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Professor L. B. Arnold and Mr Barré, on cheese.

We noticed at the time, with much regret, the very strange assertions lately made by Mr Barré, at St. Hyacinthe, as reported in our last issue, respecting American cheddar and skimmed cheese. The official position which Mr Barré holds should certainly make him more careful in his statements.

It will have been observed that Mr Barré went so far as to assert that the Americans had lost their good name on the English market, on account of their shipments of poor skimmed cheese, and that, in consequence, they had brought on a decrease in their annual exportations to the amount of fifty million pounds. Mr Barré also stated, to our amazement, that it was very difficult to distinguish poor skim cheese from full cream when just fit for the consumer! The letter from Professor L. B. Arnold, undoubtedly the highest acknowledged authority on cheese and cheese-making in North America, which we print below, shows conclusively what value must be placed on Mr Barré's statements:

MR E. A. BARNARD,

Dear Sir, — I enclose herewith a somewhat extended article for so small a journal as yours, whose columns must always be crowded with more than they can hold. The pressure of work upon me compels me to write in haste, or I might perhaps have shortened it somewhat, (By no means! Editor). I hope it may have the effect of correcting the wrong impression given to your dairy association. If so, I shall be satisfied. If other queries arise hereafter, you are at liberty to forward them, and I will explain as best I can. With much respect,

L. B. ARNOLD.

Many thanks for your very kind offer, which will certainly be taken advantage of, for the benefit of our readers.—ED.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., DEC. 28TH 1832.

Ed. Journal of Agriculture.—The following quotation, taken from a printed report of the deliberations at the late convention of the Dairymen's Association of the province of Quebec, is offered to your always interesting Journal, with a few comments:

"A fact which deserves our most serious consideration is

that the Americans have lost their good name in the market on account of their skim cheese, of very inferior quality. As it is very difficult to know the difference (between full cream and poor skim cheese), when cheese is sold in a fresh state, the result has been that the consumers, once deceived, purchased elsewhere. The Americans have thus caused their cheese sales to decrease, to the amount of FIFTY MILLIONS of pounds!"

What is so confidently set forth in the quotation as an important and significant fact, is not a fact at all. The Americans have not "lost their good name in the market." Since the introduction of cheese factories, American cheese has been steadily gaining in favor with English consumers, and is to day in better repute than ever before. It is but a few weeks since the Live Stock Journal, of England, published an article acknowledging the high quality of American cheese, and that it averages better than the cheese of England. The Agricultural Gazette, the Mark Lane Express, the London Grocer, and other leading English papers which are in a position to know, have every now and then published similar statements. Professor J. P. Shelden, the most eminent English authority, takes the same view of the merits of American cheese in his "Dairy Farming" published in 1880.

F. B. Thurber, of the firm of H. K. and F. B. Thurber and Co., New-York, heavy dealers in butter and cheese, and who have a house in Liverpool and are perfectly familiar with the standing of American dairy goods, said, in an address before the New York State Dairymen's Association, at Cortland, December 20th: "Our cheese manufacturers began years ago to study the tastes of English consumers, and they have gradually perfected their product, until most Englishmen will now admit that the best grades of our American cheese are equal in flavor and texture to those made in Great Britain, but they still claim a great superiority in the keeping qualities of English cheese."

This statement of Mr Thurber's, which corroborates the opinions of leading men, published from time to time, expresses the real sentiments of the English in regard to American cheese.

Expressions like those in the report referred to originate with interested parties for a purpose, and only find an echo with those who are unable to comprehend the situation.

The main assumption in the report being without foundation, the inferences which follow are also groundless. That the amount of cheese exported from this country has fallen off since 1879 is conceded by all, but the decrease is nothing like the deficiency named in the report, and has no connection whatever with the cause there assigned. The current of trade is pretty well indicated by the yearly exports of cheese from the United States, a table of which for the last years follows:

1864.....	47,751,329
1865.....	53,089,468