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Dairymen's Association of the Province of Quebec

A special meeting of the Dairymen's Association of the province of Quebec will take place at Quebec on the 14th of April next; in one of the Legislative Halls. All those interested in the success of this important industry are earnestly invited to be present. Since its establishment, the Society has accomplished a great deal of good; amongst other things, an esprit de corps, remarkable in its intensity, has been created among its members, and a thorough understanding of the need of mutual support has been impressed upon them.

Quite a number of lectures will be delivered this year, by some of our most distinguished members. We cannot urge our readers too earnestly to allow themselves a couple of days holidays, to be devoted to both instruction and relaxation at Quebec, on the 14th instant.

Members, both new and old whose subscriptions (\$1.00) for 1886 shall have been paid to the Secretary of the Society,

M. J. de L. Taché, before the date mentioned, will be entitled to a reduction of their railroad fares and to a full report of the meetings held during the year.

Let me again remind my readers that a special meeting of the above Association will take place at Quebec on the 14th of April instant. In times like these, when all sorts of farm produce have fallen to such low figures, and particularly when the products of the dairy are almost unsaleable, I can conceive of no means more likely to tend towards the ultimate resuscitation of the prosperity of our farmers than the conferences and conversations which occur in the annual special meetings of such associations as the one in question. There, at Quebec, will be gathered together all the experts of the dairy industry, fully charged with the results of their researches during the past year. Questions will abound, and answers to the questions will, doubtless, set at rest many a balancing mind. For the answers will not proceed from amateurs, or from unskilled practitioners, but from men whose lives are devoted to the working out of problems on the resolution of which depend the prosperity and the very existence of the agriculture of the province.

For it is no exaggeration to say that without great improvement in the making of butter and cheese, we shall fall into the rear. Every despatch I receive from Europe tells me that Denmark and Normandy are gaining such a footing in the English market that no dairy produce not of the best quality can hope to enter into competition with them. Already the English are beginning to cease making the inferior sorts of cheese, preferring to keep their season's make until February, rather than to manufacture a poorer though a quicker ripening kind.

As for our English-speaking farmers, many of whom do not understand the French language, I am empowered to say that particular pains will be taken to translate, *vis à vis*, all the more important parts of the addresses into English, so that they may share in the information afforded by the different speakers, and if they have any observations to offer to the