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THE DAIRY INDUSTRY OF PROVINCE TO BE RE-ORGANIZED

Full Inquiry Made as to the Quality of Output and Conditions Found Not Satisfactory. Dairymen's Association will Institute Radical Reforms this Summer.

Last November an investigation into the Dairy situation on the Island was conducted by a representative of the Dairy Division, Ottawa. This investigation was instigated by various complaints from the buyers regarding the quality and the discrimination in prices paid for Island products.

The information was compiled and discussed at the Dairy Conference held at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Dairymen's Association.

The directors of the Dairy Association decided that this information should be submitted to the public through the medium of the Press.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.
November 20th, 1915.
Messrs. Hodgson Bros. & Rowson,
61-69 William Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

I am endeavoring to gather some information that will assist in working out some feasible proposition for the improvement of conditions in regard to the cheese business of this Province and as you have been handling quite a large percentage of the output for a number of years, I would like to have your views on the following questions:

1. How does the quality of Prince Edward Island cheese compare with the finest cheese you are receiving from Canada?

2. How did the quality of the cheese received from here during the past season compare with what you were receiving say ten or fifteen years ago?

3. How do the marked weights of the cheese from here hold out as compared with the cheese from Ontario and Quebec?

4. What do you find to be the chief defects in Prince Edward Island cheese?

Your views on these matters would be appreciated by all who are interested in the future cheese trade of the Province, and I trust from the information we receive from you and similar sources, some plan may be devised to bring about improvement where it is needed.

Yours respectfully,
HARVEY MITCHELL,
Representing Dairy Division.

Montreal, P. Q.,
November 23rd, 1915.
H. Mitchell, Esq.,
Department of Agriculture,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Dear Sir:—
We are in receipt of your favor of the 20th inst., and in reply to your enquiries.

QUESTION 1. Quality of P. E. I. cheese does not compare as finely with what we receive either from Townships or Ontario.

QUESTION 2. We consider quality we have received this year to be on a par with what we have been receiving for many years past. We do not detect any improvement; in fact, we have been a little more bothered with off flavor this year than usual.

QUESTION 3. The marked weights of the cheese hold out favorably, on the whole, as compared with the cheese we received from Ontario factories. Sometimes we find excessive shrinkage, but on the whole we feel fair weights are given.

QUESTION 4. The principal defects we find in the P. E. I. cheese are, off flavor and cutting open. There is a tendency at times for the makers to leave too much moisture, or rather, to work for an average. The flavor of P. E. I. cheese is the principal defect, together with the mechanical holes.

We would also point out that if P. E. I. cheese wish to hold their own with those we receive from Ontario, it is of vital importance so far as the export business is concerned—that they make their cheese to average 80 lbs. To do this, they would require to have larger boxes as the present boxes they are using would not hold an 80 lbs. cheese. The English importer, for some reason or other, is not prepared to pay as high a price for small cheese as for cheese averaging 80 lbs.

If there is any other information you require we shall be very pleased to answer any further questions. We are

Yours truly,
HODGSON BROS. & ROWSON.

Copy of Messrs. Andrew Clement & Sons reply to the same letter.
Glasgow, January 10th, 1916.
H. Mitchell, Esq.,
Supt. Dairy Division,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.,
Glasgow, 11th April, 1916.

Dear Sir:—
Having been in close touch with the cheese business in the Province from the start as a maker and buyer I would like your views on the enclosed questions, to be used in any way I may see fit that I consider to be in the best interests of the business.

Yours truly
HARVEY MITCHELL,
Representing Dairy Division.

The following are the questions and replies:—
"1. Do you consider the buildings

ments of P. E. I. cheese received for the season.

Our experience has taught us that for the last two seasons our biggest difficulty has been that of transportation. The Island cheese have on several occasions been held up for want of transport facilities and suffered thereby from weather conditions.

Taking your questions seriatim, in reply to:

No. 1. While P. E. I. cheese are a good average of quality they lack the finish and character of the very best sections, such as Belleville. This is particularly noticeable in texture and also in the get-up and appearance of the cheese.

