# THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

GOSSIP.

Farmers in the Assiniboine Valley, west of Brandon, Man., are having a test made of the navigability of the river with a view to using the stream for the transportation of grain to Brandon. It is . believed that if a sufficient depth of channel exists, a profitable river traffic can be developed, barges being used for carrying grain down stream.

Geo. Davis & Sons, Alton, Ont., breeders of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, write Our bulls have had ready sale. On May 27th, we shipped one to Chas. Tamley. of Melita, Manitoba. We have since sold to J. H. Glasford, of Alton, Monarch of Glengore, a very low-set animal of real Angus type. On August 10th, we sold to B. V. Stafford, of Gorrie, Ont., one of our nicest bull calves, in Scottie 4th receive depends largely upon their experiof Glengore, sired by Cochrane of Tweedhill. He certainly is a fine calf, having a fine coat, and mellow-handling, of extra quality and perfection in build. Mr. press themselves clearly. The salary runs Stafford is an enthusiastic Angus man. and purchased this bull for his herdheader.

The Dairy Department of the Western Fair this year is attracting special interest. Surrounded, as London is, by one of the best dairy and agricultural districts of Ontario, it is quite in keeping that the management should give special attention to this exhibit. Buttermaking contests will take place each morning and afternoon during the Exhibition, when, in addition to large cash prizes offered, there has been a beautiful silver cup donated by the Windsor Salt Co., to the winner in the open class. The grain will be thereby making a more uniform exhibit, and it is expected the exhibits of roots, vegetables, and fruit, will be large this year. Prize lists and all information on application to the Secretary, General

R. F. Duncan, of Carluke, Ont., has Columbus, Ohio, his roan three-year-old Shorthorn bull, Royal Chief 65495 last year's Toronto winner of senior and grand clampionship. The price paid round cement or stave silo would be was up in the four figures, not far from the price the same firm paid last winter for the grand champion female at the same show last year. Mr. Johnson has on'y lately returned from an inspection land, and it is certainly a marked tribute to the breeder of this bull, James A. Watt. of Salem, that Mr. Johnson returned without purchasing, and finally had seen on two continents. Royal Chief hold fifty barrels. Cement concrete cis-Mildred's Royal 45353 , bred by J. &

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#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous

#### FARMERS' INSTITUTE LECTUR-ERS

1. Who appoints the lecturers for the Farmers' Institute, and what are the necessary qualifications ?

2. What salary do they receive per day, and how much are they allowed per day for expenses?

3. Who certifies to their accounts being correct before they are paid ?

T. L. R.

Ans .- The lecturers for Farmers' Institute work are appointed by the Superintendent of Institutes. The salary they ence and qualifications. They, of course, must be successful farmers, and have sufticient education to enable them to exfrom \$2.50 to \$4 per day, and travelling expenses. Vouchers must be given for all accounts of \$1.00 and over. The accounts are certified to, first, by the lecturer, then by the Superintendent of Institutes, before they are sent to the Audit office.

### POOR "CATCH"-OCTAGON SILO

1. I have a field which I seeded with " red clover and timothy seed, sown with a nurse crop of barley on last year's corn and root ground. It looks very thin now. I want to leave it seeded on account of wild oats, and to keep up rotation. Would it be advisable to sow more timothy seed on it, or plow it up and ow fall wheat ?

2. Would it be advisable to build a s ware silo and board up the corners on the inside, forming an octagon? Would there he very much waste of silage? W B.

Ans.-1. If not too thin, and sometimes it is not so thin as it looks, it would answer to sow timothy as soon as ossible, and scratch over lightly with a harrow. The young timothy might not amount to a great deal next year, but would form a sod, and, if not crowded, would produce a fair amount of grass. 2. There would not be much waste of silage, but considerable of material.  $\bf A$ more economical and satisfactory.

#### CEMENT CISTERN.

Kindly give description and probable cost of a cement cistern capable of holding fifty barrels of water. Would building it inside the foundation walls of house or outside be preferable?

D. S.

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