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developed, the field, the forest, the fishery, the mine, manufactures and commerce, all occupy no mean place. It is, however, no adapted for dairying. The success of the light one; I claim, only, that the genius of depreciation of the other resources to say cheese industry is abundant proof of adaptathat both in actual results and in future tion for the production of milk, and of one at | sert itself here as it has done elswhere. What promise, the first named stands highest in least of the milk products. Our failure in importance. Our exports are an illustration butter exportation is not necessarily proof the scope of the present writing to discuss. of this fact. In 1897 our agricultural exports that the country is not adapted for butter amounted to more than half of the total production. The quality of butter which we for improvement of dairying in Canada are, exports. The industry which, by virtue of export is small in proportion to what we conexports, is second in importance is that of sume at home. The Canadian people are the forest, and the exports of the latter were light consumers of cheese, but heavy conless than half those of the field. In round sumers of butter. Our butter consumption millions of dollars, our total exports, in 1887, is to a very considerable extent of an exact-

were as follows:—	
The field	\$41,000,000
The forest	20,000,000
Fisheries	7,000,000
Mines	4,000,000
Manufactures	3,000,000
Furs	2,000,000
Miscellaneous	1,000,000
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Total...... \$78,000,000 In this classification I have made a departure from that of the trade and navigation tables. In the "field" (agriculture) I have included "animals and their products," except "furs," which I have classified separately.

These figures, striking as they are, do not fully express the relative importance of agriculture. Among the considerations which emphasize that expression are the following: -1. The forest products exported are more nearly in a raw state, like deals, planks, etc., and do not represent the employment afforded that field products do, the latter including such products as cattle, cheese, butter, grain, etc. (2.) Forest products beleng only to the new phase of thecountry, and must wane with its development, while the field is the present backbone and the future promise of the country; and our highest prosperity in the future will be contingent upon its best and continuous expansion and improvement, which both are possible.

Now, an analysis of the exports of our most important and valuable agricultural resources will show there is one special branch of the industry which overtops the other branches, even as agriculture itself

Cheese and buster	\$ 8,000,0
morned sauce	6.000 O
Barley	
Wheat	4,000,0
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Flour	2,000,0
Horses	2,000,0
	2,000,0
Eggs	., (nearly) 2,000,00
Sundries	10,000,0

no other. It is such a factor in a sense not indicated by figures. for milk production there may be some parts of it lacking to the being unduly exhaustive to the abundance of pure water essential to the rather than being unduly exhaustive to the abundance of pure water essential to the rather than being unduly exhaustive to the abundance of pure water essential to the rather than being unduly exhaustive to the abundance of pure water essential to the rather than being unduly exhaustive to the duction of finest butter but they are soil is tavorable to a system of cultivation | duction of finest butter but they are probawhich will help to renew the fertility of soil by only a small proportion of the whole where there is water there are the already impoverished by grain cropping. It where there is water there are the already impoverished by grain cropping. It where there is water there are the the little advantages of superb dairy and the the little intelliis the Canadian experience that the intelli- advantages of superb dairy cattle, nch, such as the canadian experience that the intelli- prairie grasses, nature's purest air and the skilful manu gent production of milk and the skilful manu prairie grasses, nature's purest air, cool ton.

I have now on hand a full and the large place it has in our industrial as a dairy country, it will not be because the large place it has in our industrial as a dairy country, it will not be because to be speak a condition of things fa. is not favored by nature with all the varied stock of all kinds and grades economy, bespeak a condition of things far is not favored by nature with all the essention of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water climater of the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses and gras vorable to the future prosperity and progress conditions of grasses, water, climate, etc.

