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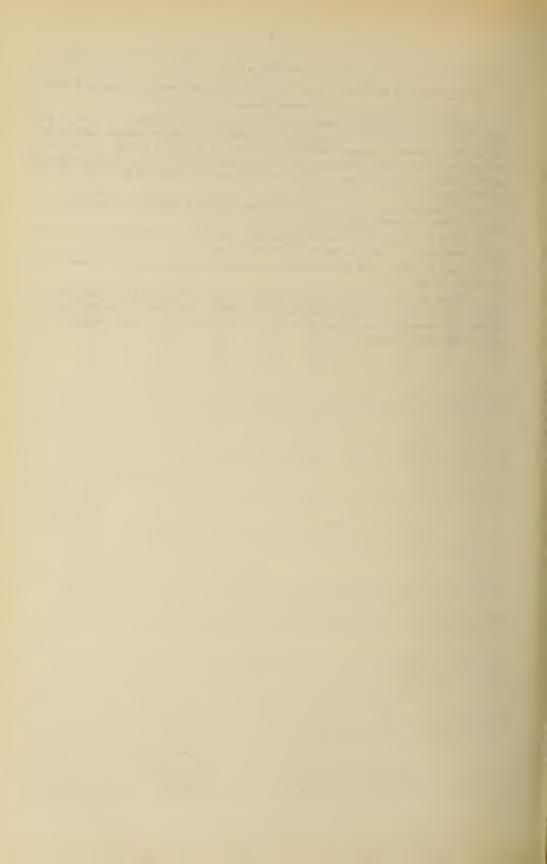
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### REPORT

ON THE

## DOMINION EDUCATIONAL BUTTER SCORING CONTEST

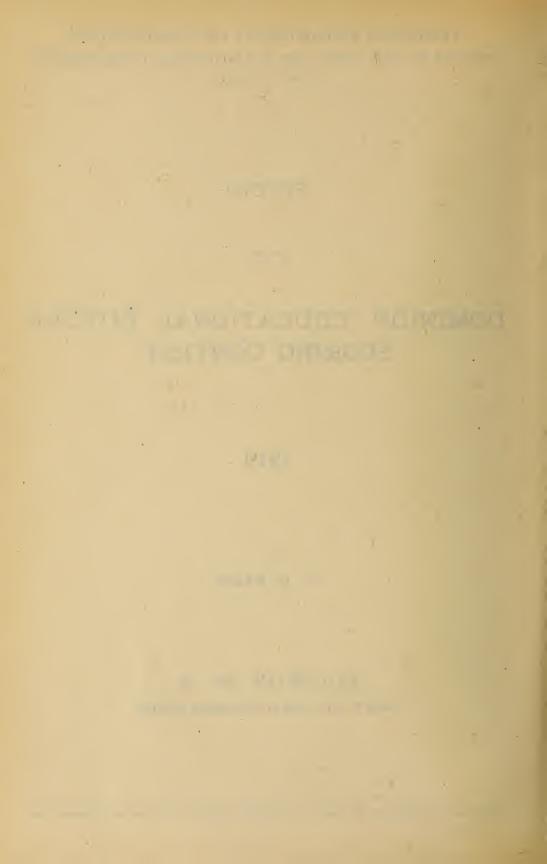
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In planning for the contest, arrangements were made with the provincial Dairy Commissioners and Superintendents of Dairying to select four creameries in each province that would manufacture and ship to Montreal each month from May to October, inclusive, one 14 pound box of butter. British Columbia selected only three-creameries.

The method of manufacturing the butter was left entirely with the creamerymen and the provincial authorities. Blank churning records were furnished each creamery to be filled in and forwarded with the samples. Upon arrival in Montreal, the butter was placed in cold storage at a temperature of from 12 to 15 degrees. A few days after the samples were received they were scored by Mr. P. W. McLagan, Montreal; Mr. J. B. Muir, Ingersoll, and the writer. They were rescored for flavour by the same judges each succeeding month until October. The August, September, and October samples were rescored for flavour on December 17.

