, we recommend the attentive reading and study of them; they may then make use of the remarks we shall add at the end of this bulletin to organise themselves into syndicates in every district (*région*) of the province.

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RESPECTING THE INDUSTRIAL DAIRY ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

(Assented, 30th Dec. 1890.)

Whereas, under the provisions of article 1749 of the Revised Statutes, the Industrial Dairy Association of the Province of Quebec, was organized;

Whereas the said association has recommended the formation of syndicates for the purpose of securing a more prompt and complete diffusion of the best methods to be adopted for the production of milk, the fabrication of dairy produce and in general the advancement of the dairy industry, and the inspection thereof.

And whereas the said recommendation was approved by the