> gratulations. While in a general splendid cheese production. This may be true of our dairy products, as a whole, have kept tario counties, or some of our rich low clay pace with the most important of our other lands of our Quebec parishes; but there dis exports, one of these dairy products has been tricts will confine themselves more closely to gree. The years 1872 to 1887, which in making butter only in a supplementary way, creased our total exports from 61 to 78 mil- and mainly for consumption more or less crease, have actually fallen off from three and a half millions to one million dollars, or no less than 73 per cent. ! It, of course, follows that the exports of cheese must have had an almost phenomenal expansion, in order to have given the combined exports so good a showing as they have made. And the actual increase of our cheese exports have, indeed, been something striking. From less than two million dollars in 1872, they have grown to ovor seven million dollars in 1887, an expansion of about 286 per cent. ! The actual reputation abroad of Canadian

cheese, compared with what it was before the trade began to assume noticeable proportions, is a flattering confirmation of the conclusions which naturally follow from a study of the above figures. At one time Canadian cheese plete stock of all kinds of funeral was exported under an American brand, to furnishings and all orders will have give it a better hold upon the English market; to-day it is to be feared that shrewd Ameri cans know too well that American cheese will sell better in England if put upon the market as Canadian. The reputation of Canadian cheese is now second to none, and the success of the Dominion in cheese production Organs and the famous Wanzer has already awakened considerable enquiry as to our methods among our competitors Both in Denmark, the present butter country par excellence, and in Holland, the premier country for milk production and dairy exports, I saw indications of a disposition to study the reasons of Canada's success. In I shall keep in stock an assorted cidentally I might remark that for four years line of frames, and your esteemed the southwestern counties of Scotland have been steadily improving the quality of their cheese under the personal instruction of Canadian cheese-makers, who are introducing prices. With many thanks for the the Canadian system. The first season the canny Scots were content with the importa tion of one instructor; but now they are not satisfied with less than two of our best men, whom they secure in the most practical, business-like way, by liberal remuneration for what they find to be exceedingly valuable

On the other hand, the actual reputation abroad of Canadian butter to-day, compared to what it was at one time, is of a less flattering character. Indeed, it is a question which rather evidence of failure, the genius of our has fallen off the most, our exports of butter | people must be equal to the needs of the (which we have seen has gone down 73 per | situation, even as it was in the case of cheese cent.), or our reputation for making it ! So much for the past of our dairy industry.

What is its possible and probable future: To myself, in spite of the discouraging as-In Canada's resources, developed and un- pects of one branch of our enquiry, the out- people is for improvement and progress but look is hopeful.

> ing character, and it absorbs a larger proportion, if not nearly all, of the very best portion of our whole make. Local prices for the best of our butter are usually sufficiently to the butter industry. The Nova Scotis high to force the exporter to handle quanti- Dairymen's association is a live organization ties of cheaper and inferior butter. One and for about five years has done good pioneer butter maker within a mile of my writing has work. There is an association in Manitoba, sold no butter for years at less than 20 cents of whose practical work I cannot speak from per pound. He always has "his price," and personal knowledge. The Ontario Agricula few years ago his price was 25 cents per tural college, at Guelph, has made a good pound. This butter has usually been sold directly to some of the many consumers always on the lookout for good butter at any now doing good experimental work, and perreasonable price. Doubtless not a single tub haps better lecture work outside among the of it ever found its way into the exports, for farmers, and the head of this department the reason that it was always spoken for, and has abilities of the highest order, which fit usually at figures which forbid its export. him well to do a great work for general Can-The person referred to has just sent one tub adian dairying. The Dominion experiment to a Montreal family, whose head writes that al farm at Ottawa has not yet put itself on it is "very fine butter." One tub has gone to the record of things accomplished, but it may

> foreign market is not always a proof that the es in the direction of improvement. The butter was devoid of quality when first made. Dominion and some of the provincial govern-It may not have been packed to provide for ments have made a beginning by circulating the trying conditions of its subsequent hand- dairy literature especially prepared. As the ling. It may have been unfairly tested in writer of some of the pamphlets issued, I am its transportation or by speculative "hold- glad to have substantial evidence that it has As a matter of fact, in every province of

grade of our whole butter production.