### OBJECTS.

The contest was undertaken to-

- (1) ascertain if it is possible to make the highest grade of butter in all the provinces;
- (2) find out, if possible, the best method of handling the cream and churning it to make the finest and best keeping quality of butter;
- (3) establish a standard type of butter which will meet the requirements of the export trade and also be suitable for the best markets in Canada;
- (4) promote a healthy rivalry between the different provinces in making the finest quality of butter; and
- (5) determine to some extent the effectiveness of the dairy educational work being carried on in each province.

### ALL PROVINCES MAKE HIGH GRADE BUTTER.

The question of the possibility of making a uniformly high grade of butter in all the provinces has been definitely settled. Note the uniformity in the total score on the best samples from each province:—

Province—	Points.
British Columbia	97.1
Alberta	98.0
Saskatchewan	98.5
Manitoba	98.0
Ontario	96.5
Quebec	98.5
New Brunswick	96.8
Nova Scotia	
Prince Edward Island	98 0

These scores show that the finest butter can be made in any part of Canada. 572—12

### BASIS OF GRADING.

The grading of the samples was determined according to the standards adopted by the Dominion Dairy Conference held at Ottawa in November, 1918, which are as follows:—

Special Grade.—94-100 points. Minimum score for flavour 41 points.

First Grade.—92 and under 94 points. Minimum score for flavour 39 points.

Second Grade.—87 and under 92 points. Minimum score for flavour 37 points.

Off Grade.—Under 87 points, and under 37 points for flavour.

### GRADES BY PROVINCES.

The following table shows the total number of samples received from each province, and the score for flavour at the first scoring.

TABLE I.

Province.	Total Number of Samples.	Special Grade.	No. 1 Grade.	No. 2 Grade.	Off Grade.
British Columbia. Alberta. Saskatchewan. Manitoba. Ontario. Quebec. New Brunswick Nova Scotia. Prince Edward Island.	18 22 22 20 19 23 23 14 20	6 15 8 14 2 17 5 8 6	10 7 11 4 7 6 9 6 8	3 10 9 6 30	2

Total number of samples from each province graded according to flavour in the last rescoring.

TABLE II.

Province.	Total Number of Samples.	Special Grade.	No. 1 Grade.	No. 2 Grade.	Off Grade.
British Columbia Alberta Saskatchewan Manitoba Ontario Quebec New Brunswick Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island	18 22 22 20 19 23 23 14 20	9 4 14 1 9 1 1 3	11 8 13 4 2 14 5 7	6 5 5 2 5  8 5 7	11 9 1 9
1	181	42	65	43	31

A comparison of Tables I and II will show clearly the relative keeping quality of the butter from each province.

### THE BEST METHOD OF HANDLING THE CREAM.

The contest shows that the very finest butter can only be made from clean, sound flavoured cream. As far as this contest is concerned, the keeping quality is just as good in butter made from cream with 0.35 per cent acid as from cream with less than 0.2 per cent acid, but the results show that 0.35 per cent is about the limit for the finest flavoured butter with long keeping qualities.

It has been generally accepted that pasteurizing the cream improves the keeping quality of butter. The contest bears out this fact, but pasteurization will not produce special grade butter from sour, poor flavoured cream. High pasteurization (160 to 185 degrees) has given much the best results in the keeping quality of the butter.

Table III shows the number of samples made from pasteurized and unpasteurized cream each month, and the number placed in each grade at the first scoring and at the last rescorings on October 23 and December 17.

TABLE III.

	Number		Dates of scoring and Rescoring.			Gra	des.	
Month.	of Samples.	Treatment of Cream.			Treatment of Cream. of scoring and		No. 1.	No. 2.
May	$21 \\ 21$	Pasteurized		20 23	14 10	5 6	2 4	Î
"	$\binom{2}{2}$	Unpasteurized	$_{\rm Oct.}^{\rm May}$	20 23		1	1 1	1
June	$\begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix}$	Pasteurized		24 23	18 4	7 11	2 9	3
"	5 5}	Unpasteurized		24 23	3	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
July	$25 \\ 25$	Pasteurized		2223	10 3	9 14	6 5	3
. "	6 6	Unpasteurized		22		5	1 2	4
Aug	$28 \\ 28$	Pasteurized		19 17	13 3	10 13	4 8	1 4
"	5 5}	Unpasteurized	${f Aug.} \ {f Dec.}$	19 17	1	4	2	3
Sept	$26 \\ 26$	Pasteurized	$\{ egin{array}{l} { m Sept.} \ { m Dec.} \ \end{array}$	23 17	11 8	9 12	5 2	1 4
"	5 5	Unpasteurized	$_{ m Dec.}^{ m Sept.}$	23 17		3	2 2	3
Oct	27 27	Pasteurized		23 17	14 14	9	4 2	2
"	4 4	Unpasteurized		23 17			4 4	

This table shows very plainly the advantages of pasteurizing the cream.

