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Fire in Hugh Mecdonald's Warehouse Does \$500 Damage.

The Firemen Thought They had it out Once but an Hour Later the Place was in Flames.

Last evening about 10 o'clock a citizen notified Officer Tom Groves that the upholstering shop of Hugh Mac-

An immediate alarm was sounded and the department turned out quickly to the scene of the blaze. The shop is covered with sheet-iron and is situated on the creek bank to the rear of Mr . Macdonald's ware rooms. It was found that the fire had started from the stove and a hole had been burned in the floor and the blaze had been communicated to the pile of

been communicated to the pile of waste excelsior under the building. The flames were easily extinguished, the damage being slight?

Chief Jacques, however, felt that the building needed looking after. He visited it himself once and then sent Fireman Frank Crump over about 11 octock to see if all was right. Frank smelled fire and on going into the building discovered that the whole south corner behind the door was on fire. When he went to leave he found his retreat cut off by the flames.

With great presence of mind and coolness Mr. Crump rushed to the window at the back, broke the glass and dropped out. The drop was a nasty one, however. The building abuts back almost on the piling and there was only a space of two feet between Mr. Crump and the icy waters of McGregor's creek. He, however, escaped with a badly cut hand and turned in the alarm. By the time the department arrived the whole building was a mass a badly cut hand and turned in against alarm. By the time the department arrived the whole building was a mass of flames. The material used in upholstering, light and highly inflammable, burned rapidly. With, some holstering, light and highly inflam-mable, burned rapidly. With, some difficulty the fire was got under con-trol, but the stock was destroyed and the building badly damaged. Five hundred dollars, however, will well cover the loss. The building was in-sured in one of W. H. Harper's com-

TELLING ON THEM

Boers at Magersfontien Suffering from Disease.

Esteric Fever and Lack of Frest Food is Making Their Position Unbearable - The British all Right.

London, Thursday, Jan. 25. - A correspondent of the Times at Modder River, telegraphing Tuesday, says:-"The reports of deserters agree that the situation of the Boers at Magers fontein is becoming unbearable, because the camp is unsanitary. Enteric fever is epreading and vegetables are wanted. On the other hand, the health of the British camp is satisfactory, al though the ground has been exhausted by the long encampment, and the trees have been cut down by insect pests and

dust storms
The Cape Town correspondent of the
Times, telegraphing Theeday, says:—
"The Bo. dites are preparing to seize
the first decisive British victory or the invasion of Republican territory as the signal for a violent peace agitation. They will accompany their appeal to magnanimity by covertly hinting that they are unable to restrain the Dutch sologists from signs. onists from rising.

WAR NOTES,

Portugal stopped all passengers bound for the Transvani en Wednesday except the Russian ambulance corps. It is said that unless the British can cut off the Boer retreat Joubert's army will ultimately degenate into a rabble and will blow up the mines in revenge for their defeat.

FILBURY.

Jan. 25.—Joe Campbell left here yesterday for Rhode Island, previous to returning to Butte City, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. George returned yesterday from Grand Rapids and will visit at the rectory a few days before returning to Listowel.

Flossic and Annie Smith are quite

Mrs. Ribble is expected here shortly connection with the local W. C.

Don't forget the ten-cent tea to norrow evening.

The young son of Sam. Moffat, who was kicked by a horse, is reported somewhat better.
The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

Beautiful views and popular scien-fic lecture at the C. C. I. on Fri-ly night.

AGRICULTURAL BULLETIN. ity Among the Farming Class in

The reports of the Ontario Bureau of Industries afford a valuable miles to the condition and prospects of the Province and a record of its development highly useful for purposes, of reference. The annual report for 1898, just issued by the Department of Agriculture, points to some very satisfactory conclusions regarding the prosperity of the farming class and the steady growth of the leading branches of agriculture industry. It is particularly pleasing to note that for the first time in ten years the aggregate valuation of farming land, so long depreciated, shows an increase which, though small, is encouraging, while in connection with other items the growth in value has been very decided. The reports of the Ontario Bureau been very decided.

Farm Acreage and Values The total rural area assessed mounted to 23,392,584 acres, being an increase of 32,166 acres over 1897. Of this 7,198,905 acres were woodland and 3,200,065 waste and swamp lands, the percentage of cleared land being 55.5. The area devoted to pasturage comprised 2,708,043 acres, being 49,798 more than the provious year, and the acres of models.

previous year, and the acreage under cultivation was 8,835,272 acres, an increase of 133,567 acres. The value of farm lands was \$556, 246,569, as compared with \$554,-054,552 in 1897. Buildings had in-creased in value from \$206,090,159 to \$210,054,552, implements from \$51,299,092 to \$52,977,232 and live stock from \$93,649,804 to \$103,744,-Taking all these items together the total augmentation gether the total augmentation in value of farm property amounted to nearly eighteen million dollars, the figures being \$923,022,420 in 1898, as against \$905,093,613 in 1897. Creamory Butter Output.

