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## The Makers' Corner

vited to send contributions to this department, to ask questions on matters relating to cheese making, and to suggest subjects for discussion.

## The Cheese Situation

| EVER were cheese dealers, cheese makers or cheese factory pat-rons in a greater quandary than at present. Cheese is not moving. The common report from country The common report from country boards is "No bids, no sales." The factories are full of cheese and stor-age facilities are already crowded to age facilities are already clowded to the limit. The situation was cleared to a certain extent last week when Baron Devonport, the British Food Controller, beginning May 29, ordered all cheese imported from Canada, Australasia and the United States requisitioned, and henceforth will con-trol all dealings in it. Cheese will be put on the market in England at a price enabling retailers to sell it at sixteen pence per pound, or 32 cents When the announcement was made in Toronto, produce men predicted that the Canadian price would be 20 to 22 cts. a lb. Even yet, however, cheese is not moving. The following report from Listowel on June 1st is typical of the reports that come from country boards:

"At the Listowel Dairymen's Ex-change to-day 1,860 boxes were boarded, but awaiting the move of the agents of the commission, the buyers were not active in bidding, the best price on the board being 19c for white and 194c for colored, in small lots. on the street some colored sold at

"It looks as if some of the factories with upwards of 300 boxes of white would have to take just what they can get, and not knowing when the agents of the commission will buy or the price they may offer are dubious as to what is best to do. For lack of coldstorage facilities in connection with their factories some will be forced to sell and may be glad to get 19c, which looks small as compared with 25c, one half paid last month. It is much bet-ter, though, than a year ago, when the best price was 1514c.
"With the commission not yet buy-

ing and the regular buyers indifferent, since all Canadian cheese is requisi-tioned on arrival at British ports, it tioned on arrival at British ports, it is a problem for the factories to know what to do, and at a recent meeting the Listowel Dairymen's Exchange directed its Secretary to communicate with Commissioner Ruddick at Ot-His reply is in part as follows:

tawa. His reply is in part as inchange must be under some misapprehension as to the cause of the present dead-lock. I do not see that the naming of a commission has anything to do with the difficulties which have recently arisen. They are entirely owing to the fact that the Admiralty, who con-trol all the ocean space, have refused to carry any cheese for the present, because there are other things which the people of the United Kingdom require more urgently, and I suppose they have a right to decide these matters for themselves. This is a matter which the commission has nothing to do with, nor has the Canadian Government any jurisdiction. So far as I can see the present situation would have developed if the commission had never been heard of, because, as a matter of fact, the commission has taken no action of any kind, has never had a meeting, except informally, and is not responsible for anything that has happened.

I want to make this point quite clear, because it is quite natural that

there should be some confusion in the minds of the people over the appointment of the commission, and the re-sults which have followed the action of the Admiralty. If space were available for the shipment of cheese there is no reason why buying and selling should not go on as before any announcement was made concerning the The commission must wait till they have advice from the British Board of Trade as to what price they are willing to pay for the cheese.

"Both the Government British representative on the commission have been urging prompt ac tion, and are doing everything that

can be done to expedite the matter."

As the British Government has announced its prices in Great Britain, a price may soon be set for Canada— perhaps before this issue of Farm and Dairy reaches its readers. Once a price is established buying and selling would go on as before. Evidently Mr. Ruddick's letter, copied above, was written previous to the announcement of Baron Devenport, but it serves to throw light on the shipping situation.

## Independent Telephone Companies Win Important Victory

HE long drawn out fight between the independent telephone com-panies of Canada and the Bell telephone monopoly has at last been partially settled and that by a decided win for the independent companies. Briefly the situation has been this: The small independent companies throughout the country, including the farmers' mutual lines, have desired farmers' mutual lines, have desired connections with the Bell company, both for local convenience and long distance messages. Whether or not such connections were given depended altogether on the pleasure of the Bell company. The Provincial Railway company. The Provincial Railway Board in Ontario had power to enforce such connections with companies having a provincial charter, but the Bell did not come within its jurisdiction as its charter is a Dominion one. Recently the independent communies, with the support of the United Farmers of Ontario, asked that a Joint Board be appointed with representatives from the Dominion and Provincial Railway Boards, which should have jurisdiction over both Dominion and Provincial chartered companies. This they did But what they did get is important

According to decisions handed down last week by the Special Pollway Committee of the Dominion House, the connections to a local line desiring such connections. For instance, if a local line outside the town of Brighton desires to connect un with the Bell line in Brighton, they can do so whether the Bell people desire it or and this without componention. One small company near "cronto, instance, has been naving the Bell commany \$300 a year for such connections and 10 cents overcharge on each long distance call, although the con-nection was of as great advantage to the Bell people as to the local line The new order does away with such charges. Where the two companies cannot agree as to the torms of the connection (installing the wising, etc.), the Dominion Railway Board can settle the matter for them.

The settlement of this question affects thousands of farmer subscribers to local lines, who will refoice at this victory.

The present freight rates on pure bred live stock will apply only until Sept. 1st. On and after that date the same rates will apply to pure bred shipments as to grade or market

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