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London, Friday, July 24.

"THE FARMER ON TOP." In the current number of the North American Review Erastus Wiman discusses a possible limit to the production of food supplies. He declares that the power of absorption or consumption of food products has at length caught up to the power of production, and that the possible ratio of increase in consumption is much greater than the immediate possible ratio of increase in the growth of food. The census now being completed shows that the cities have grown at a rate of increase of over 45 per cent., while the farming population has increased only 14 per | Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, to establish ex-The disparity between 14 and 45 per cent. has a deep significance in relation to the production and consumption of food. The aggregations of humanity in the cities and towns are in no broad sense food producers, but in the largest sense food consumers and food-wasters. In addition to this there are two important facts-the extent of the an experienced dairyman, Mr. T. J. Dillon, exhaustion of arable soils and the hardly realizable circumstance that no more nev wheat lands remain unoccupied in the

United States. One of the most striking signs of the exhaustion of soils on the one hand, and the rapid occupancy of land on the other, is found in connection with the station." It is understood that the comproduction of wheat, and its steady missioner has fixed upon the factory posthern trend. Why should an article so essential to life as wheaten flour be brought from Minnesota or Dakota, and subjected to a charge for freightage averaging from 1,000 to 2,000 miles, if it can be produced with profit nearer home? In the decades from 1870 so 1880 the wheat areas of the world increased 22,000,000 of acres, of which the United States contributed 19,000,000. In the decade from 1880 to 1890 the wheat areas of the world increased only 5,000,000, of acres, to which the United States contributed not an acre. The American Agriculturist sums up the situation in these

words:

"It is quite safe to say that the yearly additions to the bread-cating populations of European blood are such as to require an addition yearly to the wheat and rye supply of the world of from 30,000,000 to 32,000,000 bushels, or the product of 2,500,000 bushels, or the product of 2,500,000 acres. Yet the entire wheat and rye growing world has, of recent years, been adding not to exceed 400,000 acres per annum, or less than one sixth of the increased requirements. Moreover, there is no country where the present rate of increase is likely to be much accelerated at an early day."

From the best data obtainable is appears

of wheat and rye is now 70,000,000 bushels less than the yearly consumption. Each passing year, by reason of the increase in city. population, adds at least 25,000,000 bushels to this yearly deficit. The price of wheat is the key to the agricultural situation, for out of 13,500,000 acres now used for the production of food for exportation, between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 are devoted to wheat growing. As wheat rises or falls all other

food products increase or decline.
Consequently, Mr. Wiman argues, the day of prosperity and high prices is now lawning upon every industrious farmer in

If this all comes to pass according to estimates, the Canadian farmer will rejoice. But the Canadian farmer will never satisfied, never contented, so long as he is debarred from his inalienable right of buy ing in the cheapest and selling in the dear

est markets. THE STOP-GAP LEADER.

[Ottawa Free Press.] Premier Abbott has declined a banquet tendered him by the junior Conservatives of Montreal, on the plea of ill-health and

WHERE WOMEN HELD THE FORT. It is a singular fact that despite the progress of the movement in favor of woman's political emancipation in Great Britain, the fair sex are still treated with neagre consideration in the chief legislative chamber of the empire. They are caged up in a heavily-grated compartment in the gallery backing the reporters' boxes in the House of Commons. They can properly seen by their husbands and brothers in the Chamber. This caging up days when women auditors were regarded as a hindrance to deliberate debate, and when, by every means short of actua violent expulsion, they were discouraged from attending the sittings of Parliamen Indeed, in the recently published book, "London, Past and Present," there is a passage quoted from a letter written by Lady Mary W. Montagu in 1738, which not only demonstrates the boycott which the sex had to endure in those days, but the spirit with which an undue tampering with the liberties of the female subject was resented. Her ladyship's letter proceeds:

