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6.—No anonymous communications or enquiries will receive attention.

7.—Letters intended for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

A prize of \$5 will be given for the best essay on "The Profits of Beef Production in Manitoba and the Northwest;" writer to give a detailed statement of the cost of production. Essay to be in this office not later than May 15th.

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**Death of Mr. J. W. Bartlett.**

Mr. J. W. Bartlett, chief clerk in the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, passed away from this life and its activities on the morning of Sunday, April 3rd, after a painful illness of ten days, arising from an inflammatory affection of the bowels. In February last Mr. Bartlett had reached the age of 41 years, having been born near Glencoe, in the county of Middlesex, Ontario, where his parents still reside. He was the eldest of a large family, all of whom are still living. His earlier years were devoted to practical agriculture, and being of an enquiring, progressive turn of mind he devoted close study to subjects related to that important avocation. It is related that when quite a boy he on one occasion imagined that farming was too slow for him, and applied for and secured a situation in a store. After a few days he commenced to ask himself if that were what he was cut out for. He said he felt ashamed that he, an able bodied young man, should be shirking behind a counter, while there was plenty of work at home; so he dropped the yard stick and his situation, and went back to the old farm. "The world has need of lots of such boys now," writes one of our readers in a letter to the editor of the **FARMER'S ADVOCATE**. Mr. Bartlett early entered heartily into the work of associations and institutes designed to advance the interests of farmers, and found time to contribute to several journals, finally becoming identified with the **FARMER'S ADVOCATE** in the east, where his work gave such satisfaction that a couple of years ago he was placed in editorial charge of the Manitoba and Western Edition. Last fall he was tendered and accepted the chief clerkship in the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Immigration, which he filled to the entire satisfaction of the Premier and his colleagues. During the recent session of the Legislature Hon. Mr. Greenway took occasion on the floor of the House to refer to his admirable qualities for the position. He also did good service to the Province in connection with the Cattle Breeders', Poultry and Dairy Associations and Central Institute, and on the Industrial Exhibition Board. He was an unselfish man of sterling integrity—one in whom his fellows could trust, and whose good qualities of head and heart had in a short time endeared him to his associates in the offices of the Local Government. His remains were interred in St. James' Cemetery, Winnipeg.

**Ladoga to be Further Tested.**

In view of adverse reports regarding the milling qualities of Ladoga wheat, Prof. Wm. Saunders writes that arrangements have been completed with the Dominion milling Co., of Toronto, whereby a test is to be made that is expected to settle definitely the relative value to the miller of Ladoga and Red Fyfe wheat, a carload of the former, grown in the north for that purpose, being secured. Until the results of this trial are made known it would be well not to attach any great weight to the reported Minneapolis test.

**Manitoba Farmers' Alliance.**

A meeting of delegates from various lodges of the Farmers' Alliance was held at the office of the **FARMER'S ADVOCATE**, on Wednesday March 30th for the purpose of forming a Provincial Alliance for Manitoba. The following officers were elected:—

President—J. H. McClure.  
Vice-President—G. S. McKay.  
Secretary—E. C. Harvey.  
Treasurer—A. G. McKenzie.  
Tellers—H. Corbett, J. B. Barber.  
Trustees—Mr. Porteous, R. S. Conklin, E. Millige.

Auditors—A. W. H. Stewart, S. Sims.  
It was moved by S. Sims, seconded by D. Wright, that the president of the newly organized Provincial Alliance be empowered to grant commissions to any other members of the Alliance who may wish to organize new subordinate alliances. Carried.

Moved by A. G. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Porteous, that each district alliance send its president and secretary, and each subordinate lodge send one representative to form the Provincial Alliance. Carried.

It was moved by J. B. Barber, seconded by D. Wright, that the provincial executive correspond with the Patrons of Industry, to find out upon what terms an amalgamation of the two organizations could be formed, and to submit the result to the subordinate lodges. Carried.

Moved by A. Ross, seconded by A. G. McKenzie, that the provincial alliance, through the district and subordinate lodges, consider the advisability of forming a union with the Patrons of Industry. Carried.

Mr. H. C. Clay, ex-secretary of the Patrons of Industry, then addressed the meeting, and a discussion followed concerning the two organizations.

Votes of thanks were then passed, expressing the appreciation of Mr. Clay's services, and to the **FARMER'S ADVOCATE** for the use of the rooms. The meeting adjourned, to meet at the call of the president.

**Improved Farm Implements.**

We are always glad to call the attention of our readers to firms that are engaged in manufacturing agricultural machinery or implements for farm work. Such is the Thoms Implement Works at Watford, in the county of Lambton. The proprietor, originally a farmer himself, has been engaged in building farm implements for over twenty years, therefore he claims that he should know what are practical tools required for farm work. He is the patentee of several valuable improvements in Canada and the United States, and is now making a specialty of building riding and walking ploughs and corn cultivators. A special feature is their two-furrow gang plough, which is now entirely superseding the three-furrow gang plough once in use. Another capital implement is their lever corn cultivator, by which the operator can perfectly control the depth, whether used in baked or melloy soil, and should prove just the thing for cultivating among small fruits, as well as roots and corn.