

you will thank me for the suggestion for you will be well repaid by its beauty. Some of the finest orchards in the Province are on the shores of this bay. Twenty-five years ago the agriculture of this section was of an entirely different nature from what it is to-day. I have, myself, seen a row of farmers wagons a mile and a half long waiting at the elevator to deliver barley which was worth, in some years, from \$1.00 to \$1.25 a bushel. The farmer went barley crazy, and it was shipped across the water here to Oswego and Rochester. It always struck me in those days as most remarkable that these old temperance men down around the bay should be growing barley in such enormous quantities. Their temperance principles did not seem to lead them to cut off the barley supply. It was rather remarkable for, as you know of course, there was a time when this whole part here was thoroughly temperate in its sentiments, and it is even to-day, but it was thoroughly prohibitory in its sentiment then. But, they were growing barley and making money very fast and impoverishing their farms, and suddenly the American market was cut off in a moment and the farmers left stranded. A more hopeless and helpless lot I do not think was ever found on the American continent than the farmers on the Bay of Quinte after the American barley market was cut off. What has brought about the improvement? The farmers in all this bay section are well to do. They are happy and prosperous once more: their farms are getting into fine condition. They have brought in other markets; they have begun to specialize. Cheese factories have gone up; they are making butter and cheese, and their orchards are beginning to produce, and in place of the old barley which was impoverishing their farms they

are now producing and sending to the market more saleable and valuable articles, and the sale of which is not impoverishing but rather enriching their farms.

Sometimes we think we are pretty hard hit when we do not get everything just as we like it, but by making the best of what seems to be untoward circumstances and difficulties we very frequently put ourselves in a far better position than we were before. They had their difficulties. They have got over them, and they are in far better shape to-day than they ever were. The dairying industry has developed along with the great pork and bacon trade, and I suppose the farmers of Ontario are in better shape to-day than they have ever been. Take one example that came under my observation the other day: The cheese of the Province of Ontario is all marketed through cheese boards — Belleville, Madoc, Napanee, Kingston, Gananoque and so on—and the cheese from all the factories around is sold through that cheese board. Now the Brockville Cheese Board is one of the largest in the province. It takes up the cheese produced and handles it over a large portion of the counties of Leeds and Grenville, not all, however, because there are others not very far away.

There was sold this year through that board cheese worth sixty per cent. more than was sold last year. Last year was one of the best years they ever had, but this year on account of the favorable weather, good pasturage and so on, it was thirty per cent. ahead of last year, and the price 30 per cent. better than last year, the consequence has been that through that cheese board there has been sold this year cheese to the amount of \$1,700,000. Think of the value of that to the farmers around in that section. It simply put those farmers on their feet