

list of both Local and Dominion Governments, as issues of the most important bulletins are frequently exhausted long before they are ceased to be enquired for by the public.

A word of commendation is also due the Dominion Government for the persistency with which it is following up the system of transshipment of perishable products in cold storage, and the encouragement to the dairy industry in the way of bonus to aid in the construction of cold storage buildings, although we think the fruit growers have not received the meed of encouragement which the importance and extent of that industry would warrant. The increase which is certain to accrue to the exports of this country from a judicious following up of this system, and their heightened appreciation in foreign markets, will justify amply any reasonable expenditure on this account.

The reduction in freight rates between east and west brought about by the action of the Government during the past year, cannot fail to be of immense benefit to the public of the whole Dominion.

We feel that we have just cause for disappointment in the somewhat half-hearted manner in which the Government took up the matter of tariff reform at their last session. Considering the pledges of the Government, and the majority of their supporters, we think we had strong grounds for expecting more sweeping reductions in the tariff on tools and implements used by farmers, and other articles of common consumption used by the laboring and farming classes.

The subject of immigration is one of the most important confronting us at this juncture; this, coupled with causes which are already at work, and effects which do not require the faculties of a seer to foretell, is fraught with meaning of serious import to us. The migration to the various mining fields of the Dominion is proving a great drain on the forces now available for the prosecution of farm work, and farm hands are already more difficult to obtain through this cause. In order to adjust this properly the Government should have our recommendation to move promptly in the matter of inducing emigrants with a little capital or plenty of energy and good morals to locate here in Ontario.

The coming activity in migration and immigration we anticipate will not prove an unmixed evil, and we confidently expect a corresponding advance in the price of farm produce, and a restoration of part at least of the shrinkage in value of farm lands during the past decade.

As farmers we can only keep pace with the intelligence of the times by availing ourselves of the best class of agricultural