

products to the Paris Exposition, and the detailed arrangements were left with the president and secretary. It was pointed out that the work of the association was being crippled for the want of sufficient funds to carry it on successfully and the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the usefulness of this association is much crippled for the want of sufficient funds to pay the number of cheese and butter instructors required in the interests of the dairymen of this eastern section of the province, therefore this board deem it advisable that a committee composed of President D. Derbyshire, Secretary R. G. Murphy and Treasurer P. R. Daly be appointed to wait on the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario for the purpose of presenting the claims of this association for a larger grant."

#### Western Dairymen.

The directors of the Cheese and Butter Association of Western Ontario also met in the Exhibition offices on Sept. 6th. There were present: President Harold Eagle, James Connolly, R. M. Ballantyne, A. F. MacLaren, M.P.; John Prain, A. Wenger, George Goodhand, J. A. James, J. N. Paget, and Geo. Hatley, secretary. Mr. Ballantyne reported that the Council of the City of Stratford had invited them to that city, and had made a grant of \$200 to be given to the association for the purpose of assisting to defray the expenses of advertising, also offering the use of the new City Hall and heat and lighting. On motion it was unanimously decided to accept the invitation, and to hold the convention in Stratford on January 17, 18, and 19 next.

It was decided to ask the following persons to deliver addresses at the meeting: Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture; Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario; Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, United States; Hon. John Gould, Iowa; Mr. E. H. Farrington, Professor of Dairying and Husbandry, University of Wisconsin; Prof. Robertson, Ottawa; Dr. Saunders, Director Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., Woodstock; Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road Commissioner; Dr. W. G. Connell, Director Pathological Laboratory, Queen's University, Kingston; Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Prof. Dean and Miss Laura Rose, Ontario Agricultural College; Mr. D. Derbyshire, President Eastern Butter and Cheese Association; Prof. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, Ottawa.

It was also decided that should the funds of the association warrant it, a grant of \$100 be given the Butter and Cheese Makers' Association as a help to their prize list in connection with their annual exhibition. The meeting then adjourned.

#### Experimental Union.

A meeting of the Board of Control of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union was held in Mr. Hodson's tent during the afternoon. The meeting was for the purpose of arranging for the next annual convention. It was decided to hold it at the Agricultural College, Guelph, on December 6, 7 and 8 next, the same week in which the Guelph Fat Stock Club holds its exhibition. This will be of advantage as affording better railway rates, and allowing the members to see the stock as well. It is intended to make this an especially interesting meeting, as it is the 25th anniversary of the O. A. C. Those present at yesterday's meeting were: Mr. H. R. Ross, Gilead, in the chair; Prof. Zavitz, Guelph, secretary; T. J. Hurley, Belleville; A. Shantz, Waterloo; Prof. Hutt, Guelph, and others.

#### Association of Fairs.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Association of Fairs, a body of men connected with public exhibitions, was held at the Exhibition grounds last week. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. J. T. Murphy, Simcoe. The others present were: Messrs. G. R. Vanzandt, Markham, second vice-president; Alex. McFarlane, Otterville, secretary; W. F. Clark, Goderich;

James Kirkwood, Oshrope; George Elliot, Peterboro', and M. McConnell, Cayuga. Arrangements were made for the holding of the annual convention in Toronto in February next. The exact date will be arranged by the president and secretary. A programme of a good deal of interest will be prepared for the February meeting. It will include papers on such subjects as "Special Attractions," "Doing Away With Membership," "Appointment of Judges," "What Fairs Have Done for the Interest of Agriculture," etc.

#### Poultrymen.

Representatives of the various Poultry Associations of the province met during the week and organized what is called the Representative Poultry Association of Canada, with Mr. Montgomery, Brantford, as president; Mr. Mann, Petrolia, vice-president, and Mr. Durston, of Toronto, as secretary. The object of this new organization is to form a circuit of shows and to boom the poultry business generally. It is probable that two circuits will be formed in the province, one east and one west. The association will not be able to do any business this year, but hopes to be in good working shape when next year's shows are arranged for. Mr. R. H. Essex, of this city, who presided at the meeting, was the prime mover in getting this new organization into shape and will draft by-laws to be submitted to the delegates next September. This new organization will also be a court of appeal to hear complaints in regard to judging, etc.

## The Industrial Fair

The Industrial Fair of 1899 is now an event of the past. The large crowds, the splendid exhibits, the beautifully lighted grounds and the array of special attractions exist only in memory. As compared with other years the Industrial has well maintained the proud position it holds as being the best all round annual fair on this continent if not in the whole world. It is indeed an institution that every Canadian should be proud of. We doubt if at any other point on the whole globe has so great and so fine an array of agricultural products been got together this year as was to be seen on the Industrial Fair grounds during the past two weeks. In more respects than one this show must be looked upon as being largely agricultural. The live-stock, the dairy exhibits, the fruit, the flowers, the agricultural machinery of all kinds, the exhibits in the agricultural hall, etc., made up the greatest share of the exhibits and indicated in a striking manner the important part which agriculture plays in the affairs of this country.

The fair was formally opened on August 29 by Major General Hutton. The number of visitors at the opening ceremonies was larger than usual, and from the time the electric button which set the machinery in motion was touched a constant stream of sight-seers passed in and out of the gates. The attendance, though somewhat irregular, owing to a few rain storms, was, probably, ahead of last year, and we would not be surprised if the receipts were considerably in excess of last year. It is certain that this year's show can lay claim to having had the largest attendance on any one day in the history of the Fair, not excepting the great day when Li Hung Chang graced the exhibition by his presence. Farmer's Day (Sept. 6th) was also a record one and a great crowd of honest toilers from far and near were on the grounds. There was a much larger attendance than usual of Americans, and every one from the south of the line was loud in his praises of what he saw at Canada's great Fair.

There will probably never be a time when exhibitors in all classes at the Industrial Fair will be perfectly satisfied with the accommodation provided. The Fair has grown so of late years that buildings which were thought to be perfectly adequate a few years ago are not now large enough for the increased exhibits. To enlarge the buildings and to provide the accommodation asked for in all departments would entail the expenditure of a large amount of money—