

the Canadian House of Commons who are, *ex officio*, members of the association, in virtue of a resolution adopted last year, which reads as follows :

" In order to become a member of this association, it will be necessary to be a member of one of the regular district or provincial associations, except in the case of Senators or members of the House of Commons, who shall be *ex officio* members of the association.

It was arranged last year that this meeting should take place on the second Tuesday after the assembling of the Federal Parliament. But, in order to cause this meeting to coincide with that which is to be held, in February next, by the Dominion Convention of Fruit-Growers for the discussion with the delegates of these associations, in a session comprising the members of both conventions, of certain questions which are common to both, such as Refrigeration and the Packing and Transportation of perishable goods, the executive committee has thought it better to change the date formerly fixed.

Special rates of fares, on the railroads, and of board at the hotels, will be obtained for those who wish to attend the meeting. Due notice will be given of them, as well as of the precise date of the meeting, and of the names of the lecturers, at a future time.

Specialists from the States and from the different provinces of the Dominion will be invited, and the executive committee, desiring to render the meeting as important and interesting as possible, trusts that the public, as well as the members of the press, will attend in great numbers the sessions to which they are heartily invited.

The following is the *provisional* programme, subject to such alterations as circumstances may render necessary.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION, 9.30 A. M.

Opening address.  
Reading and adoption of the minutes.  
Identification of the Delegates.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Milking breeds.—Discussion.  
Feeding of milch-cows.—Discussion.

EVENING SESSION.

Manuring of land for the supply of food to plants.—Discussion. Artificial manures.—Discussion.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, 10 A. M.

Routine business, elections, &c.  
Permanent organisation of the association.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Cheese-making.—Discussion.  
Butter-making.—Discussion.

EVENING SESSION, 8 P. M.

Preservation and carriage of fruit and of dairy-products.—Discussion of these two questions by the members of the Dairymen's and of the Horticultural Associations.

Three other subjects will be discussed if time and circumstances permit :

Farm buildings.

The prevention of fraud.

The production of meat *vs.* the production of milk.

Meetings of the executive committee will be held during the afternoon of the day preceding the meeting, as well as every morning before the general session of the convention.

The lectures must not exceed half an hour each and the delegates shall only speak once on each subject, and that only for five minutes, unless the manifest desire of the meeting shall cause an exception to be made to this rule.

By order of the executive committee of the Dairymen's Association of the Dominion of Canada.

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(From the French.)

DAIRY WORK.

We publish the following from the *Prix Courant* on the subject of the dairy-interest, as an introduction to certain reflections we wish to submit to our readers :

" In spite of the efforts of the Dairymen's Association, the manufacture of butter and cheese, we regret to say, is growing less in Quebec, though in Ontario it is on the increase. Strange ; for there is no country to which the dairy industry is better suited than our province. Grain and roots may fail ; potatoes rot and wheat freeze ; but the pastures always yield well. Growing hay for sale is sure to impoverish the farm ; feeding off the grass, on the contrary, improves the land. No system of farming is so certain to yield a profit at so small an expenditure of labour as dairy-farming ; the only absolutely necessary part of it, a part too much neglected by our people, is the proper feeding of the cow in winter. A cow well kept during the winter will give a considerable profit ; neglect her six months out of the twelve, and she will hardly pay for her keep.

" A word on cheese-making. We observe that many of our factories got the same price for their cheese this season as the best factories of Ontario. The quality of our cheese, then, depends on the makers, and we cannot too earnestly impress on the minds of the directors and patrons the necessity of securing the services of competent cheese-men. Were we to send some of our makers to Ontario, and import others from that province for our factories, it would not be lost labour.

" Let directors, patrons, and makers remember, especially to attend the lectures and practical lessons given by the Dairymen's Association, and be present without fail at the annual meeting of the Association on the 11th and 12th of December, at Arthabaskaville, where we hope to meet our readers."

We, in common with our contemporary, regret that the manufacture of cheese and butter is falling off in our province.

We endorse, too, all that he says about the resources offered by our province as regards the development of the dairy-industry and the management of cows in winter, which if properly carried out is always rendered profitable by the ample yield of milk it insures.

And we also take pleasure in stating that, if the quantity of cheese made is on the decrease, its quality is improving.

Lastly, when our readers see these words, the Convention of the Dairymen's Association, at Arthabaska, to which the *Prix Courant* invites all those interested in the products of the dairy, will have taken place, and will have been attended, we trust, by a numerous assemblage.