No. 2. We do not think the cheese are a great deal improved in the last 10 or 15 years, except in point of flavor. At that time your cheese had a peculiar flavor known as the "Island Flavor." This has fairly well disappeared in recent years.

No. 3. Marked weights, while not so good as they were some years ago, cannot be described as worse than other sections of Canada.

No. 4. In our opinion the chief defects are, lack of finish in style and boxing, rather short in texture and evidence of heating in transit.

We hope the foregoing may be of service to you.

Yours truly
ANDREW CLEMENT & SONS, LTD.
H. Mitchell, Esq.,
Department of Agriculture,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.,
Dear Sir:—

We beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of March 20th and in reply would state that in our opinion, cheese from 75 to 80 lbs. are the most satisfactory size for British markets and we hope you will make some effort to get your dairymen to adopt this size.

Yours truly
(Sgd.) ANDREW CLEMENT & SONS, LTD.

An instance of something that should not be, and unless remedied will tend to injure the reputation of cheese from Prince Edward Island.

Report of Hodgson Brothers & Rowson on cheese shipped by Mr. A. J. Biffin.

COPY.
Montreal, November 4th, 1915.
A. J. Biffin, Esq.,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.,
Dear Sir:—

We have received your cheese shipped per "Cascapedia."

We are not very pleased with a number of the lots in this shipment. The 200 marked 20D, and 40 B. 40 seem O. K. as regards quality, also 52 B. 42.

200 B. 32's run weak in body, and quite a portion are gassy.

25M. run weak and open.

70 B. 44 are too moist and weak bodied.

The remainder of the lots are ripe and off in flavor.

Re 200 B. 33. When inspecting this lot we came across one cheese made up of sour crumbly curd, practically worthless. We are going through the lot to find out how many there are of this description.

Whatever cheese there are like this we can only pay 3 cents per lb. for and we shall enclose claim on these, as soon as we know how many there are.

We consider it a fraud on the part of this maker to put in cheese of this description, without specially marking them, or in some way notifying you, or ourselves of their being in the lot.

If the factory think they can use these cheese to better advantage, we will return them with pleasure, so let us know promptly.

Yours truly
HODGSON BROS. & ROWSON.

The following letter was sent to Mr. Spillet and Mr. Biffin.
Charlottetown P. E. I.,
November 19th, 1915.

Dear Sir:—
Having been in close touch with the cheese business in the Province from the start as a maker and buyer I would like your views on the enclosed questions, to be used in any way I may see fit that I consider to be in the best interests of the business.

Yours truly
HARVEY MITCHELL,
Representing Dairy Division.

The following are the questions and replies:—
"1. Do you consider the buildings

GERMAN ATTACKS ON VERDUN WEAKENING

All German Efforts to Advance in Verdun Sector have been Repulsed, Some at Point of Bayonet. Reports that Attack on Verdun is to be Abandoned.

PARIS, May 12.—The following official communication was issued to-night. "On the left bank of the Meuse fighting in which we engaged in the course of the day permitted us to enlarge noticeably our positions southeast of Haucourt. A rather spirited bombardment took place in the region of Le Mort Homme and Cumleux."

On the right bank of the Meuse there has been a violent bombardment of our first and second line trenches between Haudromont wood and Vaux. A German attack against our trenches southeast of Douaumont was completely repulsed. On the rest of the front, artillery actions which were particularly spirited in Campagne and Vosges have occurred. A Belgian communication says after violent shelling of our works in the Environs of Dix-

mude German detachments twice attempted to occupy a section of our trenches on the banks of the Yser. Both attacks were repulsed. Belgian artillery has directed a concentrated fire around Dixmude and on the German defensive organizations north of that town. The enemy's works have been shattered.

PARIS, May 12.—Two attempts by Germans last night to recapture positions on the western slope of Dead Man Hill, taken by the French on May 10, were frustrated by the French artillery fire. Artillery is active about the Avocourt Wood, and the bombardment in the Douaumont Vaux sections continues, according to the official war office report issued to-day.

