

Council of Agriculture of the province of Quebec, which stated that the work of the federal association should be, in particular, to study the state and requirements of the markets in which the Canadian dairy-products are sold, to cause to be made experiments on the most perfect way of manufacturing dairy-products, and to encourage the establishment of local dairy-associations. The appointment of a commissioner of the dairy-industry would favour the carrying into effect of this programme. The new association, once started, should be incorporated by act of parliament, and, consequently, should draw up a constitution, which should be elaborated by a committee specially named for that purpose. Mr. Lynch, after requesting the president to ask the delegates to express their views on the ideas he had laid before them, took his seat.

The president invited Mr. McPherson to give his opinion. That gentleman observed that the dairy-industry was, perhaps, the most important of all industries, because, not only had it a direct effect through the pecuniary advantages offered by the sale of its products, but the indirect, though considerable effect it exercised on the whole system of agriculture must be considered as well.

The business of the present convention was to provide that the general benefits that proceed from this industry be fairly put before, and placed within the reach of, every one. He compared the good already produced by the dairy-industry and that which it might produce in the future if a federal organisation were established which would enable all its advantages to be developed. Such an organisation, especially if it were supported by the legislature, would be productive of great good. In a few words, this should be the programme of the proposed federal association: The prevention of the frauds committed in the factories, on the farms, and in the towns; an enquiry into the means of facilitating the export of the products, which now suffer greatly from the defects in the means of transport employed. The latter point might be greatly elucidated by a consideration of the experience gained by the *Live Stock Association of the Dominion*.

Mr. S. Fisher said that to embody the excellent ideas of Mr. McPherson, a committee of organisation should be appointed.

M. Louis Beaubien said it had been proposed to draw up a constitution. The shorter it was the better, in his opinion. It might even be done without. A practical piece of work was what was wanted; all local questions being pretermitted.

Col. the Hon. W. Rhodes observed that the Dominion of Canada was of all countries the one best suited to the development of the dairy-industry, and, consequently, the creation of the proposed federal association must produce excellent effects.

Mr. D. Derbyshire earnestly supported the ideas of M. Louis Beaubien. The new society should labour to obtain uniformity of manufacture and of the packing of the products of the dairy, and to spread abroad a knowledge of the best methods of making butter and cheese.

Mr. E. Caswell spoke forcibly against the frauds committed in the matter of milk, cheese, and butter. The new society must organise an efficacious service of inspection. The Canadian dairy-industry is on the road towards improvement; still it must not loiter, but advance continually, unless it wish to be distanced.

Mr. Barnard showed how important it was to collect into one body from all parts of the province the men skilled in the dairy-business, and what good results must spring from such a reunion.

The Hon.—Larivière related what things had been done for the dairy-industry in Manitoba.

Mr. Boulton also spoke on the state of the dairy-industry

in Manitoba, and enlarged on the advantages offered to its development by the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Robertson, member of parliament from Prince Edward's Island, said that farming and dairying could not exist without one another, seeing that they afforded each other mutual aid.

Mr. Cameron, of Nova Scotia, told how the dairy-industry was beginning to interest every one in that province.

M. Couture, member for Chicoutimi, Quebec, gave the meeting an account of the progress of dairying in the Saguenay district.

Messrs. Patton and Lane enforced the necessity of organising a good system of inspection.

Mr. White, president of the agricultural committee of the House of Commons, said that he came there to learn and not to teach.

M. Chapais observed that, although M. Beaubien had said a short time previously that there was no need of an elaborate constitution, his own opinion was that if the proposed association desire the aid of the government, it must prove that it is regularly incorporated, and in order to obtain incorporation, the association must be prepared with a constitution of some sort or other. He then gave some details of the revolution that the dairy-industry had produced since its development in the Eastern part of the province of Quebec.

Mr. Everetts spoke of the enormous sums expended by the government of the United-States for the promotion of the dairy-industry, saying that this ought induce our government to assist us.

M. Barnard submitted to the convention four points which he thought ought to engage the attention of the new society as soon as it was established.

1. To aim at encouraging the manufacturing of the best products;
2. To study the very important question of the outlets and markets to which the products of our dairies are sent;
3. To study most attentively the demands of these markets;
4. To seek to improve, generally, the dairy industry, and to make the manufacture of the different articles cost as little as possible.

The delegates unanimously adopted a resolution deciding that, as the practical result of the present convention, a Federal Association of the Dairy-industry be founded, and that an organising committee of the said association be appointed.

The committee was immediately named, and consists of the following gentlemen:

Messrs. E. M. McPherson, Louis Beaubien, W. H. Lynch, J. C. Chapais, E. Caswell, P. B. de la Bruère, Ed. A. Barnard, Major Boulton.

The newly appointed committee fixed its first meeting at 2 P. M., and the general session was adjourned till 3 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.—SESSION OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

The committee met at 2 P. M., in the committee room, No. 50, of the House of Commons.

M. J. C. Chapais was elected chairman, and Mr. W. H. Lynch secretary of the committee.

The chairman submitted the discussion of the clauses of the constitution to the committee, and the following were unanimously adopted.

1. The name of the new association shall be: *The Dairymen's Association of the Dominion of Canada*.
2. The aim of the association shall be to promote the general interests of the dairy-industry in the Dominion of Canada.

In order to become a member of this association it shall be