Table IV shows the deterioration in flavour in the samples made each month from pasteurized and unpasteurized cream during the period between the first scoring and the rescorings on October 23 and December 17. The average pasteurizing temperature was 172.2 degrees.

TABLE IV.

Month Made.	Treatment of Cream.	No. of Samples.	Date Scored.	Points.	Date Rescored.	Points.	Difference.
June July Aug Sept	Pasteurized. Unpasteurized Pasteurized. Unpasteurized Pasteurized Unpasteurized Pasteurized Unpasteurized Pasteurized Unpasteurized Unpasteurized Pasteurized Pasteurized Unpasteurized Unpasteurized Unpasteurized	2 27 5 25 6 28 5 26	May 20 " 20 June 24 " 24 July 22 " 22 Aug. 19 " 19 " 23 Oct. 23 " 23	41·00 38·50 41·04 40·70 40·12 39·28 40·12 40·30 40·02 38·90 40·44 38·00	Oct. 23 " 23 " 23 " 23 " 23 " 23 " 23 " 23 " 17 " 17 " 17 " 17 " 17	39·95 35·50 38·98 35·20 39·08 36·08 38·50 36·40 39·33 36·70 40·20 37·40	1.05 3.00 2.06 5.50 1.04 3.20 1.64 3.90 0.69 2.20 0.42 0.60

The deterioration in the butter made from unpasteurized cream is almost three times as great as that made from pasteurized cream.

The tendency of pasteurizing is to produce a mild flavour. Many consumers do not like butter of this character. They prefer butter with a more pronounced taste, but the rescorings show that the butter with this mild flavour shows less deterioration in storage than the butters with a higher or more pronounced flavour, and the creamerymen and butter dealers will do well to note this fact.

Butter made from cream pasteurized at a temperature of 160 degrees and held for from ten to twenty minutes, has kept its flavour equally as well as that made from cream heated to 180 degrees and held. It must be remembered, however, that there is no way of comparing the flavours of the cream used in the different samples, and for this reason it would seem good policy to use the higher temperature.

The following is the churning record of the best keeping sample of butter in the contest:—

### DOMINION EDUCATIONAL BUTTER SCORING CONTEST. CHURNING RECORD.

Creamery-Shoal	Lake.	Location-	-Shoal Lake, Man.
Date of Churnin	g—May 3, 1919	Marks on	Package
The Cream	Remarks on the flavour of the cream. Per cent butter fat in the cream. Per cent acid in the cream before I Per cent acid in the cream after I	asteurizing	32.00 32.00 32.00
Pasteuriz- ing	Maximum temperature  Length of time raising temperature.  Length of time cream held at maxim perature  Length of time cooling cream  Temperature to which cream cooled. Time between maximum tempera churning begun	num tem-	hr. 25 minhr. 10 minhr. 55 min 40 deg.
Churning	Per cent acid in the cream at churn Temperature of the cream at churn Time churning Temperature of wash water Size of granules when washing is fi	ning 1st 51 onished, Size	hr. 45 min. deg. 2nd 51 deg. e of wheat.
Salt	Salt per lb. of butter	.oz., or per	cent of salt used, 2
Tests	Per cent water in butter		At Montreal 14.0 1.4 N.R.
Note.—It is	optional for the buttermaker to make	these tests.	
		R. NESBI Address, S	
Date		1	
Month— May June July August September	for flavour in this sample was as follo	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	42.0 41.5 41.5 42.0 42.0

The following is the churning record of the poorest keeping sample of butter in the contest:—