Though German artillery continues active on the west bank of the Meuse, evidently in preparation for renewed attacks, the impression is again in the French capital that the Germans are preparing to abandon the attack on Verdun. In this connection the statements spread broadcast by the German semi-official news agency yesterday with reference to the number of troops involved was cited.

French officers ridiculed the statement that 800,000 French troops were engaged at Verdun. They said that the German Government undoubtedly caused such a statement to be published to prove to the German people that the Crown Prince was confronted with tremendous obstacles at Verdun, thus explaining the failure of his attempt to take the fortress.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FREE DISPENSARY

The handsome sum of \$804.26 was collected on Monday in aid of the Free Dispensary conducted by the Charlottetown Anti-Tuberculosis Society. The ladies who distributed the envelopes on Saturday and took them up on Monday are exuberant in their praise of the manner in which they were received by all upon whom they called. The envelopes were left at all residences in the city and in almost every case they were returned with an enclosure. The very few persons who did not return the envelopes may not have understood that the arrangement did not call for large contributions, otherwise they would no doubt have assisted in a small way, because the object is generally conceded to be a most worthy one which all citizens would like to have a part in assisting. The Officers of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society were wise in adopting this scheme instead of verbal canvass formerly practised, for in this way the widow's mite has equal place with the contributions of wealthy persons, and some who were liberally contributing for war purposes might not be able to give a large amount and by this system could cut the cloth according to the material at hand.

The total sum realized was \$804.26. This amount was made up by contributions ranging from one cent up to ten dollars, as follows:—

Amount received in \$10 contributions—\$10.00.
Amount received in \$5 contributions—\$45.00.
Amount received in \$2 contributions—\$44.00.
Amount received in \$1 contributions—\$334.00.
Amount received in 50c. contributions—\$45.50.
Amount received in 25c. contributions—\$210.00.
Amount received in silver—\$3.62.
Total amount received—\$804.26.

According to the city ward divisions the collections were as follows:

Ward One \$83.62
Ward Two 52.75
Ward Three 60.62
Ward Four 194.74
Ward Five (west) 160.72
Ward Five (central) 141.77
Ward Five (east) 110.04

The ladies in charge of the wards were:—
Ward 1—Mrs. Bentley.
Ward 2—Mrs. C. G. Duffy and Mrs. (Dr.) Ledwell.
Ward 3—Mrs. S. C. Moore and Mrs. W. K. Rogers.
Ward 4—Mrs. (Dr.) Jenkins and Mrs. C. Lyons.
Ward 5 West—Mrs. Tidmarsh and Mrs. Hodgson.
Ward 5 Centre—Mrs. L. J. Reddin and Mrs. B. Rogers.
Ward 5 East—Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. J. P. Gordon.

And with the above were the following collectors:—
Ward 1—Miss Phillips, Mrs. J. L. Thompson, Mrs. Googe, Mrs. S. A. McLeod, Miss Amy Earle, Miss Marion Earle, Miss Barrett, Mrs. J. A. Farquharson, Mrs. R. H. Sterns.
Ward 2—Mrs. Joan M. Hughes, Miss Mae Grant, Mrs. A. Nowell, Miss Florine McCarey, Miss Annie McDonald, Miss Marjorie Bruce.
Ward 3—Miss Kate McLeod, Miss Flo Coffin, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Jas. Paton, Mrs. Henry Smith, Miss Smith.

"Mr. Spillet: No. Of course when dairymen started here the cans were all practically new, some of which are still in use over twenty years. Notwithstanding this fact I believe the flavor of our cheese is just as good as then, but with a lot of the old rusted and broken cans discarded it should help to improve the quality, and keep up with the times."

"From your experience as a maker and handler of cheese:

"(a) Do you consider the milk is being delivered to the factories in as good condition as it should be for the manufacture of finest cheese?"

"Mr. Biffin: No. In some cases it is up to the standard, in general average there is lots of room for improvement."

"Mr. Spillet: In general I do but there are many exceptions. One can get over ripe milk will spoil a whole vat of good milk, so that great care is necessary on the part of every producer to see that the milk is sent sweet and clean."

