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Yours truly F. D. Douglass

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OFFICERS

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Vermont Dairymen's Association.

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PRESIDENT—O. M. TINKHAM, North Pomfret.

VICE-PRESIDENTS— { HON. F. D. DOUGLAS, Whiting,
HON. ALNEY STONE, Westford,
W. W. DAVIS, Westminster.

SECRETARY—E. L. BASS, West Randolph.

TREASURER—H. W. VAIL, North Pomfret.

AUDITOR—F. L. HOUGHTON, Putney.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THIS MEETING,

For the Ensuing Year.

PRESIDENT—HON. F. D. DOUGLAS, Whiting.

VICE-PRESIDENTS— { HON. ALNEY STONE, Westford,
HON. J. C. OLIVER, Charleston.

SECRETARY—E. L. BASS, West Randolph.

TREASURER—H. W. VAIL, North Pomfret.

AUDITOR—E. O. STODDARD, Poultney.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DAIRY INTERESTS OF VERMONT.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated annually to the Vermont Dairymen's Association, for the purpose of promoting, developing and encouraging the dairy interests of the State.

The Auditor of Accounts is hereby directed to draw an order on the State Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, for the first payment of this appropriation, on the first day of January, A. D. 1889, and annually thereafter so long as the conditions hereinafter provided shall be complied with.

SEC. 2. Said Vermont Dairymen's Association shall hold an annual meeting, continuing for at least three days, at some town or city in this State, of easy access to the people, and in some comfortable and convenient building; and said meeting shall be open and free to the people of the State. At said meeting, the best available talent in the country shall be employed to teach and discuss the best methods of dairy farming, and subjects connected therewith; and at said annual meeting premiums shall be offered for the best dairy products of butter and cheese, to an amount of at least two hundred dollars; such premiums to be awarded by disinterested and expert judges, and paid by the Treasurer of said Vermont Dairymen's Association.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of said Vermont Dairymen's Association shall, in the months of February or March of each year, cause to be printed and distributed among the dairymen of this State, a report of the meetings of the Association. Said report shall contain at least one hundred pages of the addresses, discussions and other proceedings of the meetings; also the awards of premiums and the methods of manufacture of those products to which premiums were awarded. Three thousand copies of said report shall be for the people of the State and two hundred for the State Librarian.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of said Vermont Dairymen's Association, shall, on or before December 1, 1889, and annually thereafter, make a detailed and itemized account to the State Auditor of Accounts of the receipts and expenses of said Association, which account shall be approved and countersigned by the Treasurer and Auditor of said Association.

SEC. 5. If, in any year, it shall appear to the State Auditor of Accounts that any part of the preceding annual appropriation remains unexpended, or has not been honestly and judiciously expended, then such a part or amount shall be deducted from the order for the next succeeding annual appropriation.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect from its passage.

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be called the "VERMONT DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION."

SEC. 2. Its objects shall be to improve the dairy interests of Vermont, and all subsidiary interests.

SEC. 3. This Association shall consist of such persons as shall signify their desire to become members, and pay the sum of one dollar, and a like sum annually thereafter, and of honorary and corresponding members.

SEC. 4. The payment of five dollars shall constitute a life member, or the payment of an annual membership fee of one dollar for five consecutive years, shall constitute a life member.

SEC. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, (one from each Congressional District), a Secretary, Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall constitute the Executive Committee, and have the general oversight of all the affairs of the Association.

SEC. 6. There shall be held, during each winter, an Annual Meeting, at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, for addresses, discussions, exhibitions, and the election of officers, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors are chosen. Said meeting shall continue in session at least three days.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare an Annual Report of the transactions of the Association for the current year, embracing such papers, original or selected, as may be approved by the Executive Committee, and cause the same to be published and distributed to the Dairymen of the State of Vermont.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Association, and disburse them on the order of the President or a Vice-President, countersigned by the Secretary, and shall make a report of the receipts and expenditures to the Annual Meeting.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

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CITY HALL, BURLINGTON, VT., }
January 16, 1889. }

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Vermont Dairymen's Association was called to order by President O. M. TINKHAM, at 10:20 A. M., January 16.

DECORATIONS.

The Hall had been tastefully decorated with pictures of noted Holsteins from Smiths, Powell & Lamb, of Syracuse, N. Y., of Jerseys on the Billings farm at Woodstock, and others from Moulton Brothers' Green Mountain Stock Farm at West Randolph; also with fancifully-arranged butter-working utensils, with sheaves of beautiful grasses, grain and fodder, with immense shields containing scythes, rakes, forks, etc.; and to complete the Hall's appearance, the wall back of the fine dairy implement display on the platform was covered with the American flag, in the midst of which, and surrounded by roots and grains, stood an old farmer labeled "1789." He was dolefully doing the week's churning with a dash churn, and looked down askance at the array of Cooley and Stoddard Creamers, the Lactonite, the Surprise and Davis Churns, the Butter-Workers, the Eclipse Corn Planter, Monitor Sowers, Hocking Valley Feed Cutter, Ferguson & Hopkins Water Heater, packages of Osgood's Butter Color Powder, and other modern labor-saving contrivances to which he appeared a stranger.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Association:

It is a source of great pleasure to meet so many of you here to-day, and of congratulation that we are convened for the first time relieved from the necessity of begging. I trust that with this meeting the Association will enter upon a new and more

prosperous era, by reason of the appropriation made at the last session of the Legislature; although, as I think, the results it has achieved in its work for the past twenty years have been second to that of none of the other Societies in the State.

Vermont has natural advantages, and she might rank as the first dairy State in the Union. She has made great advances, but has not yet reached a point where she can rest on her laurels, for she has more to gain in the future than has been gained in the past. The programme before you will give you a list of talent which is to address you—talent which it will be difficult to surpass—and in proceeding to the business of this occasion, I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. D. M. Macpherson, of Lancaster, Ontario, who will address you upon the matter of cheese-making.

CHEESE MAKING.

Mr. Macpherson, who was very cordially received, said:

It affords me considerable pleasure to attend your Convention. Through the courtesy of your Secretary, an invitation was extended to me to be present to say a few words in relation to my experience in regard to the manufacture of cheese.

I am aware that the tendency in this State is largely toward the manufacture of butter, and I fear my remarks in regard to cheese-making will not have the interest for you they might otherwise have. But the two interests are closely identified, both articles being the product of milk. If it is all made into butter, it creates a surplus that tends to lower prices. By making part of the milk into cheese, it relieves the surplus of butter, and *vice versa*; and hence we get a fair average price on both articles. The question has often been asked me at Dairymen's Conventions, Which is the most profitable product to make? I believe there can be very little difference, where both products are made. If butter is higher in price than cheese, a quantity of milk will be taken from the manufacture of cheese and turned into butter, and *vice versa* if cheese would produce more profit than butter. Hence, the prices of the two articles have a tendency to bring about an equilibrium of value, so that when a first-class article of cheese and butter are made, there will be very little difference in the results as to profit of one or the other.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DAIRY INTEREST.

Dairying in this State, and, indeed, throughout this North American Continent, is developing to an immense magnitude. The value of the butter and cheese products of this country