

discrimination must be exercised by the buyer than has heretofore been done, and the best article will command the highest price. Our factories have improved in this respect very much during the past season, which is a convincing proof that all our dairymen require is to be put upon the right track to produce the desired results. The foreign demand for cheese is likely to be permanent, and if the texture and flavor of the article can be made to suit the taste of the consumer, there is no doubt but that the business will be both remunerative and enduring.

Since our last annual meeting we have been able to get out a full report of the proceedings of the Association since its first inception, and, I think, without taking any credit to myself, your Executive Committees are entitled to the thanks of the Association for having produced so creditable a report. Much credit is due to your worthy Secretary for the untiring pains he has taken to make the report a success, and I am sure he is entitled to some more substantial recognition at your hands. I may here remark that I attended the last meeting of the American Dairymen's Association, held at Utica last month, as the representative of this Association, and I must express my very great gratification for the kindly feeling manifested, and the good wishes expressed, for the success of our efforts in the dairy business. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and the attendance very large. Great credit is due to their Executive for their interesting and instructive programme, and for the judgment exercised by them in selecting gentlemen of such marked ability to deliver the different lectures for the occasion—lectures replete with scientific lore appertaining to the dairy—beautiful in their simplicity by giving cause and effect, on scientific principles, for many of those results of dairy operations, which, to the uninitiated, appear shrouded in mystery. The great interest manifested by our neighbors on these occasions is a convincing proof of the value of organization, and should stimulate us to greater exertions to further our own interests by similar means.

The statistics of the cheese production for Canada is not to be accurately obtained, owing to the imperfect and irregular returns from the different factories. I have endeavored to obtain as correct a statement as I possibly could of the amount shipped at the Ingersoll and Woodstock stations of the Great Western Railway, which amount I find to be, from Ingersoll, 2,337,687 lbs.; from Woodstock, 256,867 lbs. This is about 40,000 boxes, at a cost of \$350,000, and of this sum \$315,000 have been paid by two Ingersoll buyers alone. These few figures give some idea of the extent to which the business has been developed in a very few years, and it is, I think, destined to be very largely and very rapidly increased.

I hear a variety of opinions advanced as to the durability of this factory system, many asserting that it is not destined to continue, that there will be a return to the old system of cheese-making by private dairies. This is contrary to all the teachings of history, as the factory system is a progressive step, and progress being one of the laws of

nature, this step is certain—it requires greater business dairy; but the and intelligent among the most wish our production quality and price discoveries and we aspire to become must abandon the or knowledge of

It is said that this age as well as these are elevated can be grown to heat, or rains, secondary to the more important age that demands the Society is moving with it. Success in the barn, and field that he is an unyear to year, cultivating the if we wish to have loftier of at the same time labor becomes bringing in its poet:

But I must confess patience. I wish Mr. Willard to be on the present to the Society to the dairy in with his great Association. interest of the seminate knowledge treasurer will tofore, and I