

of the most desirable parts of the city, being close to the Post Office, Custom House and other public buildings. We congratulate our Western contemporary upon the ability to rear such an edifice, hope it will go on and prosper, and sincerely wish that at no distant day our pages may be ornamented with an equally beautiful engraving of an ONTARIO FARMER BUILDING.

THE SEASON.

So far, the present season has been all that the most exacting and hard-to-please farmer could wish. Though winter was tardy in departing, it left us in a hurry, and spring came promptly as if anxious to rival winter in the rapidity of its movements. Owing to the early fall and steady continuance of a large dody of snow, there was not much frost in the ground, except here and there in exposed and bare places; consequently the plough was quickly at work; a fortunate circumstance, as owing to the unfavourable weather last autumn, but little ploughing was done. Short and hurried as the spring has been, we believe that the crops have been seldom got in earlier or in better order; the weather has been superb; nature has been in holiday trim; and for once, grumblers have been at a loss what to find falt with.

In some sections, fall wheat sustained injury, and we have heard of a few instances in which fields or parts of fields have been re-ploughed and re-sown; clover too has been damaged to some extent; and what is very remarkable, some of our hardiest native trees, the balsam fir, for example, have suffered a species of winter kill, the cause of which it is conjectured was the setting in of cold weather so early in the fall that the young wood had not time to harden and toughen. In our own grounds there are several balsams that look as if they had been scalded or scorched, and are either half or quite killed. Meantime that right noble evergreen, the Norway Spruce is wholly unscathed, proving itself as it invariably does, the king of Evergreens in this climate. In some cases, fruit-trees have suffered similiar damage, especially plums, and we note that although the winter has by no means been severe, as it respects the degree of cold indicated by the thermometer, yet grape-vines and other plants show signs of having passed through a trying ordeal.

The prospect of a fine yield of fruit was never better. If we escape a June frost, there can be little doubt that we shall have one of the most abundant fruit seasons the country has ever known; and as people who have never got into the spirit of fruit-planting, behold the richly-laden orchard and lawn trees of their more provident neighbours, we trust they too will resolve to plant, and that next year our nurserymen will be deluged with orders, and overwhelmed with business.

AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The Council of the above Association held a specia! meeting on the 12th and 13th ults. Most of the business consisted of the usual routine preparations for the coming Exhibition. The Chairman stated that a copy of last year's prize list had been sent to each member of the Association for suggestions, and that in consequence a number of communications had been received proposing changes. In reference to the ticket frauds at London during last Exhibition, it was formally reported to the Board, that owing to the admirable manner in which the case had been worked up, conviction had been had of one Scanlon as the guilty party, who had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for the crime. The thanks of the Board were tendered in a resolution to Mr. James Young, M. P. for South Waterloo, for the efficient service rendered by him in obtaining the passage of a Bill through the Dominion Legislature, abolishing the duty on animals imported for breeding purposes.

THE ASSOCIATION V. DENNISON.

Mr. RYKERT, M. P. P., read a long report from the Master in Chancery in this case. Mr. Rykert characterized the report as being a most extraordinary document, and highly worthy of a place in Barnum's Museum as a curiosity, inasmuch that while it brought the Association in debt to the late Treasurer in the large sum of \$6,338; it also stated that Mr. Dennison had no legal stand in Court. Some desultory conversation took place upon the matter, and finally the report was referred to the Solicitor of the Association.

THE MODEL FARM.

The SECRETARY stated that the awards of the arbitrators in the matter of the Model Farm buildings, between the University and the Association had been given; but there was a difference of £300 between them, so that it would be necessary to appoint a referee.

It was then resolved:—"That the Secretary be instructed to notify Mr. Crooks, of the University, that the Board would prefer that the arbitrators should themselves select a referee, and decide upon the valuation to be placed upon the Model Farm buildings."

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

It was resolved that the Secretary (Mr. H. C. Thomson) and the Treasurer, (Mr. Graham,) be appointed a Committee to select the gentlemen to serve on the local Committee, the number not to exceed twenty.

In the course of a discussion on the rules of the Exhibition, it was resolved to make it incumbent on all male animals, above one year old, that they should be in and serve in the Province, either one season before showing, or that their owners should guarantee that they remain for one year afterwards. [Who is this meant to hit?—Ed. O. F.]