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Farm Dairy is Passing Away

The State Dairy and Food Commission received a very high compliment from a local butter dealer the other day, suggestive of the vigorous manner in which the department is executing the law prohibiting the shipping in or sale of oleomargarine. "Why, those fellows have got it down so fine," said he, "that they are inspecting the axle boxes on the freight cars for traces of oleomargarine, and I actually believe that if they should find that the railroads were using it as a lubricant they would have the officials in court."

It is by such effective methods that the commission has finally succeeded in banishing oleomargarine from the state. It is but rarely now that any of it is found within the state, with the possible exception of some of the more remote lumber camps. The commission's record in the matter of filled cheese is just as good. Only in the case of cheese, it may come into the state if branded as such.

The inspectors in their tours through the state note a very marked scarcity of butter. A year ago there were tremendous stocks on hand in the cold-storage warehouse of the country, and everybody was looking for the prevailing low prices to rule indefinitely. The situation in so far as Minnesota is concerned does not seem to be due to any falling off in the amount. On the contrary, the number of creameries has been growing larger every month, and the aggregate output correspondingly greater.

"The only explanation I can see for the improved price of butter," said Inspector Williams yesterday, "is that the improved quality makes a better market. As the butter gets better the people eat more of it. In the days of dairy butter the stores and warehouses were loaded up with all manner of grades, from 'extra' down to 'grease.' Many people did not know the difference between good and poor and so bought the cheaper article; from motives of economy, and then ate as little as they could get along with. There is little or no dairy butter in the market today. It is all creamery product, and in most cases of very fine flavor. People have had to buy it, and use it and they have been using far more of it than of the poor stuff they formerly bought. It is this increased consumption that, in my estimation, has contributed most to bring about the present improved prices. And I believe that the per capita consumption is going to grow larger all the time, as the people get better acquainted with the merits of the creamery product.

"The good days of dairy butter are no more in this country. It is a rare exception now to find a farmer that makes butter. It is likely soon to be a lost art in the family. There are in some German communities of the state conservative families that, while sending their milk to the creamery, still reserve enough to make butter for their own use. But in a short time that practice will be discontinued, and the dairy butter will be as much of a curiosity as the creamery article was twenty years ago. I look for even higher prices than are now being paid."

State of Oregon
County of Tillamook
Tillamook City

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