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Rennie's system many of them have become unnecessary, and during the past two years nearly all the cross ones have been taken away. The farm is now divided into eighty-acre fields instead of twenty-acre, as formerly. In addition to the saving of time and labor required to keep fences in repair, there is a gain of land, and a dangerous source of weed propagation is removed. When it is not desirable to pasture the whole of any one of these fields the cattle may be easily confined to a part by a portable fence, which can be quickly erected for the purpose.

The cold, wet weather of the spring has not had any bad effects on the field crops except the corn, which had to be re-planted. The meadows show a luxuriant growth of clover and timothy, giving promise of a crop equal to the phenomenal yield of last year. But the conditions favorable to the growth of vegetation have also brought into prominence many weeds which were thought to have been eradicated. Shepherd's Purse and White Cockle are very conspicuous in some of the fields.

In the horticultural department a new step in advance has been taken by Mr. Hutt, and a new orchard of some 600 trees has been set out in field 13, adjacent to Stone's corner. Ninety varieties of apple, forty of plum, thirty-six of pear, and twenty-four of cherry trees, procured from Canadian nurseries, are included in the list. As the wet season has been very favorable for transplanting there is little danger of failure unless some of the varieties are naturally unsuitable for the locality.

In the past much annoyance and delay has often resulted from the lack of close communication between the different departments of the institution. Judging from the number of telephone wires which have been strung lately, extending in circuit through each of the departments, this trouble will soon be removed. Each building of importance is now connected with all the others by a separate wire. In this way no central office is required and the person wishing to communicate can do his own switching off. Mr. Putnam is already gaining in flesh at the prospect of being spared from some of his innumerable errands.

A Review of Reviews.

Sometime since we conceived the idea of writing a history of our journal from the date of its first publication to the present time. That part of the work was easily accomplished, but when it came to the tedious task of tracing the whereabouts of those whose brains and pens have placed the Review in its present enviable position, we became entangled in a network of difficulties, and almost despaired of a successful conclusion. However, a careful search through old registers and mailing lists has disclosed a few clues, and by following these with a determination to get all the required data for our sketch, most of the ex-editors have been located.

In the fall of 1889 it was thought that the addition of the third year to the course had given a sufficient distribution of the work on the curriculum to allow the students to undertake the publication of a College paper, and so after considerable work and trouble the first number made its appearance, bearing the date November, 1889. The staff consisted of H. H. Dean, Managing Editor; C. A. Zavits, Agricultural; S. N. Monteith, Personal; C. F. Whitely, Local; J. Gelling, Exchange; B. Sleightholm and J. Harcourt, Business Managers. Most of these men are too well known to require mention here. Mr. Gelling is ranching in Manitoba, Mr. Sleightholm is farming in Peel county, while Mr. Harcourt is one of Lincoln county's leading sheep breeders. These men labored under very great difficulties, for they had to work against the indifference of the students, the lack of patronage from the ex-students, and the distrust of the advertisers. They published an excellent paper, however, and at the end of the year left the enterprise on a solid basis. Mr. Dean's editorials were written in his usual forcible style, and were the leading feature. He never posed as a humorist, but nevertheless he perpetrated a huge joke at his own expense, when in one of his productions he speculated upon the possible successor of Prof. Robertson in our Dairy Department, apparently not dreaming of his own chance for the position. We quote:—

"Who his (Prof Robertson's) successor will be has not yet been determined, but several are doubtless aspiring. While we do not wish to discourage anyone from soaring aloft, yet we would have them consider that

"As in a theatre the eyes of men,
After a well graced actor leaves the stage,
Are idly bent on him who enters next
Thinking his prattle to be tedious.

"Even so with much more contempt men's eyes may be dreamily fixed upon the coming professor and their ears wax dull with heaviness from hearing his roaring all the day long."

The men of 1890-1 had a less laborious task than their predecessors. Mr. Whitely was chosen as Managing Editor; Mr. H. L. Hutt, now our horticulturist, was Agricultural Editor; Mr. W. J. Palmer, now in the Kensington Dairy School, Toronto, had charge of the Personals, and for the first three issues Mr. J. C. Harris, now of Westholme, B.C., edited the Locals. Mr. Harris' departure from the College, however, necessitated the appointment to that position of Mr. F. A. Wilkin, who is at present taking the course in mechanical science at the McGill University. Mr. Harry Field, now a prosperous dry goods merchant in Coloung was entrusted with the Exchanges; while R. S. Shaw and R. N. Morgan were Business Managers. Mr. Shaw is now lecturing on Animal Husbandry at St. Anthony's Park, Minn., and Mr. Morgan is superintendent of the Louisiana station at