

LECTURE

ON CO-OPERATIVE DAIRYING AND ON WINTER DAIRYING.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN.

I have been asked to prepare a paper on Dairy matters, to be read before this, the first Congress of Farmers, in the Province of Quebec.

I can hardly tell which feeling predominates in my mind: intense pleasure at the honor done me, or a deep sense of the importance of this occasion. I need not enlarge upon my own diffidence—such remarks are an old story, but I will tell you why I respond so cheerfully to the call.

When I was a child I often went, with my companions, to gather wild strawberries, but the berries were scarce, and the search was tiresome.

If a passing farmer said, "Children, I hear there are good berries in such a field over yonder," we gave him doubtful belief, and did not always go.

But if one of our number who was actually picking berries called out, "Come on, girls, here is a splendid spot," we just tumbled over one another in our anxiety to get there, and all shared in the good luck.

Now, I have found "a good spot" in Dairying, a great spot, and I want you all to come on, just as fast as you can, and share in my luck. My whole life has been spent in Dairying, and after struggling through untold difficulties, and proving each step as I went, by dearly bought experience I have at last attained a brilliant success, and I want others to share it.

I look at it in this way:

The average cow of the country makes 150 lbs. butter a year, which sells at an average price of 20 cts. Indeed, I doubt if they do as well as this.

My cows produce from 250 lbs. all the way to 500 lbs. butter a year, and sometimes far more. All my butter sells at 35 cts. per lb. all the