

### The Higher Education of Young Women.

The Calendar of the Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, Ont., is at hand. This institution, erected and equipped for the higher education of young women, has had a very prosperous year, the attendance reaching 165. The buildings and furnishings are, it is said, the finest for the purpose in the Dominion, nearly \$60,000 having been spent in securing the best design and all the latest improvements in the way of light, heat, ventilation, &c. The Board has evidently spared neither pains nor money in the foundation of an institution that is certainly a credit to our young Dominion. The same may be said of the Faculty, which now numbers 13 regular teachers, with 5 lecturers—all of them being tried and successful teachers. We are pleased to note that in addition to the regular literary work in the Preparatory, Academic and Collegiate Departments, a good deal of attention is given to practical training, as we observe on the Curriculum a complete Commercial Course, as well as courses in Phonography and Telegraphy. We are also pleased to note the intention of the Board to arrange a Course in Domestic Economy, embracing the Theory and Practice of Cooking, and kindred arts, upon which so much of the comfort and happiness of domestic life depends. The Schools in Music and Painting are especially well equipped. Another gratifying feature in connection with the work is the comparative low rate at which the Board and Tuition are charged, the figures running from \$38.00 to \$45.00 per term of ten weeks for Board, Furnished Room, Light, Laundry and Tuition in all Literary subjects. The yearly rate is even more favorable, embracing all of the above, with Music and Drawing, for \$190 paid in advance. When one considers the cost of educating young ladies at home and the many drawbacks thereto in the way of social visits, &c., and the superior advantages of residence in such a building as Alma College, under the constant supervision of educated and Christian teachers, with all the facilities and opportunities afforded, we think he must be convinced that the education of young ladies in a first class Ladies' School is better, and in the end cheaper, than their education at home. Any of our patrons who are interested can secure circulars, &c., by addressing the Rev. B. F. Austin, B. D., Principal, St. Thomas, Ont.

### Additional Correspondence.

(Continued from Page 244.)

SIR,—Is the "Jersey Queen" as productive a strawberry as the "James Vick"?

S. B. S., Grimsby, Ont.

[The "Jersey Queen" is not as productive as the "James Vick," but very high flavored; requires high culture; is a leading variety for the amateur, and season rather late. Its flavor more nearly resembles the English strawberry than any American variety.]

SIR,—Will you inform me if there is such a thing as a hay tedder, and a cart for drawing manure, manufactured in Canada?

H. T.

[We are not aware of hay tedders being made in Canada, but they and Kemp's manure spreader carts are badly needed and are most useful to every farmer. If any manufacturer builds these implements, he will benefit our readers and himself by using our columns.]

### SETTING OUT STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

SIR,—Should Sharpless seedling strawberry plants be set out next fall or next spring?

W. H., Chatham, Ont.

[All other things being equal, we prefer spring setting. If, however, we desired Sharpless or any other variety, we should set it this season and not wait until spring. We should then be able (if we choose) to make a new bed next spring from the runners. If we desired a full crop in the spring we should purchase the plants now and give them the best of care until cold weather, when we should mulch them.]

Several communications are unavoidably laid over till next issue, for want of space.

Next to the thorough preparation of the land the better manuring is of the utmost importance.

During the severe thunderstorm on the night of the 21st ult., the entire horse "Derby," owned by Mr. Thomas Vance, of East Zorra, and for which he refused \$1,400, was killed by lightning. During the same storm, Mr. Perry, of Blenheim, lost a fine cow, which was killed in the field by lightning.

At this time of year, and later, there will be much complaint about taint in milk, and this defect is largely attributable to the cows drinking impure, stagnant water. Well watered, means having plenty of good, pure, running waters. It is not strange that a can of milk is occasionally spoiled in a seemingly unaccountable way, when it contains a painful of milk drawn from a cow in an overheated condition. Cows should not be hurried and worried in going to and from the pasture, when "milking time" comes.

Mr. Peter Arkell, of Teeswater, arrived at Point Levis by the steamship Lake Huron from Liverpool on the 28th ult. He brought with him forty-six Oxforddown sheep for his own use, and two Cotswold and two Southdown rams for Mr. F. W. Stone. Mr. James Glennie, of Puslinch, who came out by the same ship, landed 57 Shropshire sheep. But both these gentlemen also brought out some splendid pigs, Mr. Arkell's lot consisting of four and Mr. Glennie's of five Berkshires. Mr. Arkell also brought out with him a Shetland pony.

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CANADA.

## Commercial.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE OFFICE,  
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The month of July just past and gone will be long remembered by many farmers throughout Western Ontario, from the wholesale mischief done to their crops and property by the terrible rains and floods. It has been a very precarious one for farmers, and no doubt has given cause for anxiety. A more hopeful feeling is now beginning to prevail. The southern part of Ontario has suffered the most, and the injury done on low lands has been considerable. Grass is very heavy and a large percentage of it will be well saved. The hay crop is now said to be worth more than the wheat crop; ordinarily its value is estimated at fifty millions of dollars; to this figure may be added twenty millions for excess over an average crop. This will, to a large extent, balance the deficiency in the wheat crop. From Manitoba and the Northwest encouraging accounts of the crops are reported, and there is every prospect of an abundant harvest there.

### WHEAT.

The wheat market has ruled very quiet, and the tendency has been towards the lower prices till within the past ten days, when there has been a little better feeling. Still there is nothing to warrant any material advance.

According to the July report of the American National Millers' Association, the estimated falling off in the wheat crop as compared with 1882 will be only some 11,000,000 bushels. The shortage indicated by the May report was 93,000,000 bushels. English reports say that the wheat acreage there is not more than 15 per cent. below the average. As yet there is a great deal of uncertainty about the English wheat crop, but if the present promise of the English crop is kept, bread may be cheap in this country next winter.

The harvest in Prussia promises well. Fruit, beet root and potatoes are everywhere abundant. The same applies to Hungary, while France is said to have an average crop, and by others above the average. The quantity of wheat now coming from India is becoming an important factor in the English bread question, and the English Government has been making an exhaustive inquiry into the milling and bread making qualities of Indian wheat as compared with the various wheats imported into the United Kingdom. This will have a certain effect on the product of that country. The weather in England for the next few weeks will have a telling effect on the markets of that country. There will be nothing like the quantity of wheat in Western Ontario this year there was last, still there is no cause for alarm, and with the very fair crop reports from all quarters of the globe, we don't see anything to warrant very dear bread the coming fall and winter. The fact is, there is a gradual tendency to lower values, and farmers would do well to keep this in view. Every one knows (but especially those who have to buy) that the prices of all kinds of farm produce have been unusually high the past two years.

### BARLEY

in some localities is very poor, while in others it is very good. It is too early to form any opinion as to the crop or prices.

### PEAS

are very poor indeed in some localities, while in others the crop is not so bad. Wherever the heavy rains have prevailed the crop is more or less severely injured.

### OATS

are looking well, and bid fair to be one of the best crops this season.

### CORN.

The season has been too wet and too cold for corn. Many fields have never been hoed or cultivated.

### HOGS.

Looking at them from an American standpoint, the prospect is for much lower prices than has prevailed the past two years. From the most authentic reports from the west, there is every prospect of a good corn crop, and plenty of hogs to feed the same to. Those who market early and don't feed too much grain, we think will do the best.

### CHEESE

has been rather quiet the past two weeks, and the feeling is decidedly easier. In fact this was to be expected from the prices that have been paid in