our taxes are so high, proposed for militarism the coming year, could be turned into many channels of usefulness, and devoted to the pursuits of peace and happiness, thus returning to us with usury.

Still, if we will be heathens, by upholding war and militarism, let us call ourselves heathens, and not be hypocrites also by posing as Christians. A Christian is a follower of Christ. Christ said, "Love one another; love your enemies." He said to the fighting spirit in Peter, "Put up thy sword." Did Christ not make it plain what a Christian is? Did He not make it plain what a Christian's duty is in this respect? Fellow citizens, we may deceive ourselves, but we cannot deceive Christ; we cannot deceive God. We are following neither the spirit of the New Testament, nor yet the higher enlightenment of the Old, which commands, "Thou shalt not kill." The creed of revenge and the practice of war are the creed and practice of

I still have faith that Canada will awaken and arise to her rightful and exalted destiny; but it will not be at the summons of the god of war, spreading terror abroad, and commanding obedience at home, at the mouth of the cannon and the pistol; but she will rise to her glorious destiny through the power of righteousness, under the invincible Captainship of the Prince of

Call your garrisons, weary with the menial round of petty monotonies, from out the stuffy, low-roofed barracks, and send them to the freedom of the Western prairies, where the golden grain will soon wave ripe for reaping. Bid them doff their red coats, and don the miner's garb, and send them to delve for the useful Train them no longer in the fiendish trade of killing, and in the cruel art of spreading woe and misery among mankind, but instruct them in some helpful trade that will add to man's blessings. Blot out from their minds the devil's obsolete gospel of hatred, and instil in its stead Christ's gospel of love, and His creed that man's highest duty is to serve his fellow man.

If Canada would pursue this course, she could not fail of her high destiny; her people would indeed be free, prosperous and happy; and she would become the light and the emulation of all armamental Europe, and of every war-cursed nation of the earth.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

EDGAR M. ZAVITZ.

HUNTINGDON, QUE., NOTES.

Happy the man who tills his field, Content with rustic labor; Earth does to him her fulness yield, Hap what may to his neighbor. Well days, sound nights, oh, can there be A life more rational and free?

This is the time when such lines can be appreciated by the tiller of the soil, as from day to day he pursues his vocation amid the fragrance sent forth by bud and blossom, especially as he drills in the seed, hopeful of reaping a bountiful return a few months hence. Rising with the sun, making best use of the bright days, tilling the soil with intelligent purpose, this farmer is sure to reap the reward of his labor.

The sugar season was the best for many years, a larger number of trees were tapped, therefore a larger quantity of maple product of superior quality was realized, and much of it was marketed at a profitable Although the demand was not quite as brisk as last year, 80c. to 85c. per gallon, in tins, was the prevailing figure. Sugar sold at from 8c. to 10c. per lb. Notwithstanding the "Foods Adulteration Act," much adulterated maple syrup and sugar is manufactured by city firms and foisted on the public as the pure article at a lesser price. This has had its effect in lessening the demand for the pure article.

The warm, genial days, about the 25th to 27th of April, so dried up the soil on our high lands that we got sowing, but it soon came cold, wet and backward, until the early days of May, when it has cleared up, and seeding had again become general, and, with good weather, about two weeks will see all the seed sown. Much new seeding has to be resown, as owing to the drought last summer a great part of it is killed out. Some that survived is looking rather thin. On this, with some oats sown, and a fresh seeding worked in lightly. a good crop of forage may be raised. On the high and gravelly lands the grass is such as to sustain young stock, and many herds have been turned out to eke out an existence until a more liberal supply may be had, which we trust will not be long, as nearly every farmer is going to be scarce of feed before he gets his cows to grass.

Most of the creameries and cheeseries have commenced operations with a smaller milk flow, viz., 15 May 1st, 1907, and 87.8 the mean of the averages on per cent., below former years. The amount of milk and May 1st of the past ten years.

cream going to Montreal and the condensary here, is much larger than usual. Milch cows are still high in price, as high as \$75 is being paid for first-class cows. Horses have been going a little slower, especially carriage horses, which are usually picked up by men of position at good prices, but they are more careful buyers than usual. Drafters are bringing good prices. and a large number have been taken.

