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### The Safe Arrival of Government Stock.

Since last issue we have received the following letter which explains itself:—

Fredericton, Oct 2, 1891.  
To the Proprietors and Editors of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

We, the Commissioners appointed by the N. B. Government to import pure-bred stock from Ontario and Quebec, have great satisfaction in having to report that we arrived in Fredericton on Friday, the 2nd October, with all our stock, consisting of 146 cattle and 157 sheep, all in good order without any loss or damage, and we desire, through your valuable journal, to express our thanks to all your parties with whom we came in contact in our purchases or otherwise, for their uniform hospitality and kindness. We also would express our thanks to the officers of the G. T. R. R. for the valuable assistance rendered us by them in collecting and arranging for shipment at Montreal in a special train our whole importation. Last, but not least, accept our warmest thanks for the very unremitting and valuable services rendered us by the proprietor and editor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Yours very truly,  
CHARLES BURPEE,  
JOHN M. CAMPBELL,  
JAMES FAIRWEATHER.

[We are sure the stock breeders of Ontario and Quebec, as well as our staff, congratulate the commissioners on the safe arrival of all the live stock, and hope the time will soon come when we may again have the pleasure of serving them.]

We have for many years used the advertising columns of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and consider it one of the best mediums in the Dominion for those who wish to reach the leading agriculturists, horticulturists, and others who take an interest in rural affairs.

JOHN A. BRUCE & Co.,  
Seed Merchants, Hamilton, Ont.

## Editorial.

### Mr. J. W. Bartlett's Appointment.

Mr. J. W. Bartlett, who has been connected with the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for nearly four years, has just received the appointment of Chief Clerk in the Department of Agriculture of the Province of Manitoba. This position is the same as that known in the Province of Ontario as Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Bartlett first entered the service of the ADVOCATE as assistant editor on the staff of the Eastern Edition, where he served acceptably until the late Mr. Weld determined to issue a separate paper for Manitoba and the Western Territories, when Mr. Bartlett was appointed resident editor of the Western Edition. We have found him during all these years a man of sterling integrity, great industry and perseverance, and possessing scholastic ability in an unusual degree. His appointment but exemplifies the truth of the proverb, viz., "Seest thou a man diligent in business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men"—that is, men of low degree. We congratulate Mr. B. on his appointment, and wish him every success in his new field of service. The Province of his adoption will be blessed with an honest and hard-working Deputy. His late position on our staff is filled by

MR. WM. THOMPSON,  
born and reared on an Ontario farm, and who for some years was city editor of the London Advertiser, which position he resigned and accepted that of agricultural editor of the same paper. This post he has held and ably filled for many years. Though actively engaged in farm work, two years ago Mr. Thompson began contributing for the ADVOCATE, and during the last year he has conducted the dairy department of our Eastern Edition, and has also been the valued Canadian contributor to Hoard's Dairyman. He possesses a good education, and is a practical farmer and dairyman. We have no hesitation in saying that he is the best dairy writer connected with any paper in Canada, having few equals on the continent. Gentlemanly, kindly, genial, honorable and obliging, he will soon prove himself a decided acquisition to the province of Manitoba.

### A Canadian Abroad.

Mr. John Robertson, a brother of Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who has been giving instructions on dairying in Scotland, has recently received an appointment from Messrs. Andrew Clement & Son, Wellington, New Zealand. Mr. Robertson is on his way to New Zealand.

## Weeds.

It is not alone in the form of useless and obnoxious vegetation in our fields that we can accept the definition of the word heading this article. Weeds are not alone to be found as a burden that prevents the necessary growth or development in our cultivated crops. Though perhaps not so glaring to the casual observer, weeds are ruinous in the stud, in the herd, and in the flock. It is the poorly developed animal that fails to bring a price equal to what it costs to produce, therefore it takes up the room of a better and more profitable subject, which would, on the other hand, have produced a profit from the food consumed. It is the unprofitable cow that eats every three hundred and sixty-five days of each twelve months, and yet, only produces slightly over half the days of the year, her product not being sufficient to pay the cost of what she consumes, while as a reproducer she brings into the world such as again multiplies unprofitable farm animals. It is the weed growth that takes the sustenance from the growing crop. It is the weeds among animals that occupy the room that should be given to the good and saleable horse, whose presence on the farm is a delight to the owner, while the other is a nuisance at home, and cannot be sold because there are too many such in the market. The weeds usurp the place of our best shipping steer, and in their place there grow animals that not only occupy the room, take the feed, but worst of all, prevent their owner from developing a love and taste for his work without which he cannot possibly attain success in his calling. Who would go to see a field of grain abounding in noxious weeds with any expectation of pleasure? Who would realize any satisfaction in showing a friend a lot of colts that are weeds in his own eyes, and whose chief characteristics are their different degrees of unsoundness? The task of selling a lot of scrub steers whose narrow, bare frames are such as only the poorest class of butcher will buy, exemplifies the case. It is the lower-grade farmer that produces them, it is the lower-grade butcher that buys, and he sells to the lower-grade consumers, the result being a lower-grade price all through. Where laudable ambition fails to move men to aspire to better methods in their calling, very shame steps in and prevents a too great falling away. For this reason good farmers are required in every locality to assist in illustrating that in farming for profit a high aim must be taken, or they will strike below the mark, which causes the balance to appear on the wrong side of the ledger. A drive through the country will convince the observant that many farms which should continue to produce bountiful crops, will very soon be largely occupied by weeds, unless a radical change in the farming operations is brought about.