

519. The province of British Columbia contains many valleys which are admirably adapted for dairy farming ; but owing to the extra labours imposed on the Dairying Service in managing the exhibitions of Canadian cheese and butter at the World's Columbian Exposition during the year, it was not practicable to extend help to the dairy interests of that province, except through correspondence and the distribution of bulletins and reports.

520. The holding of the World's Columbian Exposition afforded an opportunity for putting Canadian cheese and butter on exhibition with similar products from the United States of America and other countries. The record of the success of the Canadian exhibits in winning awards is unparalleled.

In the competition held in June, there were 162 lots of cheese from Canada ; of these 129 were scored high enough to entitle them to an award of a diploma and medal. In the competition of October, 687 lots of cheese were from Canada, and 607 of them were found to be scored at or above the minimum number of points to entitle to a diploma and medal. In the two exhibits (June and October), out of a total number of 849 entries of cheese from Canada, no less than 736 lots were found by the judges to be worthy of medals and diplomas. In the June and October competitions respectively, 31 and 130 exhibits of cheese from Canada were scored higher than the highest award to the cheese from any other country in the same classes. In the June and October competitions, out of 207 exhibits of butter, 40 lots were scored high enough to entitle them to awards of a diploma and medal.

521. Before the close of the year 1892, the Dairy Commissioner visited Great Britain, to supervise the sale of some of the products from the Experimental Dairy Stations, to investigate the newer needs and preferences of the British markets, and to address meetings to direct the attention of the public to the excellence of Canadian food products. Many of the great English and Scotch daily newspapers, as well as the leading trade journals, published extended reports and critical commendatory editorial articles upon the educational work which the Canadian Department of Agriculture has been carrying on for the benefit of the farmers. These have proven of great service and benefit to the agricultural interests of the country. Full particulars of the progress of the work in dairying will be found in the Dairy Commissioner's report. A copy will be mailed to all dairymen, farmers and others who apply for it.