

# CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

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## **Evidence on the Establishment of Branch Experimental Dairy Stations, given before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Agriculture and Colonization.**

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By JAS. W. ROBERTSON, *Dairy Commissioner.*

THE CHAIRMAN.—Professor Robertson is before us to-day for the purpose of giving information with respect to outside experimental dairy stations. I presume it would be well to allow him to follow the same course as at last meeting, making his statement first, and reserving questions until he is finished.

PROFESSOR ROBERTSON.—MR. CHAIRMAN & GENTLEMEN,—In presenting to the Committee a very brief outline of what has been done in preparation for, and in connection with the establishment of Experimental Dairy Stations, I may say a few words in regard to the need and value for these Stations in the Dominion, in order to show the Committee that the plans which we have adopted are adequate to meet the needs, and just suitable to give assistance in developing this important branch of farming. In nearly all other countries where agriculture has been followed successfully, something in this line of work has been and is being done. Most of you are, I dare say, better acquainted with the conditions of farming in England and Scotland than elsewhere in Europe, and in these countries dairy farming has been made a great success. In one respect, the dairy farming of England has not been profitable in measure with the opportunities of that country. A consider-