

EASTERN ONTARIO DAIRYMEN MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Many Vexed Questions Were Discussed and Resolutions Adopted at Their Annual Convention. Recommendations of the Royal Commission. Educational Addresses Were of a High Order.

Seldom in the history of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association has the annual Convention dealt with so many important questions, and seldom have so many resolutions of such far-reaching importance been approved of at one convention, as were approved at the Convention at Kingston last week. The dairymen took a definite stand on such vexed and long-standing questions as the great cheese problem, the inspection of factory scales, underweights at Montreal, the appointment of an official inspector of weights and measures at Montreal, and on the bonding of cheese merchants. Each one of these questions has been a subject of much discussion and oftentimes of bitter recriminations between producers and buyers. The carrying into effect of at least one of these decisions, that of inspection at Montreal, may lead to an entire change in the system of cheese factory inspection and inspection in Ontario. So much for business done. Educational addresses also were of a high order; but in two of the sessions at least problems were given too much time, and rather took too much time, and detracted much from the educational value of the convention. It may be well to give local politicians this say, but it should be remembered that the E.O.D.A. convention is an educational institution, and not a meeting for the furtherance of political dogmas.

The first act of the Association was to pay tribute to the memory of those members who were no longer with them. Death in the last few years has carried away many who have long been closely identified with dairy work in Eastern Ontario. In this last year the Association has lost three of its oldest and most valued members, Mr. J. H. Singleton,

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President of the Association; M. K. Everett, Smith's Falls; and Richard Kidd, M.P. Many times during the Convention the value of the services of these men was mentioned, and no resolution ever met with more unanimous approval than that moved by Senator Derbyshire expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the members for the bereaved families.

OFFICERS ELECTED Hon. Presidents—Senator D. Derbyshire, Brockville; Mr. J. R. Dargave, M.L.A., Elgin, Ont.; President, G. A. Gillespie, Peterboro; Vice-President, J. A. Sanderson, Chesney; J. V. Walsh, Albert; West-lesy Willows, Carleton Place; J. Campbell, Ormond; Geo. McLean, Finch; Capt. John Gillies, Glen Norman; Nell Fraser, Vankleek Hill; J. B. Ferguson, Renfrew; Fred Dillworth, North Gower; W. H. Olmstead, Vars; Jas. A. Sanderson, Oxford Station.

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION The members of the Royal Commission recently appointed to investigate grievances complained of by cheese makers and producers, were all present at the Convention at Kingston, and gave a summary of their investigations to date. Briefly, the demands of the cheese men were as follows: (a) The appointment of a Government referee at Montreal; (b) a change in the rule re overweight; and (c) the bonding of exporters. The commissioners expressed themselves as favorable to clauses (a) and (b), but strongly opposed clause (c). The subject was further discussed at several sessions.

THE OFFICIAL REFEREE The advisability of having an official referee on quality at Montreal, was discussed at a meeting of the directors. Each director was asked for an expression of opinion. A large proportion of the directors stated that they saw no need for such an appointment. Official referees in the past were used so little the Government discontinued the office. Mr. Heald stated there were times when he would prefer to have the report of an official referee on the quality of the cheese than that of the buyers. He had sometimes thought that the Ontario Government might save considerable expense were he to move to Montreal during the shipping season, and by watching the quality of the cheese as it arrives there detect the factories that are in trouble, and the nature of the complaint, and then arrange to deal with an instructor to the factories in trouble. This would do away with the present system, under which the instructors tour the factories whether they are in trouble or not. This system would make it possible to do with less instructors, and ensure the factories obtaining the assistance of the in-

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