

tion by the publication of our results and by addresses before conventions of farmers that concerted action by Ontario dairy-men is spoken of towards compelling all those sending milk to a creamery or cheese factory to have an ample supply of pure, fresh water, free from all drainage matter.

In the foregoing résumé I have not been able even to mention many important branches of work undertaken by the Chemical Division of the Experimental Farms. To those who would know more of the ways in which we endeavour to help Canadian agriculturists, or who may wish for further details of the work which I have brought before you to-night in outline, I would suggest the perusal of our annual reports and bulletins.

The national importance and value of these chemical investigations will be apparent when we reflect that Canada is essentially an agricultural country, that her future progress as a nation must in a very large measure be proportionate to the progress of her agricultural industries. It is not for me on this occasion to speak of her minerals and forests (which undoubtedly are stores of untold wealth); but it is my privilege and duty to say that I believe her to be a great food-producing country, that her prosperity lies chiefly in the pursuit of agriculture, in producing butter and cheese, in stock raising, in fruit-growing and in the cultivation of grain.

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