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Teeswater Creamery Limited

Butter - Eggs
Skim Milk Powder

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Teeswater Creamery, the first established creamery in Ontario and the second in Canada, commenced operations in 1875 by Mr. Inglis.

When beginning operations, Teeswater Creamery received milk from 120 cows. At an average of 21 pounds per cow per day, this meant a total of about 2,500 pounds, sufficient milk to manufacture 71 pounds of butter daily.

Milk was paid for at the rate of 7 cents per gallon for May and June, 6 cents for July and August and then 7 cents until November 10.

The factory operated from May 10 until November 10.

The milk was put into vats, cooled and then the cream was skimmed off the top. The cream was made into butter and the skim milk into skim milk cheese.

The butter sold at 25¢ a pound which was 8¢ higher than the 17¢ which farm made or dairy butter sold at.

In 1878, 3 years after the Teeswater factory opened, Mr. Inglis engaged an agent in England to handle the butter. The butter was shipped to England. I believe that it was the first butter exported from Canada to England.

Within 6 years of the opening of the Teeswater Butter factory 4 other factories had started up within 20 miles. Teeswater factory was the first established creamery in Ontario and the second in Canada. The first in Canada was established in Athelston, Quebec, this factory only operated 9 days and then closed down.

In the early 1880's Teeswater Butter factory commenced gathering