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Ensilage.

A nice little hand book on "Ensilage and Silos," by G. W. Ross, Springfield, Ohio, is worth sending for by any who contemplate building a silo next season. The latest designs, as well as talks bearing on this subject, are all concisely and directly brought out, and quite a correspondence from those who ought to know something on the subject is included.

Errata.

In last month's issue, on account of the press of work, a few errors passed unnoticed. On page 282, the line below the cut should have read, "A View of the Hope Farm, St. Jean Baptiste, Man., the property of Wm. Martin." On page 267, in the middle column, twenty-four lines from the bottom, the clause should have read, "consider it a bye product," not a big product, as printed. In Prof. Robertson's article, entitled the milk of cows, page 290, the composition of milk should read:

	COLOSTRUM per cent.	NORMAL MILK per cent.
Water	75.8	87.
Fat	2.6	3.75
Casein	15.	3.80
Albumen	3.6	.75
Sugar	3.	4.
Ash		.70

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Editorial.

The Portfolio of Agriculture.

It was with much pleasure we heard of the appointment of Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P. for South Ontario, as the future Minister of Agriculture. The time has gone by when any prominent industry should be represented by men who have no knowledge thereof, and to say the present official arrangement will receive popular consent is putting it mild. We think it would be difficult to fill the position with any one who has as large a share of public confidence. It certainly behooves our Government to so arrange the Cabinet that agriculture shall have a share in voicing public measures. Mr. Dryden is both competent to judge what is required, as well as to make himself heard in behalf of the important and extensive section of the population he represents. His speech, with criticisms thereon, made at the banquet given by the President and Directors of the Industrial Exhibition before the delegates, judges and exhibitors of horses and other prominent breeders the day after he took the oath of office, will be given in our November issue.

The appointment of Mr. Thos. Ballantyne, M. P. P. for South Perth, to the Speaker's Chair should also be received as complimentary to the agricultural community with which he has so closely identified himself.

On the Wing.

OUR FOURTH TRIP TO MANITOBA.

Deeming it judicious to visit our branch office in Winnipeg we came through the States to enable us to form our opinions from personal observations. We stopped at Chicago, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. Formerly St. Paul was considered too far north to amount to much; now the large number of fine streets, large, handsome, substantial wholesale houses and private residences, the busy hum of trade is to us even more interesting than that of the marvellous city of Chicago. Notwithstanding this, Minneapolis, only ten miles distant from St. Paul, has already exceeded it in extent of business, handsome buildings and population, the latter city claiming 200,000 residents. Why, let me ask, are not cities as large and populous to spring up in Manitoba and in our Western Territories? The wheat crops have built these large cities. We left Minneapolis in the evening and awoke in Dakota in the morning. Here we noticed the wheat crop, a little of which was stacked, but the greater part was in the shock. What struck us most forcibly was the long distance between shocks. They stood very thin

upon the ground, but with well filled heads the straw, we judge, would not yield more than eight to fifteen bushels per acre. As soon as we reached the Red River Valley, and in all parts of Manitoba that we passed through, the shocks were much thicker. Over nearly the whole of Manitoba there seemed to be twice as many shocks to the acre as in Dakota, and frequently four times as many. Winnipeg, despite the crushing injury done to it by the land boomers years ago, now shows unmistakable signs that progress has set in; properties are increasing in value. Eighty thousand dollars was paid for one block just after our arrival. One lot that had been sold for \$5,000 but a few weeks ago could this day be sold for \$15,000. Winnipeg is the main city in this great and growing country. Confidence is restored. Growth may be looked for in all the villages and towns, and increased values in land throughout the whole of our western country.

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A WORD TO AGENTS.

Farmers' Sons and Daughters, Students and Teachers.

Any honest, thrifty person, male or female, can earn good wages and obtain regular employment canvassing for new subscribers to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. This is honorable work, benefitting the subscriber, the agent and the publisher.

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