Most of the statistics embraced in this volume as to the output of farm products have already been presented in the bulletins issued by the Depart-ment, but the details with regard to some leading industries are here given for the first time. The figures as to the production of butters and cheese have not been previously pub-lished, as there was considerable de-lay in compiling the returns, ewing to the fact that the output of the factories is frequently not marketed for some months after the end of the year. The returns are of interest as showing the rapid growth of the creamery system, whereby butter is coming to the front in competition with cheese. The total number of creameries in Ontario was 282, whereas in 1897 they numbered 214. Statistical returns were furnished by 93, which formed a basis for an estimate of the total production, which was placed at 9,008,992 pounds, being 1,300,727 pounds in excess of the previous year's output. The patrons of creamerits were patd \$1,294,200 for milk or cream supplied, being at the rate of 60.6 cents per 100 pounds of milk. In 1893 the production of butter was only 2,707,570 pounds, so that this industry has advanced by leaps and bounds. These figures, of course, do not include home-made butter. In the extension of the creamery system producing a first-class article of uniform quality and appearance rests the hope of developing a large butter export trade, as the butter made at farmhouses is not readily marketable in Britain, owing to its great variation in these respects.

The production of cheese has been somewhat lessened by the development of the creamery system, though the number of cheese factories shows a slight increase. There were 1,187 factories in operation in the Province, a net increase of 26 over 1897, and the output, though larger than any preceding year, was considerably less than that of the large yield in 1897, the figures being 916 pounds for '97 and 128,116,924 98 The value of manufactured was \$11,719,468 in '97 and \$10,252,240 in '98, the price having decreased half a cent per pound. The amount paid to patrons or milk were \$9,709,004 in '97 and 58,417,535 in '98—being equivalent in the latter year to 61.2 cents per 100 pounds. The falling off in cheese manufacture is confined to the western counties, which show considerable decreases, while many of the bastern counties produce more than

ever. The banner county in cheese production is Hastings, which with 96 factories produces 11,505,082 pounds, while Oxford, with 9,922,-553 pounds, the product of 43 factories, takes the next place.

Hogs and Poultry. Another feature worthy of notice is the very large increase in hog-production. The total number of swine of all kinds was 1,640,787, be-ing an excess of 355,824 over the output of '97. A department which s also attracting much more of the attention of farmers latterly is that of poultry raising, the progress which is indicated by the augmenta-tion of the number of poultry of all varieties, which stands at 9,084,-273, an increase of 648,923 over the previous year. In both these departs ments much has been done to promote the export trade, and with increased knowledge of the require-ments and tastes of the British market and greater skill in breeding and raising of profitable varieties it is to be hoped that shortly the profits of the Canadian farmer, will be largely augmented from this source.

Ciimate of Temiscamingue. The report comprises a full review of the weather, compiled from returns furnished by the Dominion Meseorological Service, showing the temperature, rainfall and sunshine during the grant of the compiler than the compiler during thr growing season. There are also saesonable notes from the Temiscamugue District of practical interest as showing the mildness of the climate and the length of the growing season in that portion the Province, where the snow ha the Province, where the snow han disappeared early in April and the first real frost of the fall was not experienced until the 6th of October. The document is interspersed with the remarks of correspondendents concerning the condition and pros-

pects of different branches of agriculture, appropriately classified, which contain many practical suggestions. Those relating to the difficulties in the way of procuring bran labor and domestic service are particularly interesting as illustrating the present unsatisfactory condition of the labor question, and a great many remedies are propounded, some of which are worthy of consideration.

The closing portion of the volume The closing portion of the vorelates to chattel mortgages.

Line aving colt de Consul Lee Burt, at Ghent, has sent to the State Department a description of a new life-saving collar, which he believes far superior to either the life buoy or cork jacket, as the body is submerged with the exception of is submerged with the exception of the head, which prevents exposure and congestion, while the arms are perfectly free, and it is impossible to capsize, says The Chicago Tribune. The invention consists of a cork col-lar, having an exterior diameter of sixteen and one-half inches; the neck opening has a circumference of eighteen inches, and is composed of two half collars fastened together with a hinge, in which there strong spring, destined to maintain the collar always closed and firm. The opening is opposite the hinge. On each side the opening, there is a smaller holder, made of oak, three inches in height and two inches in diameter, securely fastened. When pressure is exerted on the two holders the collar spreads open and allows the head to pass in. On letting go of the holders the collar clasps itself automatically. The collar is formed of 30 pieces of cork, each piece having the form of an isosceles triangle, with angles rounded, of which the base is four and threequarter inches and the height five and five-sixteenth inches. The points and five-sixteenth inches. The points are directed towards the interior, which gives the collar an elevation at its periphery of four and three-quarter inches, while at its interior

sixteenth inches. The pieces are cut radially and are strung on two heavy steel wire stems concentrically riveted to the folding shutters of hinge. The weight of the apparatus is about five and one-half pounds, and its displacement of water about twelve quarts; consequently, its ascensional strength represents cor stantly from eighteen to twenty ounds of iron.

