

ard of life towards the European level. It will mean the spread of the tenement house from the few large cities to the small towns, the disappearance of the one family cottage with its lawns and garden patch from the villages. It will mean the loss of one of those advantages by which we have kept our economic superiority to the older countries, another widening of the rent between rich and poor, another difficulty thrown in the path of a democratic form of society."

Canada has taken first place for its timber exhibit at the Paris Exhibition.

At the recent meeting of the Ontario Lumbermen's Association, the cut of lumber for the Georgian Bay district for the year 1900 was estimated at 470,000,000 feet.

Dr. Saunders, director of the Experimental Farms, who has just returned from the West, reports an interesting illustration which he noticed on the Indian Head farm, of the value of a shelter belt. A field of grain, which was growing in the shelter of a belt of green ash and Manitoba maple, about ten years old and fifteen feet in height, was found to be growing well and in good condition, to a distance of 750 feet from the shelter, but beyond that the grain was poor, the sand having been blown upon it by the wind. The snow which was held by the shelter would also provide moisture in the spring to give the grain a more vigorous start.

The forestry association in Saratoga is reported in the press to be paying 20 cents a quart for tent caterpillars which were destroying the trees of that city. They gathered barrels of them and paid out to the pickers \$250. The Ontario Department of Agriculture report that these caterpillars are doing considerable damage in Western Ontario. The work of these pests make them easily noticeable in the fall and a careful effort to get rid of them at that time would help to lessen their depredations in the following year. The study of such literature as "The Birds of Killingworth," particularly if it were under the tuition of such an able bird advocate as the preceptor described in it, might also help towards the same result.

A canine constable has been added to the police force of Dewsbury Borough, England, in the shape of a rough-coated Airedale terrier, who nightly goes the rounds with the men. He formerly belonged to a Mr. Williams, but displayed such a predilection for the police force that the owner turned him over to the chief constable, who obtained a collar identifying the animal with the constabulary. He goes about all night with the men, visiting them impartially, and recognizes none but members of the force in uniform. He recently followed the men to church.—Ex

AT THE KENNELS

Conducted by D. Taylor

A meeting of the executive of the Montreal Canine Association was held in the Natural History Society rooms on Thursday, 28th ult., the president, Mr. Jos. Reid, in the chair, the other members present being Messrs. Jos. Quinn, Alex. Smith, R. S. Kellie, S. P. Howard, A. H. Sims, W. Ormiston Roy and D. Taylor. On motion, it was decided not to hold a bench show this fall. The large number of curs running loose in the city was much commented on, and it was finally moved by Mr. S. P. Howard, seconded by Mr. Allison H. Sims, "That a committee be appointed to ascertain the

at a decision. Whatever may be thought of the wisdom of the course adopted, there can be no question that the committee have acted for what they believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and instead of a second show this year, have resolved to spend their surplus energy in stirring up the civic authorities to take some action in regard to the abnormally large number of unlicensed and seemingly ownerless curs which infest the streets of Montreal. This is certainly a commendable undertaking, and we hope they will succeed in their efforts. There is no question that the dog nuisance has



"Earl of Shrewsbury," the property of Messrs. F. and A. Stuart, Montreal.

best means of enforcing dog licenses, and ridding the city of Montreal of mongrels and the nuisance it is now suffering under." This was unanimously carried, and a sub-committee, consisting of the mover and seconder, together with Mr. John A. Pitt and the secretary, was appointed to enquire into the matter and report. Some routine business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned.

That there will be some disappointment amongst members of the Canine Association and dog fanciers at the resolution come to by the executive of that body not to hold a bench show in the fall goes without saying, but the conclusion was not arrived at without serious consideration and after weighing carefully all phases of the situation. The difficulty of securing a suitable place at a time to come in with the regular circuit, and the short interval that would elapse between the two shows, were the main factors which weighed with the committee in arriving

come to be a crying evil in Montreal. It has been frequently said that in no city on this continent are so many uncared-for, mangy mongrels to be seen prowling around the streets, a source of danger to children and a nuisance to citizens generally, whose slumbers are so often disturbed by the howls and yelps of these midnight assassins of rest. The dog owner who really cares for his dog will not hesitate to endorse any measure, however drastic, which may be taken to rid the citizens of this annoyance.

We have to record the advent in Montreal, since our last issue, of two very valuable dogs, one an Airedale terrier, the other a St. Bernard, and both eminently representative of these widely-apart breeds. The first of these was imported by Mr. Jos. A. Laurin, the well-known fancier, who has lately manifested a strong interest in the "gentleman from the Valley of the Airedale." He came over in the steamship Camboman, having been purchased from Mr. Stuart Noble, of Cheltenham.