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The Meeting of the Dairymen's Association of the Province of Quebec, 1889.

The next meeting of the above society will be held at L'Assomption on Wednesday and Thursday, 23d and 24th of January, 1889. All the members for 1888 and those who subscribed for 1889, will be entitled to a reduction of their railroad fare on this occasion.

In order to render our general meetings more interesting, all the makers of butter or cheese, and the other members of the association, are requested to make notes, in writing, of all questions that may occur to them, and to submit these notes to the meeting. If they hesitate about reading the notes themselves, they can forward them to the secretary who will provide a *question-drawar*. For the Directors,

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DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

October 23rd, 1888.

**Tomatoes.**—I see by the report of the exhibition of flowers and vegetables at Quebec that the tomatoes in that district have been a complete failure this year. I do not wonder at it, for as long as people will allow the plant in its infant state to grow as much wood as it pleases, so long will the fruit, in seasons like that of '88, refuse to ripen. Here, as well as at Sorel, those who have followed out my plan of training a single stem to a stake and pinching out every axillary bud as soon as possible after its appearance, have had nothing to complain of, as the ripe fruit was sent to the Sorel market this year on the 14th July, (1) only nine days later than in the terribly hot season of 1887. Several people here have begged me to show them how to manage their plants next summer, which of course I shall be very ready to do.

**Turnips.**—I have often spoken in this periodical of the wonderful difference that exists between Scotch and English turnips. Whereas our Kentish swedes will only keep a flock of hardy Down-sheep going, Aberdeenshire turnips will fatten a large bullock. Mr. McCombie, the late celebrated Polled-Angus feeder, seems to have had very strong feelings as to the value of roots grown on various soils. He gave his commercial beasts nothing but turnips and straw until a month before they went to the butcher, and never allowed them to taste roots grown on inferior soils: the young cattle and the cows consumed these. The fattening power of grass, too, varies greatly. Pastures that will make good butter or good cheese, will not fatten a beast! For instance: our Gloucestershire lapd lies on the banks of the Severn, sloping down gra-

1) And fetched 50 cents a dozen and \$4.00 a bushel, too!