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### PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

The proprietorship of the MARITIME AGRICULTURIST has changed hands and in future it will be issued from the office of THE EVENING GAZETTE, St. John, N. B. It will continue as before under the management of Robert Jarvis Gilbert, who has been associated with the publication since its commencement. The change in proprietorship and the removal of the headquarters of the paper from Dorchester to St. John explains the delay in the issue of the current number. Hereafter the MARITIME AGRICULTURIST will appear regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Many changes and improvements will be made and the aim of the publisher will be to make the MARITIME AGRICULTURIST not only a first-class farmer's paper, but to fill its columns with matter particularly adapted to the farming interests of the lower provinces. Performance is better than promises, and all that is asked is a fair and reasonable support from the farmers of the Maritime Provinces.

JOHN A. BOWES, Publisher.

### Make a Little Experiment.

If you are not convinced of the practicability of the silo make a test for yourself. Build a small one four or five feet square and sixteen or eighteen feet deep. Plant some crop especially for it next spring and next winter feed it to one cow or a few sheep. This will not cost you much and from it you will get practical experience that will be worth more to you than all the essays written on the subject. Think seriously of this during the winter. Get all the information on the silo you can and write the AGRICULTURIST any question arising in your mind for which you cannot find a satisfactory answer.

When toppers cross a bridge they close their eyes lest they should see the water.

### If You Don't see what you want ask for it.

If you want information on any farm-subject write to the Agriculturist. If we are not in a position to give you the information you seek or answer your question it will be referred to the best authority we can find, failing which we will publish it and seek the answer from among our many subscribers. If you once got in the way of referring to your agricultural journal for information you will be pleased with the result. The men who answer your questions are chosen for the departments over which they preside, for their special knowledge and practical experience. In a word, when you take up your paper "if you don't see what you want, ask for it."

Winter dairying pays best, in most instances, but, to carry it on, the cows should commence to come in about September. To this end, they must be bred during the three winter months. Heifer calves raised from them will be in good form to go on pasture in the spring; and will be old enough to breed, the following winter. In mixed farming, the dairy can be better and easier attended to, in the winter. Too many farmers waste time in the winter, which could be profitably spent, running a dairy. They often eat up the profits of the farm, by a winter of inactivity, and then declare that "farming don't pay." We have not found a business that would, under those conditions unless, it yielded enormous profits.

A RATHER NOVEL method of raising potatoes was tried this year by Wilford Van Wart of Central Hamstead. He laid the seed on a rather damp piece of meadow and covered them about six inches deep with buckwheat straw and in the fall he had, from a piece of land 4 feet wide by 19 feet long, two bushels of fine early rose. If that method proves successful it will facilitate the work very much; at any rate it is worthy of a more extended trial.

THE ST. JOHN AGRICULTURAL society held its monthly meeting on the 27th ult and discussed several matters in connection with their work. It was decided to hold a special meeting on the third Thursday in December in place of the regular meeting.