

## Agriculture.

## The Royal Agricultural Society of England.

The Prince of Wales presided at the first meeting of the Council after the autumn recess, held at 12, Hanover-square. His Royal Highness said:—It is my painful duty to announce to you the death of Mr. T. C. Booth, who has for ten years been on the council of this society, during which time he has been one of its most active members. He is well known to us in regard to the untiring and unceasing efforts for the passing of a measure for the prevention of diseases in animals.

The several committees reported on the arrangements that they had already made with reference to the approaching Metropolitan Agricultural Exhibition at Kilburn, especially with regard to the prizes and medals to be offered by the Society and the Mansion House Committee for English and foreign live stock, butter, cheese, wool, hams, bacon, fresh meat, new implements, etc., which will be finally settled at the next meeting of the council.

A proposition made by the Seeds and Plant

## Ontario Manufacturers' Association.

The seventh annual convention of the Association opened at the Hall, 116 King Street West, Toronto, on the 13th inst. The attendance of members was large, and there was present a delegation of members from Montreal. The President, Mr. W. H. Howland, presided. The manufacturers of engines and machinery and of agricultural implements were well represented. The President and other members addressed the meeting. The tariff was the subject principally under consideration. The chairman, in the course of his remarks, said he considered they had as much right to express their firm and solid belief in the principle of protection as any thing else. They believed protection was all they said it was, and that it would be for the benefit of the country. They would be satisfied with just what would protect the industries of the country, and they did not want a hair's breadth more. They appointed a tariff committee of members representing the several industries of the country.

## An Agricultural Paper.

So clearly and palpably have the journals of this class demonstrated their value, that it is often possible in passing through a rural district to discover, by unmistakable signs, the farms at which such papers are taken and where they have found a welcome home, and it is easy to see that in the presence of these sheets of useful knowledge the whole aspect of the farm is changed and all the results improved. Manures and fertilizers are more efficient, as well as more abundant, the latest and best methods are adopted, a new impulse is given to vegetation, the very roots of the crop strike deeper and spread wider than before, and even the meadows assume a brighter shade of green, and the cereal grains a deeper tinge of gold. And finally, as a crowning evidence of what is here claimed for the influence of the press, along with this new vigor of vegetation and more abundant yield, we find also a reduction of cost that is even more important than all the rest. Single passages



## Windsor Castle.

We deem it suitable at the present time to reproduce the above representation of the residence of our Queen and birth-place of Princess Louise. In future issues we hope to give you illustrations of the native place of the Marquis of Lorne and of Rideau Hall, their Canadian home.

The Castle is situated in Berkshire, twenty-three miles from London, the buildings covering twelve acres of ground. On three sides of it is a terrace, 2,500 feet long, the whole being situated in a park four miles in circumference. Connected to this is a larger park, about eighteen miles around, which is again connected with Windsor Park, about fifty-six miles in circumference. All nations of the world yield their richest gems to beautify and adorn this, the principal residence of our Queen.

Fruit will keep best in the cellars from which the light is excluded where the temperature ranges from 35° to 40°. The cellar should be well ventilated by holes in the chimney stack, or wall ventilators leading to the garret.

could be referred to in various journals, in which the facts comprised in a few lines are worth more to an intelligent, practical man than a ton of guano or an acre of land, for the acre of land is confined to one unchanging spot, and the ton of guano admits of only one application. On the contrary, they are developed by use and grow by repetition. They spread and multiply from farm to farm and from year to year, until a continent is made richer by them and posterity hails them as a treasure. The timidity shown by many in applying a sum so ridiculous as \$2 or \$3 to obtain the priceless knowledge on which depends the whole value and final profit of their business is more than surprising. The trifling sum often lavished without a thought on objects of comparatively no value, if applied to to such a purpose as this, would be sufficient to supply a variety of journals and valuable books that would at once create a new atmosphere of thought in the house, and while thus rounding out the education of the family, would also enlarge the yield and the profit of harvests to come.—[Mr. Conrad Wilson before an American Farmers Club.]

Disease Committee to offer prizes for the best existing and newer varieties of wheat was agreed to.

The Exhibition will commence on Monday, June 30th, and close on Monday evening, July 7th. Provision will be made for putting in motion reaping and other automatic machines, and traction engines. The Secretary was instructed to endeavor to arrange for laying down lines of tramways in the exhibition, for the conveyance of the public to and from different points, at a moderate charge.

The Duke of Bedford, chairman of the Education Committee, reported that six schools had entered twenty-nine candidates for the approaching examinations for the society's junior scholarships.

[Canadians may profit by some of the above hints, particularly in regard to cereals and education. It is a disgrace that our Provincial Association should award special prizes to the worst spring wheat we have, while the names of our best varieties are not noticed by them. We have called the attention of the Board to this previously and personally, but the fact is there are two few agriculturists on the Board and too many producers. The hint on education might profitably receive the attention of the Board; but in regard to the time of holding the exhibition, we believe England might copy from us, and open and close in one week.]

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