there is a thickness of one and three-

He Wasa Welseley. The death of Trooper Wolseley at the battle of Elandslaagte demands a record, says The Newcastle Chronicle, that will not be given to it by those whose eyes can scan only the lists of officers among the killed. Yet Trooper Hubert Joseph Wolseley of the Imperial Light Horse belonged to the family of which the Commander-in-Chief of the British army is proud to call himself cadet. The second son of Mr. Edward Wolseley of Weybridget he was also the nephew of Sir Charles Wolseley of Wolseley, ninth baronet, who holds to-day the deer park his ancestor enclosed in the reign, of Edward IV. The slain trooper, who was tall enough to be a specially good target for Boer bullets, was a fine horseman, and when the war broke out he left the mines to Johannshum and went forth disin Johannesburg and went forth un-der Colonel Chisholme to meet the This he did so gallantly that he outrode his companions in the race for death or glory, and was at first reported as "missing," only be-cause his dead body was not found, in the forefront, until it had rested ere for six days.

Judging from the recent report " of the Registrar-General of New Zealthat fine martial race, Maoris, is going the way of all aborigines whose country has become colonized by the whites. They may not become absolutely extinct for a ew more decades, but their doon is sealed. Among the causes officially assigned for the thinning of their umbers are the high infantile mortality resulting from improper food exposure and the want of ordinary care, constitutions debilitated by past debauchery, the belief in native doctors and neglect of the sick and the adoption of European habits and costumes leading to diseases of the respiratory organs. A Maori M.A. Mr. Ngata, in addressing a recent conference of his countrymen, said that drink was pauperizing them and vitality.-London their sapping Chronicle.

Sanskrit Epic Books.

A proposal is being ventilated among scholars of Hindoo literature for the formation of a Sanskrit epig texts society, with the object of instituting a systematic collection of manuscripts of the Mahabharata and other texts relating to Hindoo epic poetry from all parts of India, says The Pittsburg Dispatch. The society would also provide for and superir tend the publication of texts, translations or my treaties tending to throw light on the history, religion, philosophy, the laws and customs and the civilization of ancient India. The proposal for the formation o the society will be brought before the Indian section of the forthcom

ing international congress of orient-alists at Rome with a view to the appointment of a committee which shall enlist the support of various governments and academies and learned societies in Europe and

Naturalist's Schome. A naturalist found that black ants were devouring the skins of some bird specimens on a table, so he made circles on four pieces of paper and put one under each leg of the table. Ants will not cross tar. Pretty soon he found the ants busily at work again, and, looking at the tar circle, found each one was bridg-ed by bits of sand which the clever ants had brought in from the street

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That Body Takes up the Question of Salaries.

Some Increased and others Cut Down -- A Good Deal of Discussion.

Wednesday afternoon's session of county council was largely monopolized with a lengthy considerationin committee of the whole-of the report of the special committee appoint-

port of the special committee appointed to investigate and consider the salaries of county officers.

County Clerk Fleming submitted a statement of the amount paid for caretaker's salary, supplies and minor repairs to Harrison Hall for '99, the expense of which is borne jointly by county and city. The total was \$1,04290.

Ex-Warden Leverton reported that he had secured the services of Judge Houston to try county cases up to the

Mr. VonGunten asked where the county was at on this matter.

The Warden said it looked as though they would have to fall back in the

Mr. Hickey said they got along well enough before and believed they could Mr. McCoy said the county should

introduce legislation to indorse the county's appointment.

COUNTY SALARIES. The council then went into commit tee of the whole on the salary report which was considered clause by clause. Clause I.—That the duties of jail surgeon and physician to the house of refuge be amalgamated at a salary of

\$275. Mr. Wilson moved in amendment Mr. Wilson moved in amendment, that the duties be left as they were. Mr. Campbell thought the jail surgeon was receiving too large a remuneration for the services he was rendering, and the house of refuge physician too little. He thought the two offices should be left, but the salaries altered.

Mr. McCov supported the report and

Mr. McCoy supported the report and denounced what he termed the pres-ent unfair division of the salary.

