

HOME AND FARM.

We are glad to notice the unusually early issue of the Prize List for the Annual Exhibition for the County of Yarmouth, to be held at Yarmouth in the rink and grounds adjoining, on the 10th and 11th October next. The cash prizes amount to \$2,000. The good folks of Yarmouth are certainly bent on taking time by the forelock, and even if the issue of the programme so far in advance be almost unnecessarily early, it is a variation in the right direction, and affords exhibitors plenty of time.

Rye is not much grown in this Province. It might possibly be a good thing if a little more attention were paid to that cereal. A good authority says that few dairymen who have once fed rye to their cattle in the spring will be willing to do without it. "We have observed," says the Philadelphia Press, "in actual practice that when the feed of milk cows was changed in spring from the ration of good hay, with fair addition of wheat bran, cornmeal and cottonseed, to green rye with no grain whatever, the milk product was not diminished. This could hardly be accounted for by the tables which give the analysis of the feed and its digestibility. Professor Forar, of the Pennsylvania station, has been making some experiments, from which he concludes that rye for soiling has a higher degree of digestibility than has been claimed for it, that is, there is less waste in feeding it. Besides this it yields a larger actual amount of nutritive matter and a larger proportion of nitrogenous matter which is essential to milk production. This accounts for the fact that when rye is taken from good soil just as the head is forming it makes a very complete ration, and does not need to be helped out with concentrated foods." This would seem to be worth consideration.

We commend the following from Harper's Weekly to the contemplation of our Nova Scotian farmers:—"Talk about wives," said Farmer Hawbuck. "I've got one wife in a million. Why, she gets up in the mornin, milks 17 cows, and gets breakfast for 20 hard-workin' men before six o'clock." "She must be a very robust woman, Hawbuck," remarked one of his hearers. "On the contrary," put in the farmer, "she is pale and delikit-like. Gosh ef that woman was strong I dunno what work she couldn't do."

Potatoes in the cellar need looking after closely at this season. Most cellars are much too warm. Open the windows and let in as much light and fresh air as possible. If sprouts start rub them off and spread the potatoes thinly and in the light, especially those intended for seed. A dark-green eye started in sunlight is so much advance towards coming up; but the eyes that form in the dark, pale and slender, have to be broken off when the seed is planted.

Lack of good judgment in keeping stock is most plainly shown in the spring. If it does not come out a good deal better than it went into winter quarters, the farmer has lost money. The manure pile from poorly fed animals is not worth much, and however good it is poor compensation for the cost of an entire winter's keep. It is better to keep a few animals so they will show a gain, than to half starve a larger number, and take half the summer to get them again into decent feeding condition. Starving an animal is a sure way to ruin its digestion.

OUR COSY CORNER.

We have heard a good deal recently of the size of the bonnets and their usefulness in shutting off a disagreeable view, but even in bonnets history only repeats itself. Heine tells of a visit to a theatre in Paris, where he sat behind a lady who wore a bonnet of pink gauze so large that it filled the whole view from the stage, "and I only saw the tragedy," he adds, "through the cheerful and rosy light of a pink gauze bonnet." Apropos of which, the Legislature of California has gone the length of enacting a statute against the wearing of high hats in theatres. There is no doubt that the obstruction of portentous head-gear is a public nuisance, but this is an excess of the craze of minute legislation. Why do not all ladies go to theatres without hats or bonnets? However there seems to be a hope of better things, for we are told that the bonnets all take the toque form, are small and sit close to the head. They are also less raised by the ladder-like trimmings than last year. Some appropriate remarks on head-dress generally follow in the authority from which we are quoting:—"A certain unoxaggerated height to the head-dress adds distinction to outdoor attire. This is seen in the dress of men. Absurd in many ways as is the silk hat, a man must wear it if he wishes to look dressed. The low knocked in felt and the cloth cap may be more comfortable, and the straw hat is admissible upon all occasions in summer; but as imparting the touch of dignity required by a formal occasion, the silk hat is as essential as the cocked hat was formerly to a high functionary.

This a point also to be considered in the arrangement of the hair. It is not now necessary for all woman to wear it high, or all low. Some wear it in one way and some another; and those to whom both styles are becoming, wear it differently at different times. As a rule, the effect is more youthful when it is arranged low in a coil or braids; and this method suits the simple Josephine style of dress, but the Venetian, Pompadour and Marie Antoinette modes, with their elaborate ornamentation, demand height and a certain artificiality in the construction of the head-dress, to give the final touch of elegance."

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| 4 Real Estates worth..... | 500 | 2,000 |
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