RETURN

To an Order of the House for a Return showing all transactions of the Provincial Government with any person or persons, company or companies, with respect to the "Creameries Act, 1896"; said returns to furnish (*a*) the names of all persons or companies to whom or which aid has been extended; (*b*) amount of said aid; (*c*) location of any such creamery.

J. H. TURNER,
Minister of Agriculture.

Agricultural Department,
3rd March, 1897.

SAPPERTON, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,
14th December, 1896.

Mr. J. R. Anderson,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly inform me what provision has been made by the Provincial Government to assist in the establishment of creameries in the Province; also, what steps are necessary to be taken in order to secure the incorporation of a creamery company or association.

I am in receipt of a circular from the Dominion Department of Agriculture, showing what is done for creameries in the North-West Territories. Something similar would be of great use to the farmers of the Fraser valley.

Thanking you in advance,

I am, etc.,
GEO. B. CROSS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, December 16th, 1896.

SIR,—I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, *re* establishment of creameries.

Under separate cover I transmit copies of the following Acts, which bear on the subject, viz.:—

"Creameries Act, 1896."
"Dairy Associations Act, 1895."
"Dairyman's Association Act, 1894."
"Milk Fraud Act, 1895."

These will furnish you with all information as to the steps necessary to be taken in the establishment of creameries or associations.

I am aware that the Dominion Government is sending out circulars regarding the matter in question, and trust that such representations will be made as will induce them to grant such privileges as will redound to the benefit, not only of the Fraser Valley, but of the whole Province.

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Geo. B. Cross, Esq.,
Sapperton, New Westminster.

ENDERBY, B. C., 12th Sept., 1896.

SIR,—Will you kindly let me have particulars as to Government aid in the establishment of creameries?

I am, etc.,
GRAHAM ROSOMAN.

J. R. Anderson,
Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, September 17th, 1896.

SIR,—Enclosed I beg to hand you copies of the following Acts, which deal with dairying matters, and from which you can get the information you desire.

"Dairyman's Association Act, 1894."
"Milk Fraud Act, 1895."
"Dairy Associations Act, 1895."
"Creameries Act, 1896."

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Graham Rosoman, Esq.,
Enderby.

ENDERBY, B. C., October 12th, 1896.

J. R. Anderson, Esq.,

DEAR SIR,—I find I shall have to hold one or more public meetings in reference to the establishing a creamery, and whilst in a general way I know the main facts in favour thereof, I am at a loss for actual figures. Could you help me as to the amount of—

Butter imported from foreign sources, and duty paid, in any given period;
Cheese " " " "
An approximate idea of quantities of same imported from the east—
dates to be as recent as practicable.

Then a very important point I must ascertain, viz., the current price of butter at more than *one* creamery, the more the better, from prairie points; *also* the current price of cheese. Also the current price of the day at some one or more creameries in B. C.

Could you help me, or put me in the way of obtaining the necessary information? If you could, I should feel deeply grateful.

From present indications, I think if I am clever enough to put the affair in a clear light, we shall easily establish the factory, and though I cannot see how it will benefit me personally, the affair is of such clear public good that I am anxious to push it along with all possible energy, until some more efficient successor be found.

A rough idea also of the hog products, for any one year, imported from all points, with value, would be of service.

Trusting to be favoured with an early reply,

I remain, etc.,
GEORGE R. LAWES.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, October 15th, 1896.

SIR,—I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant. I have no complete statistics of the importations of dairy produce since the publication of the last report of this department, but those given on page 1137 *et seq.* will, I think, answer your purpose; from the same source you will also see what the importations of the products of the hog were. I do not think the importations of the products of the hog will be found to have declined much during 1895 and 1896. The current price of butter in the

North-West has ranged during the year as follows:—15, 15½, 16, 18, 20, and 20½ cents at point of shipment, the latter being the present ruling price, viz., 20 cents in large packages of 60 lbs., and 20½ cents in small. Lots on the way now will cost landed here from 22¾ to 23 cents, the freight being about $2.20 per 100 lbs., including, of course, the weight of the packages. The local creamery butter, viz., Cowichan, Delta, and Chilliwhack, has all been handled by the retailers, who have been paying generally about 25 cents, and sometimes a lower price. Cheese was landed here to-day at 9½ cents. This price to 10 cents may be taken as the ruling figure. These are not the prices of any one creamery, but of creamery butter in the open market.