Fewer hogs have been wintered, and fewer brood sows bred, but young pigs have done well, there being a small mortality as compared with last year. Stock has not been wintered as well as when feed has been more plentiful, and it will take a month's good grass

to put them in thrifty condition. While we are not pessimistic of the situation, yet we advise farmers to go slow until they see what the season will bring by way of good pasturage and bountiful crops.

U.S. CROP PROSPECTS.

The Crop-reporting Board of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture finds, from the reports of correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the area of winter wheat standing on May 1st to be harvested was about 29,751,000 acres, which is 4.2 per cent., or 1,318,000 acres, less than the area reported as sown last fall, and 5.8 per cent., or 1,619,000 acres, more than the area of winter wheat harvested last year. The average condition of the growing winter wheat on May 1st was 89.0 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 91.3 on April 1st, 82.9 per cent. on May 1st, 1907, and 85.8 per cent, the mean of the May 1st averages of the past ten years.

The average condition of the rye crop on May 1st was 90.3 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 89.1 on April 1st, 88.0 on May 1st, 1907, and 89.5, the mean of the May 1st averages of the past ten years.

The average condition of meadow (hay) lands on May 1st was 93.5 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 83.6 on May 1st, 1907, and 89.5, the mean of the averages on May 1st of the past ten years.

The average condition of pastures on May 1st was 92.6 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 79.6 on

TRADE TOPICS.

CEMENT BUILDING BLOCKS are rapidly gaining favor as an economical and enduring building material. The Dunn hollow-concrete-block machine, manufactured by the James Stewart Co., Woodstock, Ont., and advertised in this paper, fills the bill for making cement blocks on the ground for a single building or a regular business. Parties interested will do well to write this company for prices and particulars.

METAL SHINGLES .- In regard to the lasting qualities of the "Eastlake" patent shingles, manufactured by the Metallic Roofing Co., of Canada, Madden Bros., tinsmiths and hardware dealers, of Simcoe, Ont., write: "We handled your 'Eastlake' shingles " We have nearly a quarter of a century. They have been on the Court House, Free Library, and other public buildings in this town for eighteen years. We have used very large quantities during the past twentyfive years, and they have always given first-class satisfaction, and have never required any repairs." The manufacturers advise us that these shingles retail at from \$2.85 to \$5.25 per square, depending upon weight and material used.

WHERE TO OBTAIN NITRATE OF SODA.—The fertilizer trade will never be placed upon a thoroughly satisfactory basis in Canada until firms in the business undertake to promote the sale of ingredients for home mixing. While there are one or more companies in Canada who supply these on request; as a rule they prefer to dispose of their own brands of ready-mixed fertilizers at a considerable advance over the cost of the same materials in unmixed form. There are three elements that enter into the composition of all complete fertilizers, viz., nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Nitrogen is commonly obtained in the form of a high-grade and very soluble product called nitrate of soda. For gardeners and fruit-growers particularly, nitrate of soda is often a very profitable investment. We are glad to announce that this is now offered through our advertising columns, put up in original bags, by the Nitrate Agencies Co., 64 Stone St., New York, U. S. A., who undertake to fill promptly orders for

GOSSIP.

Mr. A. P. Blue, Eustis, Que ec, advertises for sale registered Ayrshires, all ages, including prizewinners and imported animals. Seventy - five head to choose from. See the advertisement, and write for price and particulars, or give him a call.

Volume 2 of the herdbook for the "Lincolnshire Curly-coated" breed of swine has, through the courtesy of the Secretary, Mr. Charles Edward Williams, Thornhayes, Sleaford, England, been received at this office. It is a wellprinted volume, containing pedigrees of boars numbering 349 to 637, and sows, 192 to 2,066, and contains several ex-

Scott Bros., Highgate, Ont., write ' Since our last report we have sold the following Shorthorns: To Mr. Robert Moorhouse, Cairo, Ont., Dairy Maid =81311=, seven months old, sired by Lord Lieutenant, dam Imp. Lady Steel, a winner at St. Louis in the dairy test; to James Randall, Highgate, one tenmonths-old bull calf, sired by Lord Lieutenant (imp.). We have exchanged with Mr. L. K. Weber, of Hawkesville, Ont., our imported bull, Lord Lieutenaut. for Good Morning (imp.), and we are now breeding the heifers from Lord Lieutenant to Good Morning. The yearlings and two-year-olds advertised are an exceptionally good lot, and will be price! right. Breed right, feed right, and advertise in 'The Farmer's Advocate, and you are sure to sell at fair prices.

