

unsuccessful, probably the most ignorant of our farmers, and lowering the price of farms, would be a blessing. We must remember, however, that the other Provinces are bidding for these men too, and offer them great inducements. If we want them we must increase our attractions, and the best way to do that is to rise at once to the level of the other Provinces in educational facilities by establishing an agricultural school and an experiment station.

There is another reason why we should just at this time take this course. The growing demand for cattle in Europe has given an impetus to this export from Canada. In Nova Scotia we have peculiar advantages for carrying on that trade. There is only perhaps one point in which our farmers are at a disadvantage with those of the other Provinces, and that is Education. Ontario has its large Agricultural School. Quebec has a Veterinary College, and agricultural schools. Even P. E. Island has its model farm. But our farmers have no means of getting any training in the breeding of cattle. If we don't take care, the consequence will be that all the advantages of our geographical position will be neutralized by the advantages our competitors have in being trained breeders.

Still another reason is to be found in the excellent natural facilities offered by this Province for dairy work. For the manufacture of butter and cheese it is not too much to say that we have facilities unequalled in America. Our dyke lands and intervalles, with our great rainfall, provide admirable grazing and abundant feed for milch cattle. Our proximity to Europe assures us of an unfailing market. England alone yearly spends upwards of £12,000,000 stg. in buying butter. Yet lack of training effectually prevents our farmers from competing for a share of this sum with Denmark, Holland and the United States. The establishment of a proper agricultural school, with model dairy, would enable our farmers to make our export of dairy produce equal in value to that of any one of our present exports.

For all these reasons it is especially desirable that we should secure at once educational facilities for our farmers. It won't do to trust to their going abroad, to Ontario or to the States. They will go only in small numbers, and we want them educated in large numbers. The only way to get the thing done is to establish a school at once. And hence I hold that next in importance to the introduction of thorough science teaching into our Schools, is the founding of an Agricultural College.

Next in possible, if not in actual, importance among our industries is mining. But though our mineral resources are rich, they have so far not done what they might to enrich the Province. And one reason is that we are unable to develop them ourselves. Too many of our mines are owned and worked by non-resident foreigners. Such mines have to all intents and purposes been added to the resources of other countries. Nova Scotia is but little the better of