"At the last warm debate in the House of Lords it was unanimously resolved there should be no crowd of unnecessary auditors, consequently the fair sex were excluded, and the gallery destined to the sole use of the House of Commons. Notwithstanding which determination, a tribe of dames resolved to show on this occasion that neither law nor men could resist them. These heroines, " " the boldest assertors and most resigned sufferers for liberty I ever read of, presented themselves at the ors and most resigned sufferers for liberty I ever read of, presented themselves at the door at 9 o'clock in the morning, where Sir William Saunderson respectfully informed them the chancellor had made an order against their admittance. The Duchess of Queensbury, as head of the squadron, pished at the ill-breeding of a mere lawyer and desired him to let them go unstairs rejected. mere lawyer and desired him to let them go upstairs privately. After some modest refusal he swore by G—he would not let them in. Her Grace, with a noble warmth, answered by G— they would come in, in spite of the chancellor and the whole House. This being reported, the peers resolved to starve them out; an order was made that the doors should not be opened till they raised their siege. These Amazons showed themselves qualified for the duty even of foot soldiers; they stood there till 5 in the afternoon, without either sustenance or evacuation, every now and then playing volleys of thumps, kicks and raps against the door, with so much violence that the speakers in the house were scarce heard. When the lords were not to be con-quered by this, the two duchesses (very well quered by this, the two duchesses (very well apprised of the use of stratagems in war) commanded a dead silence of half an hour; and the chancellor, who thought this a certain proof of their absence (the Commons also being very impatient to enter), gave order for the opening of the door, upon which they all rushed in, pushed aside their competitors and placed themselves in the front rows of the gallery."

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It is a wonder that a similar crusade has not, long ere now, been led against the "hen coop" of the House of Commons Perhaps the cage and women's electoral disabilities will go together.

EXPERIMENTAL DAIRY STATIONperimental dairy stations in the different Provinces for the purpose of carrying on investigations into the art of cheese making during the summer season and to develop butter making on the most approved principles during the winter. To superintend this experimental work in Western Ontario was selected, and he has been visiting a number of factories in the district, giving some instructions and performing experimental work preliminary to fixing upon a factory centrally located and otherwise ed by Mr. John Geary, presiden of the London Cheese Association as well adapted for his purposes, and that it will shortly be used in that way, and in another year may be exclusively under the commissioner's control. Additional appli ances will be put in and during the fall is will be fitted up for the manufacture of but ter during the winter, when trial shipments to England will be made. The wor of this station will be watched with interest in local dairy circles.

The practical object aimed at in stations like the foregoing is by making numbers of cheese in different months with different

t an early day."

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WHAT THE "ADVERTISER" THINKS

ABOUT IT. THE startling reports from Ottawa go to show that Parliament may be dissolved within the next few months, and a new election decreed on the voters' lists now in course of compilation. Let no man who values his vote be without it on polling day. By cailing at the Liberal rooms, Oddfellows' Hall, any afternoon between 2 and 5 and any evening between 8 and 10, citizens can insure that their names are on the list. Young men are especially invited to take action

TWENTY-FOUR foreign nations have now wenty-four foreign actions are not officially accepted the invitation to participate in the World's Fair. Canada has an invitation, but so far the Government has failed to make public its intentions. To be consistent, the high tax party should boycott the fair. International exhibitions are generally looked upon as aids to commerce, but the average pro-

rade with neighboring countries is an injury to be prevented as far as possible by

How many men who are entitled to vote lese their franchise through failure to take one small precaution? The time to register is now—any time, afternoon of evening, between 2 and 5, and 8 and 10 o'clock, at the Liberal rooms, Oddfellows' block. Those who fail to get on the first list will have to go to the court. If you are yourself registered, see that your neighbor is also on the list. Every vote counts, and the next election is almost certain to be fought on the lists now being prepared. Let these be as complete as you can make them.

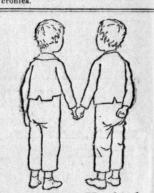
Two years from now will come the ce tennial of the steamboat. In 1893 it will have been 100 years since Robert Fulton communicated to Lord Stanhope his idea on steam navigation, a communicat which was followed, two years later, Lord Stanhope's unsuccessful but im portant and memorable experiment a the Greenock dock. Four years late the first successful steamboat, built under Fulton's directions, navigated the Hudson. No doubt the triumph of Fulton's genius will have due celebration. It could Fair in Chicago. well be commemorated at the World's

In Hamilton the Conservative contracto who put up the postoffice made enough money from his job and the "extras" to enable him to retire and live like a gentleman, and in St. Catharines the local papers affirm that the postoffi building there could not legitimately have cost the enormous sum alleged to have been spent upon it. In regard to the tinkering up of the postoffice a

Cobourg, the World says:

"The enormous cost of the new addition to the postoffice has shocked the community. It is simply astounding that the Dominion Government have aiready spent \$53,700 upon the building, which was formerly the old Montreal Bank. Certainly the workingmen of the town have received a very slim proport. town have received a very slim propor-tion of this large sum. Where has the money gone? What sieve has it been poured into? Little wonder now is it that the public debt of this country is so enormous, when such sums are spent for the erection or repair of Govern buildings!"

Surely a clean sweep should be m of the unfaithful stewards. Langevin and his crew have bossed the Public Works Department for too long, but they have done so with the connivance of their



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