

the brickwork produces a most agreeable effect. The internal arrangement is excellently adapted for the purpose intended by the donor. About one-third of the building has been rented by the Central Lodging House Association. This part is supplied with bath-rooms, lavatories, reading-room, smoking-room, and all essentials for affording accommodation to 225 lodgers. There is a mission hall sufficiently large to seat about 500. There are also separate apartments, designed for such uses as a restaurant, a savings bank, an employment bureau, a "baby shelter," a boys' gymnasium, with bath and dressing-room and rooms for women's and girls' work. There are also rooms for classes, board meetings and all work connected with the mission, even to a "drunk's room," for the unfortunate wayfarer unfit to be classed with the respectable lodgers. The building has a frontage of 101 feet on Jarvis street, and 44 feet on Queen street, and has cost about \$60,000. It will be operated by the Toronto City Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

A DESPATCH to the Montreal *Star* announces that plans have been prepared at the Public Works Department for a dairy building, which is to be erected adjacent to Rideau Hall. Lady Aberdeen is evidently desirous of possessing a model dairy, so that her children and servants may be instructed in the latest methods of butter-making, etc. The building will only be a small one, but it will be fitted up with all the latest appliances. It will be ready for use by the time the vice-regal party return from the Pacific coast. Her Excellency is not to enter into competition with the dairy owners of Canada, nor need her purpose be regarded as a fad. Her ladyship is eminently practical, and her purpose is obviously to give a fashionable stimulus to dairying as a respectable and highly important calling. By setting such an example as she is here doing she will accomplish much, for the example will be followed. It was by methods not altogether similar, but exercised on the same principle, that she stimulated Irish industries. The good his Excellency is achieving by the interest manifested in husbandry, and his consort by her powerful patronage and example in social and industrial affairs is beginning to be materially felt in the country. Well may the Rideau Hall dairy flourish!

MUCH has been written of late in the daily press on the exodus from the farm. The crowning glories of agriculture have been held up as an inducement to the young men and women to remain on the old homestead. Among the mass of writing there is some sense but a great deal of nonsense. As a rule these articles are the finished musings of theorists—men who know little of farm life, but who think the depopulating of the rural districts and the overcrowding of the cities would be cured were farmers' families to stay at home. The suggested remedy will never work, and it were a pity were it seriously applied. In all countries there must be migration from country to town. The town requires new blood and new enterprise, and it is from the sturdy yeoman stock of the farm they must draw it. But there ought to be migration from the town to the country. The worn out townsman needs the recuperation of the farm, and to till the soil man should return from the factories, the stores and offices of the city. As to the advantage of the farmer over the mechanic a contemporary well says: "One phase of farming must be brought to one's attention during hard times such as these when so many thousands are out of work. It is that there are no such things as strikes on the farm, and the lack of work because times are dull. There is always steady work on the farm, and the farmer never has to worry about being thrown out of a job. Here is a carpenter who is busy on a paying job this month, but when that is finished he must be in a state of anxiety to know where he can find anything else to do. The same is true of a

painter and all kinds of mechanics. To a steady workman, and one who has a family to support, this uncertainty of his future income must bring a great deal of worry and anxiety. Generally when we compare a carpenter's income with that of a farmer's we multiply the number of working days in a year by two or three, according to the number of dollars a day the mechanic receives, and take no account of the days of enforced idleness when there is no work or prospects of work ahead. This is consequently an unfair comparison.

FROM correspondence which has passed between Mr. W. L. Magee, commissioner to enquire into the question of ocean rates for cattle, and Mr. T. O. Robson, St. Marys, President of the Canadian Live Stock Association, it appears that the Executive Committee of the Association is interesting itself in the subject and that the investigation will proceed on the close of navigation. The enquiry promises to be important and full advantage ought to be taken of it by the representatives of the live stock traders.

THE millions of people living in India are formidable rivals of wheat growers in the world's markets. During the last four years they have exported nearly 185 million bushels of wheat, of which 27 millions were exported in 1890, 56 millions in 1891, 28 millions in 1892, and 22 millions in 1893. The total product for 1894 is estimated at 258 million bushels, as against 268 million bushels in 1893. This year's crop is two million bushels below the average. More than the usual acreage of wheat was sown, owing to the generally favorable summer and autumn rains. The winter and spring weather varied widely in the different regions, so that, though the harvest was excellent in the Punjab, it was decidedly bad in the central provinces, and only fair elsewhere. The cultivation of this cereal appears to be extending in Bengal, and also in the northwestern provinces. Although the home consumption is great, there has in general been little trade in wheat between the provinces. Prices have been moderate, even in these sections where the crop was a complete failure, and the decline in the export trade has combined with the general abundance of all the grain harvests to keep the price of wheat below fifty cents a bushel.

CALIFORNIA fruit in London, England, has proved a great novelty. The first large shipment ever made to Britain reached London not long since. It is said that buyers were there from all parts of the kingdom, and critically examined the fruit. Although in fair condition it was over-ripe, showing that it had been picked too late and packed too lightly. The result of this initial shipment, says a New York report, was moderately satisfactory however, and the grapes, plums, and pears met with ready sale. Some of the last-named went at low prices, ranging at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per box of 40 pounds, although some of the greener pears brought as high as \$2.75 to \$2.85. It has been proved beyond a doubt that it is practicable to market Pacific Coast fruit in England.