### DOMINION EDUCATIONAL BUTTER SCORING CONTEST. CHURNING RECORD.

Creamery	Location	
Date of Churning	—June 7, 1919. Marks on Package	
- (	Remarks on the flavour of the cream	
The Cream	Per cent butter fat in the cream	26
Pasteuriz- { ing	Maximum temperature	nr min. nr min. nr min deg.
Churning {	Per cent acid in the cream at churning	55 deg. nr. 21 min. 2nd . deg.
Salt	Salt per lb. of butteroz., or per cent	of salt used, 6
Tests {	Per cent water in butter  Per cent salt in butter  Per cent acidity in butter  Storch test	At Montreal 12.4 2.7 S.R.
Note.—It is o	optional for the buttermaker to make these tests.	
	(Buttermaker sign here)	
	P.O. Address	
Date		1
The scoring f	or flavour in this sample was as follows:	
July August September.		Points. 42.0 38.5 37.0 36.0 34.0
This butter w	as slightly fishy in flavour when a month old.	

STANDING IN THE AVERAGE OF THE SCORINGS FOR FLAVOUR OF ALL THE SAMPLES FROM EACH CREAMERY.

Standing.	Name of Creamery.	Province.	Average Score.
st	Shoal Lake	Manitoba	41.60
nd			41.50
rd			41.40
th			41.20
ith			41.10
th			41.00
'th			40.90
th			40.90
th	Tantallon	Saskatchewan	40.60
th			40.60
th			40.40
th	St. Roch		40.40
th			40.30
th			40.20
th			40.07
th	Scotsburn	Nova Scotia.	40.05
th			39.90
th			39.80
th		Saskatchewan.	. 39.70
th	Prince Albert.	Saskatchewan	39.40
th			39.40
th	Viking		39.30
th	Pictou		39.20
th	Sussex		38.90
th	Intercolonial	Nova Scotia.	38.90
st			38 - 50
nd		British Columbia	38.30
rd	La Société d'Industrie		38 • 20
th	Guelph		38 · 10
th			37.60
th	Crapaud		37.60
th	Lindsay	Ontario	37.40
th			37.30
th		New Brunswick	37.20
th	Dunstaffnage	Prince Edward Island	$37.20 \\ 37.20$
th	Winchelsea		37.20

### STANDING BY PROVINCES IN THE AVERAGE OF ALL THE SCORINGS FOR FLAVOUR.

Standing.	Province.	Average Score.
lst 2nd	Manitoba	40·85 40·76
3rd lth 5th	Saskatchewan	40·73 40·12 39·54
6th 7th	Nova Scotia	39·40 38·52
thth	New BrunswickOntario	$38 \cdot 34 \\ 37 \cdot 50$

### THE STORCH TEST.

This test is based on the principle that milk and cream produced normally contains certain deoxidizing ferments which are known as peroxidase. If, when a few drops of an "indicator" and a "reagent" are added to a sample of milk or cream, an immediate colour reaction occurs (milk and cream, indigo blue; whey, violet-red; butter, dark blue), then the sample has not been heated above a certain critical tem-

perature, or it may not have been heated at all. If the sample turns a pale grey in colour either immediately or within half a minute's time after the addition of the reagents, then it has been previously heated to the "border line." If the sample remains white or develops a very pale violet-red tone by the addition of the reagents, then it has been heated to a temperature sufficiently high to destroy or to render inactive the peroxidase ferment.

In reporting the Storch Tests in this contest, three terms were adopted: "No Reaction" (N.R.) when the sample remained white; a "Light Reaction" (L.R.) when the sample turned a light grey colour; and a "Strong Reaction" (S.R.) when the

sample turned a dark blue colour.

The following brief statement shows the value of the test in relation to the keeping

quality of the butter.

One hundred and thirty samples gave "No Reaction," and at the last rescore eight of these samples, or 6.07 per cent, were placed in "Off Grade" for flavour; the churning records indicate that five of the eight samples were made from cream in which the acid had been neutralized, and two were made from unpasteurized cream and no record as to the acidity or condition of the cream was given. It has been found that a very high acidity on the cream will affect the Storch Test results.

Thirty-one samples gave a "Light Reaction," and at the last rescore eleven of

these samples, or 35.5 per cent were placed in "Off Grade" for flavour.

Twenty samples gave a "Strong Reaction," and at the last rescore 50 per cent were placed in "Off Grade" for flavour.

These results would indicate that the Storch Test is a fairly reliable test to show the keeping quality of butter, and can be used to very great advantage in commercial grading.

