

TRI-WEEKLY CIRCULATION
FOR WEEK ENDING
January 19 h, 1889.

Tuesday	1,002
Wednesday	1,068
Thursday	1,610
Total	3,672
Average	1,224

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J. H. CROCKET, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.
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A LITTLE TOO TRANSPARENT.
The closing moments of the meeting of the Provincial Farmers' Association, a resolution was moved by the Secretary for Agriculture, and passed, commending to the consideration of the government the establishment of an agricultural college in this province. The resolution was carried, but Mr. Baxter would it to be communicated to the government that there had been no discussion on the resolution. We have not sufficiently considered the matter to pronounce upon the prudence of any expenditure for such a purpose. It is not hard to understand Mr. Baxter's object. We have for some time past occasionally had public attention directed by the Secretary for Agriculture to the establishment of a college, but without arousing any interest in the matter. The country will not approve of the government, through their agricultural secretary, proposing themselves to be established by the Farmers' Association to establish such a college. There seems to be a great desire to make provision for some body.

AN EXCELLENT PAPER.
Mr. Baxter's paper on "Our Dairy Industry," which we published in Saturday's issue, is very instructive, as showing the importance of dairying in other provinces, and in other countries, and as explaining the facilities which this province possesses for developing the industry to at least the importance which it has attained in the other lower provinces. In this treating of his subject, Mr. Baxter will not do a public or a private wrong, as we believe he has, an interest in an important industry which has but little attention at the hands of the farmers of this province. In extending his remarks to the question of a market for our produce, and the disadvantages under which we labor in this respect, we are glad to see that he has an interest in an important industry which has but little attention at the hands of the farmers of this province.

A Large Clock.
A new clock, weighing two and a half tons, and valued at \$1,000, is to be placed in the clock tower of the University of the Marist Fathers, similar to the great clock at Westminster. The frame of the clock is made of steel, and is 10 feet long, 2 feet wide and 11 feet high. It is supported on beams of iron, and is to be hung in the tower. The clock is to be made by the Marist Fathers, and is to be used for the purpose of telling the time.

Large Attendance at School.
The school of the Marist Fathers, at St. John's, has a large attendance. The school is a day school, and is attended by boys and girls. The school is well managed, and the teachers are very competent. The school is a great credit to the Marist Fathers.

Mr. Lagin, secretary for agriculture, said at the Farmers' Supper the other evening that Mr. Blair's intention to resign was "popularized" the department. He said that the department was being run with a political eye, and that the view of the department was being run with a political eye.

New French Nobility.
Alexandre Dumas has written an amusing and interesting story, "The Three Musketeers," which is a sequel to "The Three Musketeers." The story is a sequel to "The Three Musketeers," and is a sequel to "The Three Musketeers." The story is a sequel to "The Three Musketeers," and is a sequel to "The Three Musketeers."

An Iron Peddler's Terrible Story.
A peddler who put up for the night at a hotel in Fredericton, was told a terrible story by a man who had been a peddler for many years. The story was a terrible story, and was a terrible story. The story was a terrible story, and was a terrible story.

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