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

G. R. Lawes, Esq.,
Enderby.

ENDERBY, Sept. 17th, 1896.

J. R. Anderson, Esq.,

DEAR SIR,—Your circulars received this morning. I will do my best with them. They seem to be striking at the root, and I hope will result in good to the agricultural interests.

I believe Mr. Rosoman, of this place, wrote you *re* information about dairy matters. If there is anything omitted in your reply to him would you kindly send along to me.

I am working the thing up to erect a creamery at this place. I am certain it will be a great financial help, more particularly to our multitude of bush ranchers up and down the river and Deep Creek, once we can get it through the initial stages. The first difficulty that presents itself is formation or incorporation.

I notice you have an Act of 1895, and two following Acts. If you have not sent them to Mr. Rosoman please send them to me, and if there is any cost I will remit to you.

Next difficulty is capital. It appears to me it would be much easier to place the shares if the Government would guarantee an interest, say of 5 per cent., for three years or five years, on whole of the capital, the undertaking to provide a sinking fund to redeem the shares at end of that time.

I am anxious to get the thing into some shape before the Vernon Show, if possible, and if you can give me any information that would help me I should be extremely glad.

The undertaking will be co-operative of course.

Yours, etc.,
GEORGE R. LAWES.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, September 21st, 1896.

SIR,—I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 17th instant, and trust to receive your returns in due course.

I wrote to Mr. Rosoman and sent him copies of all the Acts bearing on the dairying business, and believe you can glean from them all the information you require regarding Government assistance, etc. I am afraid if you should want other assistance than is provided for by Act there would be but small chance of obtaining it, as all other creameries would want to be treated the same.

Under separate cover I send copies of the Dairy Commissioner's report for 1892-3, of bulletin on cheese factories and creameries, of the evidence of the Dairy Commissioner, and of two pamphlets from John S. Pearce & Co., dealer in dairy supplies, all of which will, I trust, be of some use to you.

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

G R. Lawes, Esq.,
Enderby.

WHITE VALLEY, B. C.,
LUMLY, April 27th, 1896.

Provincial Secretary,
Agricultural Department, Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—At a public meeting, *re* creamery, held here, April 25th, I was appointed to write you for particulars as to assistance furnished by the Provincial Government to creameries; also conditions of loan, etc. Also where we can get plans and specifications, machinery, and cost of creameries for 300 cows. We may start one here, as this place is well adapted for such, and would like to get all the information you can give us.

Please hand this to the proper person.

Yours, etc.,
S. MCILVANIE.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, May 8th, 1896.

SIR,—Your communication of the 27th ultimo addressed to the Provincial Secretary has been referred to this department.

Under separate cover I beg to hand you copies of the Act relating to creameries, of the third annual report of the Dominion Dairy Commissioner, of the Dairy Commissioner's bulletin, entitled "Cheese Factories and Creameries," and of Messrs. John S. Pearce & Co.'s two pamphlets on dairy supplies, from which I think you can obtain all the information you require. I also send copies of the "Dairy Associations Act, 1895," and the "Milk Fraud Act, 1895." If I can be of further assistance to you, it will give me pleasure to serve you.

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

S. McIlvanie, Esq.,
Lumby, White Valley.

LADNER, February 11th, 1897.

To J. R. Anderson, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—Your communication of Feb. 4th received, and in reply would say that this Company was incorporated under "The Cheese and Butter Associations' Act" of Feb. 21st, 1895.

The Company has never applied for any Government assistance, but as they are poor and need funds any Government assistance available will be thankfully recived, as it is hard for a private company to "buck" Government assistance.

Yours respectfully,
DELTA CREAMERY CO.,
A. E. FAWCETT, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—Letter No. 121/97 was replied to verbally. Mr. Anderson referred the president to the provisions of the dairying Acts, copies of which were given him.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
Feb. 27th, 1897.

J. R. Anderson, Esq.,

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your inquiry some little time ago, I beg to say that the creamery here was incorporated under the "Creamery Associations' Act" of 1896.

I would be glad to hear from you whether under that Act you would interpret that the feeding of pigs and keeping them, etc., is allowed. Resolutions, at former meetings of the Dairymen's Association, have been forwarded to the Government on this question but no action has been taken, and this I think is a matter which should be looked into again.

I am, etc.,
G. HADWEN.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, February 24th, 1897.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your communication of the 22nd instant.

