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**CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN.**

The London Times of the 13th inst. a copy of which is at hand this morning, contains a lengthy article treating of the development of trade between Canada and Great Britain and pointing out what has been accomplished in this direction. It is stated that at the present time Canada supplies one-fourteenth of the imported food of Great Britain, while she might furnish one-third of the entire amount required. The policy of encouraging and promoting trade with Great Britain, initiated by the late Dominion Government and followed out by their successors in office, is dealt with, and especial reference is made to the impetus given dairying, fruit growing, cattle rearing, and experimental farming. Speaking of the establishment of experimental farms by the late Government the Times says:

"The most important of the early steps in this direction was made by the inauguration of a system of experimental Government farms. In 1890 the system received practical amplification by the creation of a new department having power to spend a certain amount of money in useful experiments. The department was placed under the charge of Professor Robertson, who received an appointment as Dairy Commissioner and Government Agriculturalist on the central experimental farm. The success of the commission thus established has been very marked. The work which it has done is the more interesting as being typical of the lines upon which it has been judged possible, in a country naturally adapted to agricultural pursuits, for the Government to render substantial assistance to agriculturists. Briefly summarized, the endeavor has been to direct the work done by the Government towards three objects. The first is to cheapen the cost and to improve the character of production by the study of new methods and the application of scientific principles to practical work. In pursuance of this object investigation and experiment have been carried on under scientific conditions in the central dairy and central farm, and the results have been published in widely-circulated reports. The second object has been to convince the working farmer, by practical demonstration, of the value of adopting the conclusions arrived at by experiment. For this purpose dairy and farm stations have been established throughout Canada, and travelling dairies have been instituted for the purpose of reaching the outlying districts and giving practical instruction to all farmers who desire to accept it. The third object has been to establish better trade methods, including improved systems of packing, storage, transportation, and more accurate knowledge of the demands of foreign markets. The theory of the Government has in all instances been to abstain carefully from competing as a trader with private enterprise, and to carry its experiments merely to the point required for practical demonstration of their value.

"Taking in turn the objects which have been pursued, it may be observed that, as a result of the system of experiment, some very valuable effects have been achieved in the direction of the cheapening of fodder, the cultivation of profitable cattle foods, the popularization of the system of ensilage, and economy both of land and labour. One of the most successful experiments in respect of the feeding of cattle, which were conducted on the central experimental farm, was the feeding of thirty good milch kine for a year upon a plot of forty acres, to which no manure except that of the cattle fed upon it was given. The experiment, which consisted chiefly in a scientific choice of suitable fodders, gave very successful results. The principal modification in fodders so far generally accepted as the result of the Government experiments is a much wider use for dairy cattle of Indian corn and sunflower seeds. The annual saving to the existing number of Canadian dairy farmers which would result from a general adoption of the new system of ensilage is estimated at \$3,000,000 a year. The development of butter fat in the milk, increase in the quantity of milk, and improved methods of making butter and cheese have been no less the subject of investigation. In the seven years which have elapsed since the establishment of the Dairy Commission, the export of Canadian cheese to Great Britain has almost doubled in value, rising from £1,850,000 in 1889 to £3,250,000 in 1896. The growth in the butter trade has been relatively still more remarkable, rising from a value of £35,000 in 1889 to £300,000 in 1896. The improvement in quality has through these years been as marked

as the increase in quantity, and the place taken by Canadian dairy products in the English market is proportionally high."

The Times continues its reference to the dairy industry and has the following to say regarding this province:—

"As an instance of what has been effected in this direction the case of Prince Edward Island may be quoted. In that province, admirably as it is suited for agricultural purposes, butter and cheese making had fallen, in consequence of the employment of indifferent methods, into bad repute. The Dairy Commission shortly after its foundation took complete charge of the making of butter and cheese in factories which were established by the people of the Island. In 1892 there was only one factory. There are now forty factories. The value of the output of butter and cheese had risen in 1895 from practically nothing three years before to \$35,000, and it has since considerably increased."

After referring to the great total increase in the quantity and quality of Canadian dairy and other products the Times expresses the opinion that with care and intelligent organization the agricultural resources of Canada are susceptible of very rapid development and that the commercial output of foodstuffs may for a long time to come be almost indefinitely increased. It also speaks of the necessity of applying to trade methods and the system of transportation the principles of investigation and experiment which have been applied to the development of productive enterprises.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.**

Montreal Gazette: The vacancy in the postmastership of Goderich, the filling of which by the son-in-law of Mr. Cameron, M. P., has led to a split in the local Liberal party, was caused by the dismissal of a Conservative official on the ground that his conduct was particularly offensive to the present temporary political majority. It seems to be one of the worst "didn't know it was loaded" cases that has turned up for some time.

Montreal Gazette: In the discussion of the preferential clauses of the tariff, Sir L. H. Davies, for the Government, in giving his opinion that there was no obligation on Canada to give German, Belgium, France, etc., goods the same customs privileges as were accorded to British merchandise, asked for even a second-class lawyer's opinion that the Conservative contention was correct. He has since received the opinions of the attorney-general and solicitor general of England that Tupper was right and Davies wrong. "Sir Wilfrid Laurier, also spoke emphatically as follows, in answer to Mr. Foster: "I say decidedly that it does not apply to either Belgium or Germany." He now sees that Foster was right and Laurier was wrong. Novices should be careful, not only of what they do but of what they say about such business matters as tariffs and treaties.

St. John Sun: The Canadian port in Maine is excited over the ten per cent. discriminating duty. The board of trade of Portland has passed a series of resolutions against the levy of the surtax on goods imported into the United States by way of Canada. The business men of Portland say that the measure is in the interest of the southern system of railways against the northern system. Maine is interested in the northern lines. Moreover the sharp Portland men understand that if Canadian ports are not good enough for the importation of commodities destined for the United States, it will probably follow that United States ports like Portland will not be good enough for points of entry for merchandise destined for Canadian consumption. If the United States will not permit the importation of goods by way of Montreal or Vancouver, Canada will stop the importation by way of Portland and Boston. That's what's the matter with the Portland board of trade.

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The New York Herald, in an article from their Ottawa correspondent, says:—"It has leaked out that the reports which came down through the last mail from Fort Cudahy, and which are now in the government's possession, are such as put the accounts of the returned miners completely in the shade. It is known that discoveries have been made of placer ground far exceeding in richness the marvellous deposits of the Klondike. These are situated further up the Yukon. Should these diggings prove to be anything like is reported by the Government Official, this will be the greatest gold field ever discovered."

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