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Messrs. Hickey and Gosneil also spoke along the same lines.

Mr. Willson said if the physician at the house of refuge was not getting sufficient pay, he thought the council should increase it, but Dr. Bray had proved a competent jail physician for many years and he did not think his office should be removed.

Mr. Caughill favored the report. One was getting much too little and the other much too much. The man who did the most work should get the most pay.

Mr. Willson's amendment was lost Mr. Willson's amendment and the clause adopted.
Clause II.—That the turnkey and jail keeper be paid \$500, an increase of \$70, less \$14, jail keeper's fees.—Adopted.
Clause III.—That the salary of the jailor be reduced from \$800 to \$600 with light and fuel.
Messrs. Leverton and Stewart moved in amendment, that the salary remain as it was.

as it was.

Mr. Leverton said the jailor was always most efficient in the interests of the county and had done a great deal he might have charged for with-

deal he might have charged for with-out remuneration.

He had done it, too, willingly and freely. He believed in keeping the goodwill of this gentleman. He had held his position for 28 years, and it was only now the county had found out

was only now the county had found out he was getting \$200 too much,
Mr. Stewart spoke along the same lines. He thoroughly believed in leaving the jailor's position as it was.
Mr. VonGusten twitted Mr. Leverton with being a milk and water weaking on this matter. He was not attacking the efficiency of the man, but his salary, which be believed was altogether too large. He favored the report. report.
Mr. Caughill favored reducing the palary to \$700 and Mr. Gosnell indorsed

reduction.

Willson did not believe in any ction in an old and efficient offi-Mr. Rankin said the jailor had done much good, extra work for the coun-ty and deserved much credit to the

Toronto University. Office-Fret Doc Esst of Standard Bank. Telephone 164. Mr. Marshall favored the reduction.

The amendment was lost and the

Associate Dr. C. A. Snell, Hon

D. D. S. Toronte University.

clause adopted.
Clause IV.—That the salary of the matron of the jail be reduced from \$200 to \$100. Adopted on the same di-

Clause II.—That the salary of the county solicitor be \$200.—Adopted.

The salaries of the county constable, treasurer, clerk, caretaker Harrison Hall, caretaker and matron of house of refuge and inspector were left as before. Messrs. Hickey and Willson moved that the matron's salary be increased from \$150 to \$200, but the motion was best.

A clause was also adopted requiring the services of all officers without perquisites and no extrast to be allowed that were not provided for.

Mr. Gosnell—Why, there's nothing about the councillors' indemnity?

Mr. Willson—Yes, why not complete it and take a whack at ourselves.

The council then resumed and the report was adopted as a whole.

THURSDAY MORNING. Clause II.—That the salary of the

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Council resumed at 10.15 this Mr. McCoy said the county should morning.

County Clerk Fleming tendered his report of all persons who had taken out auctioneers and pedlars' licenses out auctioneers and pedlars' licenses.

-Adopted.
The Ridgetown Coll. Inst. was submitted and referred to the education committee. In a brief discussion Messrs. VonGunten, McCoy and Sturgis maintained that if the county was

gis maintained that if the county was paying the lion share of the expenditure, the county pupils fees should be no more than those of the pupils from Ridgetown.

Mr. Sturgis brought up a matter of the account of Constable Peters, in which \$10 had been held out. He

msked redress.

Messrs. Leverton and McCoy said grant of \$10 was made to remunerate him if unsuccessful for time and troub ie. He was successful and his account
was honored by the criminal audit.
Motion of Hickey and Robinson that
\$100 be granted to the Childrens'
Aid Society.—Finance.
Motion of McCoy and Stewart that

Motion of McCoy and stewart that \$15 be granted each county pupil do-ing continuation work in Form 3.— Finance.

Motion of Willson and Campbell

that Harry Martin be nominated for course at Guelph Agricultural College.

Agriculture.

Motion of Caughill and VonGunten that \$27.75 be refunded to Harwick for disbursements on county pauper On motion of Marshall and VonGun-

for tenders for the position of physician to jail and house of refuge, applications to be noon to-morrow. The council adjourned to visit the couse of industry.

WALLACEBURG.

Jan. 25.—Great preparations are being made for the ball to be given a week from to morrow night.

The Workmen of the World hold a special meeting this evening.

The mite-boxes given out some time ago from the Methodist church were yesterday opened and the neat sum of \$85 realized with twenty-two boxes yet out. About sixty ladies were present in the church and a light lunch was served.

The post office is being renovate the wall being repapered and work painted.

Miss Crerar, of Hamilton, will reci "The Absent-minded Beggars," Kipling on Friday night at the C. C. and the "Reply to Mr. Kipling" w

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