

Professor Sheldon on New Brunswick.

Our correspondent refers incidentally to farm competition, and suggests that prizes should be given to the farmers who keep their farms near up to "the model" standard. The system of farm competition has been inaugurated in Ontario. A commission last year made a tour through a district of the Province, and examined a considerable number of farms, and drew up a most readable report containing many valuable facts, statements and suggestions. The farmers of Ontario took much interest in it, as well as might in this competition. In no way could the state of farming be better ascertained than by the visit and report of competent and honest practical inspectors; in no way could generous rivalry between the agricultural

effectively stirred up. We believe that, a system of farm competition honestly and efficiently conducted

riculture than Local and Provincial Agricultural Shows. We are a little afraid that farming in New Brunswick has not reached so general a high standard as to warrant the institution of a system of prize farm competition. Still as only these farms would be in

it willingness to compete, it would not  
or be a bad move to inaugurate a competi-  
if tion on this understanding. Such

competition might show, at least, that what a degree of excellence the best farming in the Province had arrived at and in this way a good deal might be learned.

---

Price of Hay.

w; farmers to sell their hay when prices  
th are good, and in order to do so to  
ni- dispose of part of their stock or only

If a ton of hay will bring one-fourth more than its real value, the only way that the farmer can make profit by it is to buy back something of equal value for feeding purposes with less money than he receives for the hay. We see, that in the States the price

pendent of the *Dirago Rural* caution farmers not in their avidity to make profit on their hay (make hay while

tility of their farms. No commercial or artificial manures are equal to stable manures in fertilizing the soil. In hay, on account of good prices, is sold to any extent, meal and other nutritious feed should be purchased in order to keep up the producing power

dent says, we hope that if our farmers persist in selling hay, that they will at least purchase with three-fourths of

meal or other concentrated feed, and feed to their stock, and by so doing it may not be robbing of the soil." We are not sure if the prices of hay will be so high in this Province this winter as they do in the States, but we are pretty certain that many farmers

ought to, for the sake of the ready cash, to the detriment of their stock and the deterioration of their farms.

### Caution to Horsemen.

A surgeon in the German army calls the attention of all who have to do with horses the danger of using the pocket-handkerchief to wipe away any foam from the mouth or nose of a horse which may have been thrown upon their clothes. Some months ago

him, suffering with an obstinate cold and cough. The usual remedies were prescribed, but in vain; a visit to the

patient no good. Returning to duty, the officer became worse; fever, attended with great pain in and swelling of the head set in, and ultimately after much suffering he died without every symptoms of glanders. Inquiries were set on foot, and it was found that some time before he was taken ill he had ordered a horse which

ers to be shot. Neither the groom  
nor any of the other soldiers who had  
been near the horse have been attack  
ed by glanders, consequently it is

may have conveyed the disease into his system by perhaps, using his handkerchief to wipe some of the foam from the mouth or nose of the horse from his uniform.

---

### The Sugar of the World.

---

The annual sugar production of the

In round numbers twelve thousand million pounds, of which about three fourths is the product of sugar cane

Only 90,000 tons are produced in the United States—mainly in Louisiana. The best sugar beet crop is not important either in England or the United States, the centres of production being—First, France; second, Germany; third, Russia; fourth, Belgium, with a notably smaller production in Austria and Holland, and very little