THE following good advice penned by Mr. S. C. Bunstine is worthy of wide publication, for undoubtedly it can be more or less applied in every section of the country. It is on the evil of borrowing tools or the use of them. Here it is:—

"I have known men to walk two miles to grind an axe on a neighbor's grindstone—felt too poor to buy one of their own, and yet I have seen these same fellows with their tanks so full of firewater that locomotion was impossible."

See our Clubbing Lists on page 14 and second page of cover. If any of the publications you may require are not on the List, write to us for prices.



1st.—Trinity Medical School, Toronto, opened... Hon. J. S. Hall, who resigned the treasurership of Quebec, has left the cabinet... Ontario School of Pedagogy opened.

2nd.—The French market for Canadian cattle a failure, on account of overstocked markets... Dr. Oertel, the famous hygienist, died... Annual meeting Methodist Church Women's Missionary Society held in Toronto.

3rd.—Semi-centennial celebration of Knox College, Toronto, inaugurated... Japanese effected a landing in the rear of Lan Chun... Lord Hawke's English cricket team began a two days' match in Toronto.

4th.—Canon Pentreath, of Winnipeg, nominated for the bishopric of New Westminster... Lieut.-Col. Fred. Toller, of the governor-general's Body Guard, resigned... Mr. Stephen Richards, Q.C., member of Sandfield-Macdonald ministry, died.

5th.—W. R. Meredith, M.P.P., appointed chief justice of the Ontario Common Pleas... European bourses seriously affected by illness of the Czar.

6th.—Chinese government raised a loan of ten millions sterling... Washington authorities decide that natural gas from Canada to the United States be free of duty... Corner stone of the new Masonic temple in Montreal laid.

8th.—Bicyclist named Welshman killed at Hamilton by trolley... Austrian house of magnates rejected government bill for legal recognition of Jewish religion... Oliver Wendell Holmes died yesterday.

9th.—Ten thousand cloakmakers struck work in New York... Earl Grey, formerly Secretary of State in Great Britain, died, aged 92... Eight hop-pickers killed in railway accident at Chatham, Ont... Medical department, Queen's College, Kingston, formally opened.

10th.—Earthquake in Central Italy... Sir John Astley died... Sixth annual convention of the Ontario C. E. Union held at Kingston... Funeral of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

11th.—Sir John Rigby appointed a Lord of Appeal... Prof. Leyden assumed full charge of the Czar's case... Miss Frances E. Willard seriously ill.

12th.—G. S. Hofferma, Brautford, elected president of the North American Beekeepers' Association... W. R. Elmhurst, president St. Lawrence sugar refinery, committed suicide... P. L. Potts nominated candidate for the Commons by North Bruce Patrons.

13th.—Statue of Sir John A. Macdonald unveiled in Toronto... Anniversary of the battle of Queenston Heights celebrated at Niagara Falls... Lieut. Baert, the Belgian explorer, died.

15th.—John Burns, English labor leader, to visit Winnipeg... Sir Alfred Stephen, formerly governor of New South Wales, died... Satoli visited Montreal.

16th.—Reported capture of Port Arthur by the Japanese... Fifty-fourth session of Queen's College, Kingston, opened... Provincial board of health approve of the steps taken by Secretary Bryce for purification of streams.

17th.—A waterworks system for fire protection only agitated for Winnipeg... Second Triennial Dominion Convention of King's Daughters opened at Montreal... Percival Neal, the defaulting Canadian customs' officer, sent from Liverpool to Canada for trial.

18th.—Cardinal Persico seriously ill... Annual Convention of Ontario Baptists opened in St. Thomas.

19th.—Corner-stone of hall to commemorate the services of the late ex-mayor W. H. Howland laid at Mimico by Mr. H. A. Massey... Murder of Jessie Keith at Listowel, Ont.

20th.—Froude, the historian, died.

22nd.—Important conference on Sabbath observance held in Toronto... Contractor Emmanuel St. Louis arrested at Montreal charged with overcharging the government on contracts.

23rd.—Mr. Joseph Duhamel, the well-known Montreal Q.C., died... G. F. Marter, M.P.P., elected leader of Ontario Conservatives... W. R. Meredith sworn in as chief justice of the Common Pleas Division, Ontario High Court.

24th.—Nominations made for North-west Assembly... Mayor Essery chosen by London Conservatives to contest the seat vacant by the resignation of W. R. Meredith... Thos. D. Millar, Ingersoll, pioneer cheese trader, died.

25th.—Fatal fire at Normandie hotel, Montreal... Tenders called for Trent Valley Canal... Fred Victor Mission Hall, Toronto, erected by Mr. H. A. Massey in memory of his son, opened... Writ for London, Ont., issued.

26th.—Tramp Chattelle confesses to having murdered Jessie Keith, at Listowel... Annual meeting of girls' home, Toronto, held... Reported that English capitalists have purchased the Sultana and Ophir gold mines at Lake of the Woods.

27th.—Mrs. Hartley found not guilty of the murder of her husband at Brautford Assizes.

28th.—Rev. Dr. Sims installed to the permanent pastorate of Bond St. Congregational Church, Toronto... Dr. Roome nominated for the House of Commons by the West Middlesex Conservatives.

30th.—Hon. Mr. Mercer, ex-premier of Quebec, died at Montreal, after a long and severe illness... John Mitchell, Dorchester township, West Middlesex, Ont., celebrated his 101st birthday.

31st.—Celebration of Halloween... The young Empress of China committed suicide... Sir Henry Tyler re-elected president of the Grand Trunk Railway.