### STANDARD TYPE OF BUTTER.

The type of butter that pleased the scorers best, and in fact everybody else who saw the samples, was that which came out on the trier like a piece of wax and showed little or no moisture on the butter or on the back of the trier. The texture was firm, close and smooth. At one time this style of texture would have been considered overworked, but it is a very desirable quality at the present time. The colour was even, and about a straw shade. This type of butter when salted to suit the requirements of the different markets will, we believe, please the most critical buyer of butter.

### TEXTURE.

Many of the samples were brittle or short in texture, the butter had the appearance of being churned at too high a temperature, coming soft, and then washed with very cold water. It was thought at one time that brittle texture in butter made from pasteurized cream was due to churning the cream too soon after pasteurizing, or before the fat had been cooled sufficiently, but a brittle texture was found in butter made from cream which was cooled to 46 degrees and held for fifteen hours before churning at a temperature of 52 degrees. A careful study of the churning records for the 1919 contest fails to show any definite cause for brittle texture. The butter from the Maritime Provinces is inclined to be open and loose in texture; more working would improve it. A close, smooth, waxy texture is what is desired.

### MOISTURE.

In view of the fact that the law in reference to the water content of butter is being enforced, it is important that the creamerymen pay close attention to this particular point, but in addition to the proper amount of moisture in the butter, it is important that the moisture be properly incorporated. When the moisture shows in large drops in the butter, or on the trier, it is considered leaky or as having too much

free moisture. Such butter when cut up will be certain to lose considerable in weight and is, therefore, a very undesirable butter to handle. Many of the samples from Ontario and the Maritime Provinces showed too much free moisture. More working would distribute the water more evenly and overcome this defect.

#### SALTING.

The amount of salt added to the butter at churning according to the churning records; varied from 1.5 to 8 per cent. The percentage of salt in the butter as shown by the salt test varied from 0.8 to 4.3 per cent. The churning records for the fifteen samples which scored the highest for flavour had an average of 2.73 per cent salt added at churning and 1.4 per cent in the butter. If the salt test is reliable there is either a very great difference in the percentage of salt expelled in working the butter, or there are very grave errors made in estimating the quantity of salt added to the butter.

The following is a summary of the different quantities of salt added at churning and the percentage found in the butter.

Number of Samples.	Salt added.	Salt in finished butter as shown by the salt test
30	Per cent.	Per cent.
9	$2 \cdot 0$ $2 \cdot 5$	1·43 1·58
32,	3.0	1.77
8	3.5	1.84
23 5	4·0 5·0	$2.52 \\ 2.60$
13	6.0	2.84

AVERAGE PER CENT SALT ADDED, AND THE AVERAGE PER CENT OF SALT FOUND IN THE BUTTER FROM EACH PROVINCE.

Province.	Salt added.	Salt in finished butter as shown by salt test.
British Columbia Alberta Saskatchewan Manitoba Ontario Quebec New Brunswick Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island	2.60 2.57 1.99 3.44 3.32 5.29 3.67	Per cent. 2·13 1·13 1·48 1·15 2·38 1·74 2·57 2·07 2·19

To manufacture a uniform type of butter in all the provinces is no doubt a big problem, as it depends almost entirely on workmanship, and it is no small undertaking to get all the buttermakers in the Dominion churning and working the butter in the same manner, but we believe this contest has already accomplished something along this line, and if continued will eventually secure uniform methods.

The following table shows the percentage of samples from each province which were scored perfect for texture, incorporation of moisture, colour, salt and packing, and points out very clearly where the buttermakers in each province failed in workmanship.

### PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES AWARDED FULL POINTS FOR DIFFERENT QUALITIES.

·Province.	Texture.	Incorporation of moisture.	Colour.	Salt.	Package.
British Columbia Alberta. Saskatchewan. Manitoba Ontario Quebec. New Brunswick Nova Scotia. Prince Edward Island	$50 \cdot 0 \\ 65 \cdot 0 \\ 36 \cdot 8$	Per cent. 88.8 95.4 86.3 90.0 42.1 65.2 26.1 64.2 15.0	Per cent. 61·1 81·8 59·0 75·0 42·1 91·3 52·1 78·6 65·0	Per cent. 100·0 100·0 100·0 100·0 68·4 100·0 60·4 78·6 75·0	Per cent. 77.7 90.4 81.8 95.0 84.2 91.3 82.6 92.8 100.0