the Dominion, and very likely in every in any market. It is unlikely that in Ireland itself better butter can be made than in our own Prince Edward Island-equally green and beautiful. "Gilt-edged" butter may be made almost anywhere in maritime Nova 00 Scotia and New Brunswick, with their rich marshes and grassy slopes, kissed by Atlantic 00 seabreezes. Quebes has its Eastern Townahips, the very name of which is synonymous with the best butter of the country. It has, 00 too, its Kamouraska district, which though 00 it has shipped enough bad butter to spoil the The dairy exports here stand highest of sales and atmosphere which have produced all. Indeed, they exceeded our combined facet milk and butter in the world. Ontario combined hides, potatoes and wool! They were nearly had less of the advantage of having made butter making in some degree a specialty. In the surface that exports have superist in the surface of the advantage of having made butter making in some degree a specialty. In the last indeed, a combined that in every one was indeed as a factor in made, though four of its risk counties smallers butter has been made by a garments made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment made by a garment made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment of its risk counties smallers better has been made by a garment of the garment of the standard by the garment of th

facture of its products, brings prosperity to mer nighte, and, let it be added, a people of enterprise and intelligence, the pick of every. The manifest advantages of dairying, and where. If Canada does not take first not

Doubtless there are districts in Canada Unhappily, a further analysis of our dairy because of natural conditions or circumsta. exports will greatly modify any self-con- ces not so well adapted for butter as for some of our wheat growing water scant On. cheese production, as a profitable specialty Second .- The genius of the people of Canada is equal to the special needs of success

ful dairying. Here I have touched upon in important factor of success. Natural six ventures, though necessary to completes success, are almost less than half the battle. We are coming more and more into day of stiff competition, in which intelligence en terprise and skill will play the finest part. Scientific investigation, to discover nature's secrets; experimental work, leaving to pr. fection of method; ingenious inventions, to perfect necessary appliances; orginality and push in enterprise—all are necessary to success in the strong competition already apon us. In pushing to the front in cheese making, Canada has shown herself peopled with a race possessed of the necessary qualifications for success. The growth of the cheese industry, if carefully studied, will be seen to be not an accident nor a spurt, but a real growth. due to the intelligent enterprise of the people most intimately connected with that growth. It is the united action of the pioneers of the industry in Ontario, in atsociation, assisted, in a moderate degree only. by Government, which gave the first impetus to what is now our great factory system of cheese-making. Quebec followed closely upon Ontario, and now other provinces are ge stock to choose from, on the move. The cheese industry is now so well in hand that there can be little doubt of such steady progress that the Dominion

will lead all competitions in the race. The good judgement of the Canalian cheese makers is well indicated by their temper ou the question of the adulteration of cheese. Ail the plausible arguments to greedily resort to the tempting profits of robbing the milk of its cream, and substituting something cheaper, are always met by an unanimous, even impatient opposition by our associated cheese-makers. The wisdom of this disposition becomes more and more apparent in the ever-improving reputation of our cheese in Great Britain. In a recent official examination of, I think, nearly 300 samples of Canadian cheese in England, not one was found to be admiterated.

In butter production, while there are ay evidence of marked success, while there are production. But the people should set themselves at once and heartily to the task. What has been done already in this connection will show that the temper of our not enough has been done and not enough First-The country is remarkably well attempted. I do not claim that the task is the people is equal to the need, if it will action must needs be taken, it is not within

The agencies which are already working mainly, as follows :-

The Western and Eastern Dairymen's as-(sociatons of Ontario, and the Dairymen's associations of Quebec, have been more than all else instrumental in building up our great cheese industry, and making it what it is. The Ontario Creameries association, of recent organization, is promising of much help beginning with its working creamery, but it doubtless has its best work yet to; do. It is Kingston, Ont.; one goes to Ottawa, and the be made to do a most important and much needed service in the line of experiment and balance is spoken for by a Montreal retailer, education. Canada has an excellent agricul-There is nothing exceptional in this instance. it is merely illustrative of a condition of tural press, which has done, and is doing things which has done, and is doing the things which bears upon the question of the grand work educating its readers. The ordinary newspaper itself is keenly alive to Again, the faulty condition of butter in a its own power to reach and impress the massdone good work.

In view of our natural advantages, the genius of our people, what has already been attended, and an awakened disposition gress, there, is surely reason to hope for the dairy industry in Canada

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