FAIRVIEW SHROPSHIRES AND

For many years, with an international Fairview flock of Shropshires, property of J. & D. J. Campbell, Woodville Ont., this year really appear to excel those of any previous year. The fifteen ewes, nearly all the get of Belvoir Sirdar (imp.) and Harding's Best (imp.), the grand champions at St. Louis World's Fair and the Chicago Interna tional, are certainly a very superior lot, among them being very many high-class show animals, a credit to their famous sire-

are about sixty, are the equal, if not quite a little superior, to any ever raised in this noted Shropshire flock, and are the get of the above-named champions. Many orders are already booked for fall delivery, which is a wise move, as the early selection ensures a show-flock header

Quietly and steadily the Campbells

have been building up a superior herd of Shorthorn cattle. Strathallans are in the majority, and a rare good lot they are. Cows and heifers there are in the herd good enough to go in the ring among the best, and as proof that they are exceptionally good milkers, we have only to see their well-developed udders, and the thick, well-fleshed calves fed by cellent illustrations of animals of this their dams, among which are three ideals of perfection as any we have seen for many a day, sired by the Brawith Bud stock bull, Golden Count, a son of that great sire of show stuff, Prince Gloster, and among the very best bulls in Canada; he is a marvel of thickness and goodly proportions, and a sire of a very high order indeed. Recently, some new blood has been infused in the herd by the purchase of Mysie Maid, a twoyear-old Mysie-bred daughter of the great bull, Joy of Morning (imp.); she has a choice bull calf at foot, got by Imp. Gold Mine. Another recent purchase is a roan yearling, by Imp. Gold Mine, and of the noted Scotch Thistle tribe. These were purchased at the late sale of Mr. F. A. Gardiner, and considered by many as the cream of the sale. The Scotch Thistle heifer is out of a daughter of the Missie bull. Luxury, for years chief Majesty King Edward. On such an ex-Fairview Shorthorn herd promises to be

> 'I have recently sold Shorthorns as follows: To Mr. Harry Greason Wimple, dam Miss Cloud, by Brawith Hon. John Dryden; to Messrs, John the tarkeys.

season's crop of lambs, of which there ica, by Brave Archer =70018=, bred by Wm. Duthie. He will certainly make a grand bull, as size and quality is combined with the richest breeding. To Capt. Thos. E. Robson, London, a very nice Claret cow and heifer calf, and the grand yearling heifer, Belle of the Morning, sired by the noted bull, Springhurst, dam Joy Bell, by Joy of the Morning, second dam by Scottish Archer, third dam by Field Marshal. I did not care to part with her, as I considered her one of the best heifers in the Dominion, but the genial Captain's argument prevailed, and he became the fortunate

> Intending purchasers of Aberdeen-Angus cattle will do well to write for particulars, or see the choice lot of ten bulls offered Davis & Sons, of Alton, Peel County, Ont., on the Orangeville branch of the C. P. R., whose advertisement may be looked for in our next issue.

AYRSHIRES AT KILMARNOCK.

At the Kilmarnock (Scotland) Spring Show a strong showing of Ayrshires was made. The championship bull was Spicy Sam, by Not Likely, shown by Mr. James Howie, and the reserve was the first-prize yearling, White Prince, by White Cockade, shown by Mr. R. Cunningham. The champion of the Show was the first-prize three-year-old cow, in milk, Lady Bute, by Flora's Chief, shown by Mrs. McAlister, Meikle Kilmory. The first-prize aged cow, in calf, was Mr. Chas. Douglas' McLean II., bred by Mr Andrew Harvey, and sired by Captain of Burnhouses; she was the reserve champion of the Show. In the aged milk class, first ticket was taken by Burnhouses' Gipsy X., sired by Flora's Chief, and shown by Mr. Wm. Howie. The Derby for three-year-olds was won by Mex. Hunter for Polly, home-bred, by Duke of Foulton. Mr. Matthew Hunter was second with Bertha IV., by the same

Little Fred was visiting his grand-King, a pure Cruickshank bull, bool by monther in the country and was watching "Look, grandmother," he Watt & Son, Salem, Ont., the very fine said; "the old gobbler has had his fatt