### THE STANDING FOR WORKMANSHIP BY PROVINCES IS AS FOLLOWS.

### Maximum Score 45 Points.

_	Province. Points.
2nd Nova Scott 3rd Manitoba. 4th Quebec 5th Prince Ed 6th Saskatche 7th British Co 8th New Brun	44·63 44·55 44·54 44·54 d Island 44·25  44·25 abia 44·21 ck. 44·00

Note.—In working out the above points, it was considered advisable to leave out the scores for salting. There are very wide variations in the quantities of salt required for the different local markets, and as some of the creameries make butter for local markets only, the salt in some of the samples was too high for export trade and the samples were scored down accordingly.

RELATIVE STANDING OF THE CREAMERIES AS TO WORKMANSHIP IN MANUFACTURING THE BUTTER.

Total Score 45 Points.

Name of Creamery.	~ Address.	No. of Samples in contest.	Average Score.
Scotsburn Cry. Co., Ltd	Scotsburn, N.S	6	44.86
Crescent	Winnipeg, Man	6	44.83
Morkeberg Creamery Co	Markerville, Alta	6	44.82
Pictou Co. Dairy Co., Ltd	Stellarton, N.S	4	44.82
Russell	Russell, Man	2	44.70
Central Creameries Ltd	Calgary, Alta	6	44.65
St. Hyacinthe	St. Hyacinthe, Que	6	44.61
Farmers' Co-op. Cry. Co. Ltd	Moncton, N.B	6	44.58
Bowes Co	Toronto, Ont	4	44.57
Edmonton City Dairy	Edmonton, Alta	6	44.55
Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake, Man	5	44.52
Central Bedeque	Central Bedeque, P.E.I	5	44.52
Tantallon Cry. Assoc	Tantallon, Sask	6	44.51
Viking Co-op. Cry. Assoc	Viking, Alta	4	44.50
Intercolonial Cry. Co., Ltd	Lower South River, N.S	3	44.43
Gentilly	Gentilly, Que	6	44.41
Humboldt	Humboldt, Sask	6	44.41
St. Roch	St. Roch l'Achigan, Que	6	44.38
North Tryon	North Tryon, P.E.I	5	44.38
St. Vallier	St. Vallier, Que	6	44.36
Madawaska	Albertine, N.B	6	44.36
Dunstaffnage	Dunstaffnage, P.E.I	5	44.34
Victoria Mills	Wheaton Mills, N.B	6	44.31
P. Burns & Co., Ltd	Vancouver, B.C	6	44.27
Kelowna Creamery Co., Ltd	Kelowna, B.C	6	$44 \cdot 25$
Melville Co-op. Cry. Ltd	Melville, Sask	5	44.23
Guelph	Guelph, Ont	4	44.02
Crapaud	Crapaud, P.E.I	5	43.94
Winchelsea	Woodham, Ont	5	43 86
Prince Albert	Prince Albert, Sask	4	43.85
Salt Spring Island Cry. Assoc., Ltd		- 6	43.83
Belmont	Belmont, Man	6	43.65
Lindsay	Lindsay, Ont	6	43.55
Sussex Butter and Cheese Co	Sussex, N.B.	5	43 · 20

Note.—The T. Eaton Co., Winnipeg, Man., and the La Société d'Industrie Laitère, Meteghan, N.S., are not in the above list, because they sent only one sample each.

### A HEALTHY RIVALRY BETWEEN THE PROVINCES.

A good stiff competition will bring out the best that is in a man, and although there are no rewards offered in this scoring contest there is considerable honour to those who win the highest standing. The fact that the man who makes the butter knows it will be placed alongside of samples from every province in the Dominion should stimulate him to do his finest work, and when we get the best men in each province doing their best we will certainly get a comparison of the very best methods of manufacturing creamery butter.

### DAIRY EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The proof of effective dairy educational work is shown in the quality of the finished products. Although only four creameries from each province competed, they will, to a greater or less extent, reflect the character of the work which is being done in the rest of the creameries in the province and the dairy authorities will do well to note the methods which were practised by the successful competitors.

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