"(b) Do you consider the cheese makers at all times exercise the care

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RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MEETING LAST NIGHT

Decide to Break Away from Dominion Association and Form Local Organization. Good Work done in Past Year, and Plans Suggested For the Future.

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown Retail Merchants' Association was held last night in the Board of Trade rooms, the President Mr. S. A. Macdonald in the chair. Others present were Messrs James Paton, M. L. A., W. W. Stanley, G. E. Hughes, M. L. A., R. H. Jenkins, W. T. Wellner, John McLaren, L. J. Reddin, Harry Weeks, P. J. Holman, W. A. Gaudet, (Secretary), J. P. Gordon, M. McLeod and W. A. Peardon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The President read the report of the executive reviewing what the Association accomplished in the past year and this report showed that considerable success had rewarded their efforts. It was pointed out that there is not a city in Canada where goods are retailed at a closer margin than Charlottetown. This fact has been brought about largely by nearly all the leading stores adopting the "One Price" system—a system adopted by the retail trade in all parts of the civilized world. The success of "Dollar Day," the picnic in July last, and the donation of \$2,000 by the Association for field guns for the Canadian troops and the hiring of special trains on a number of occasions were among the subjects touched on.

The report was adopted. The financial report was then read by the Secretary and showed a small balance on hand.

This report was also adopted. Mr. R. H. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. L. J. Reddin, moved that the Association withdraw from the Dominion Retail Association and form a local association.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was decided that the body be named the Retail Merchants' Association of Charlottetown.

Membership fee was fixed at \$3 per year.

The officials shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Officials are to be elected by ballot.

The Executive shall consist of one member of each branch of the retail trade.

Mr. Gordon brought up the subject of a "Pay-up Week" similar to one which had proved very successful in an American town. It was decided to discuss this subject at a later meeting.

The following resolution moved by Mr. J. P. Gordon, was seconded by Mr. R. H. Jenkins and carried unanimously:—

"In view of the fact that all lines of merchandise handled by members of this association are constantly advancing in price—thus cutting down profits to a very serious extent—the Association deprecates the long terms of credit at present obtaining in this City and recommend that time of credit be reduced to thirty days."

Meeting adjourned.

"THE WHITE FEATHER" AT THE PRINCE EDWARD

Another Full House Greeted this Magnificent Company and Thoroughly Enjoyed the Stirring and Appropriate War-time Drama.

Last night in the Prince Edward Theatre "The White Feather" was repeated to a full house, every seat in the building being occupied. Necessarily the programme was the same as that on the previous night and was as thoroughly enjoyed, the only regret being that it was too had this splendid Company had not decided to may their stay longer in Charlottetown.

Manager Gallagher deserves the thanks of the citizens for the pleasure afforded them in bringing this, one of the star theatrical companies, to the City. Charlottetown citizens have always appreciated and generously patronized the best theatrical companies that come here—all too rarely. That they have not lost their appreciation of such was abundantly evidenced by the capacity houses that turned out during the short season given by William A. Brady, Limited and their talented company.

It is hoped that in the very near future Manager Gallagher in his search for the best in the theatrical world will be as successful as on this occasion. If he comes even approximately near the standard of "The White Feather" he may confidently count on full houses.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 57 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 52 above; at nine last night 49 above. The coldest the previous night was 44 above.

The tide will be high this evening at 7:26; tomorrow at 8:28 and Monday at 9:24; it rises tomorrow morning at 7:41, Monday at 8:20 and Tuesday at 9.

The sun sets this evening at 7:23; tomorrow at 7:24 and Monday at 7:25; it rises tomorrow morning at 4:23, Monday at 4:27 and Tuesday at 4:26. The moon rises this afternoon at 3:02 and tomorrow at 4:19.

The first quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, May 10th at 4:47 a. m. The moon will be full on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:11 a. m.

The length of today will be fourteen hours and fifty-four minutes and

of tomorrow fourteen hours and fifty-six minutes.

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