

dents must have at least one year's experience of farm life in Canada. The Minister of Agriculture stated in reply that he would give his careful attention to all the questions brought before him, and congratulated the students on the sound common sense their proposals showed. He would do all in his power to see that these improvements were carried out, but we must remember that what he did must be sanctioned by the Government and the Government is responsible to the country. He wished to be a friend to the students and wished them to think of him as a friend. The improvements proposed would entail serious expense, and would have to be undertaken gradually. High class cattle and horses are always costly, and he pointed out the fact that buildings for their reception would have to be erected and additional labor would be required in looking after them. He thanked the students for laying the case before him and promised to do all in his power for the good of the College, and whilst it would be impossible to do all at once, he nevertheless hoped that a good deal might be done and that very soon. The meeting then closed and the hearty cheers in Mr. Dryden's honor showed how immensely popular he is with all the students.



Our . . . Exchanges

The late T. C. Sloane has bequeathed to Yale \$200,000.

The President of Peking University is translating Shakespeare's works into Chinese.

This year the university of Michigan and Ann Arbor have each thirty secret societies.

No student over 21 years old will be allowed to compete for a scholarship at Cornell after 1891.

Students who use tobacco in any form are denied admission to the University of the Pacific, at San Jose, California.

The August *Speculum* has a good article on the exorbitant price of college text books. It advises the college boys to form a students co-operative association, and thereby get their books and stationery at a discount of at least 30 per cent.

The *Maritime Agriculturist* has an able and well written article on "Preparation of Soil for Seed Grain," by the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture.

Statistics are given which show that 94 universities of Europe have 1724 more professors, and 41,814 more students than the 360 universities of the United States.

In Germany, if a student holds a Matriculation Card, it will shield him from arrest, admit him free to all the Art Galleries, and take him to the Theatre at half price.

Fond Father "Well, my son, what rank have you taken this year at College?"

Hopeful Son (proudly) "Third in batting average and first in fielding."

We are pleased to have placed on our table this year the welcome *Varsity*, which as a college weekly vastly outtops all rivals, either in Canada or the United States. It gives us great pride to be able to speak in such glowing terms of our big mother.

England is not only investing three dollars in the United States to one in Canada, Australia, or India, but would gladly make it five. Its a safe country for investors, developing and growing every year, and we neither have war nor talk of war to jeopardize investments. The foreigner who invests his dollars here makes no mistake.

The Portfolio is a sprightly monthly, emanating from the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton. As it penetrates the darkness of our sanctum we feel overcome by its wit and vivacity; whilst our exchange department is flooded by the most intense literary light. We greatly miss a sporting column, but this is amply made up in other departments. The current number contains two really magnificent articles, viz.: "Literature of the Nineteenth Century," and "A Trip on the Great Lakes."

College Chips has an editorial on "College Organizations," with which we fully concur. It says generally there is no lack of organizations at college. Now these are great luxuries, but very few of them are worthy of the name of organizations. We feel tolerably certain that students would derive more solid benefit from such, if they were fewer in number, and the standard of excellence in each one raised. This would kindle a nobler ambition in the student, and call forth a greater exertion on his part to attain the much coveted excellence.