The "Dairy Associations Act, 1895," under which a creamery company is incorporated, does not provide for the keeping of swine, but, curiously enough, just before the receipt of your letter I had prepared an amendment providing for it, so there will be no further trouble on that score. I enclose a copy of the Act and a copy of the proposed amendment.

I have also prepared a Bill amending the "Dairyman's Association Act, 1894," making the fee $1.00 instead of $2.00.

The "Farmers' Institutes Bill" is being considered by the farmers' delegates assembled here to-day. I send a copy in case you have not been provided with one. Mr. Turner asked me to look over it and make such alterations as I thought best; this I have done.

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

G. Hadwen, Esq.,
Correspondent Department of Agriculture,
Duncans.

CLINTON, B. C., Feby. 10th, 1897.

Mr. J. R. Anderson,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly send me by return mail a copy of Ordinance, and full particulars relating thereto, passed by Legislative Assembly for the assistance of companies or associations organising to start a creamery. Mr. Stoddart may see you about the matter also, but I wish to get all this information, if possible, in the meantime.

Yours, etc.,
W. J. WHITE.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, February 13th, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 10th instant, and take pleasure, in conformity with its contents, in sending to you under separate cover copies of the following Acts bearing upon the dairying industry, viz. :—

"Creameries Act, 1896."
"Dairy Associations Act, 1895."
"Milk Fraud Act, 1895."
"Dairyman's Association Act, 1894."

I also send a bulletin on cheese factories and creameries, which I think may be of some use to you.

I have not seen Mr. Stoddart yet, but I presume he will call upon me. In the meantime accept my assurance that I will be pleased to render you any assistance in my power.

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

W. J. White, Esq.,
Clinton.

CLINTON, B. C., February 22nd, 1897.

J. R. Anderson, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria:

DEAR SIR,—Your letters and circulars of recent date were duly received, but as yet the plans, etc., which you mentioned to Mr. Stoddart have not yet come to hand.

I would also like to get a few explanations from you *re* applying for charter and help from the Government in this matter. In the schedule of certificate which is given to be sent to Registrar in applying for such charter there is this clause:—"The number of shares is to be unlimited, and the capital to consist of shares of ——— each." What does this mean? Can we not make our capital stock say $4,000, composed of $4,000 shares at $1 each, or is it placed there merely to give the Company the privilege of adding more shares if they think right to do so in the course of time? What steps have to be taken in applying to the Government for a loan in connection with the same?

Then in the Act of '96 to encourage dairying, it states that 50 per cent of subscribed capital stock must be paid up. Has this clause got to be fully carried out before the Government will grant a loan? Do they do anything in the way of managing the creamery, as the Dominion Government do in the North-West, or is it all left in the hands of the Directors?

Do you know of any capable man whom you would recommend to make the butter and manage affairs generally, outside of secretary and treasurer, and who would be willing to take a goodly number of shares in the Company? If there is any other information which you can give me *re* completing steps to form a company or association, I would be glad to get it from you, but would like full explanations on points mentioned, and also *re* the assistance that might be expected from the Government.

Will the new bill *re* "Companies Acts," now before the local Legislature, be likely to affect the "Dairy Incorporation Act"?

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
VICTORIA, February 25th, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 22nd instant (unsigned).

The plans I mentioned are those contained in Mr. Robertson's bulletin, not working plans; I have none of the latter; but I think if you asked the secretaries of the Cowichan and Delta Creameries they would give you all the information you require. The schedule in the "Dairy Associations' Act, 1895," you allude to, means that you can make your capital anything you like and increase it at will—for instance, if you wish to raise $20,000 and you have only 100 shareholders then the shares would be worth $200, and that sum would have to be inserted in the space left for it. It is after all only a matter of form. Sections 4 and 5 of the "Creameries' Act" fully defines the steps to be taken to secure a loan from the Government. There is no doubt that all the provisions have to be carried out, if an association or company wishes to share the benefits of the Act. The Government in no way supervises the management of a creamery; that is left in the hands of the directors.

Mr. John T. Collins, of Salt Spring Island, is a very capable dairyman, but I cannot say whether he would go to Clinton to assume the management of a creamery. I would, however, advise you to correspond with him, as he can give you lots of pointers and good advice.

Trusting I have explained matters to your satisfaction,

I have, etc.,
J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

W. J. White, Esq.,
Clinton.

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