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Do not be cast down; bend to the passing wind; hold fast to the ground, and you will be, like the waving wheat-field, improved by the gale that has passed over you. If you take a general view of affairs and look beyond your boundary line, you will see that you have far more to be thankful for than you have yet thought of, and far less to complain about. Therefore cease complaining and put your shoulder to the wheel and do the best you can; if you do, all will be well. We are blessed with a good, kind, just and motherly woman as our Queen. She selects our Governors for us, and we could not make as good selections, even if we had the same material to select from. Whatever our mother (the Queen) deems best for us, her children, will be duly carried out. She is the most powerful person on this orb, and she daily feels and knows that she is only a child in the hands of her Director.

### Talks with Farmers.

A subscriber from Byron, Ont., stepped into our office recently, overflowing with tirades of abuse

twenty times as much, and their wares cost nothing to keep or attend.

Jas. Cameron, of Napier, called. He says he is no farmer (he meant not a good farmer; he is a Scotchman), but on enquiry we found he has 350 acres, cultivates 100 and pastures a good portion of the remainder. He now has 200 sheep to sell, or will sell when the market suits. He fattens 15 head of cattle a year; he keeps about 50 head of cattle and 250 sheep. He says he does not like letting his stock live on grass alone. In the fall he gives them a little hay early, and gives them a little grain daily in the spring when he first turns them on the grass. He does not want to turn his fattening stock out till the grass is as long as their horns.

He sells at three years old; his stock then weigh double as much as many that he sees five years old. Mr. C. shakes his head when we mention cheese factories; he says he cannot have as good calves or as good beef cattle, and cannot get them to the size without the milk. He raises no more pork than is sufficient for his own use, and feeds all his coarse grain to stock. Yet he says he is no farmer. What do you think about his management?

Mr. J. C. Pollock, of Forest, Ont., had just been at Colonel Taylor's farm and bought a bred Shorthorn calf for \$150; he bought a Shorthorn bull some years ago from Richard Gibson, Ilderton, Ont., and the stock produced by that bull was worth about double the value of the other stock in his locality. He sold a pair of fat steers for \$150. Those who at first ridiculed pure-bred blood are now anxious to improve their stock; they are only beginning to see where the profit comes from. It is size and quality that tells; scrub stock will not pay.

Mr. L. Gifford, of Meaford, informs us that in 1877 he had 500 bushels of wheat off 16 acres; in 1878 he only had twelve bushels per acre, and many of his neighbors only had seven. He said the Club wheat was a failure there, and the Red Chaff proved the best. In reply to this, Mr. Parsons, of Baltimore, Ont., said the Red Chaff was a failure in his locality and that the China Tea wheat was proven to be the best (the China Tea is the Rio Grande). He considered the Redfern might be the best for heavy clay land.

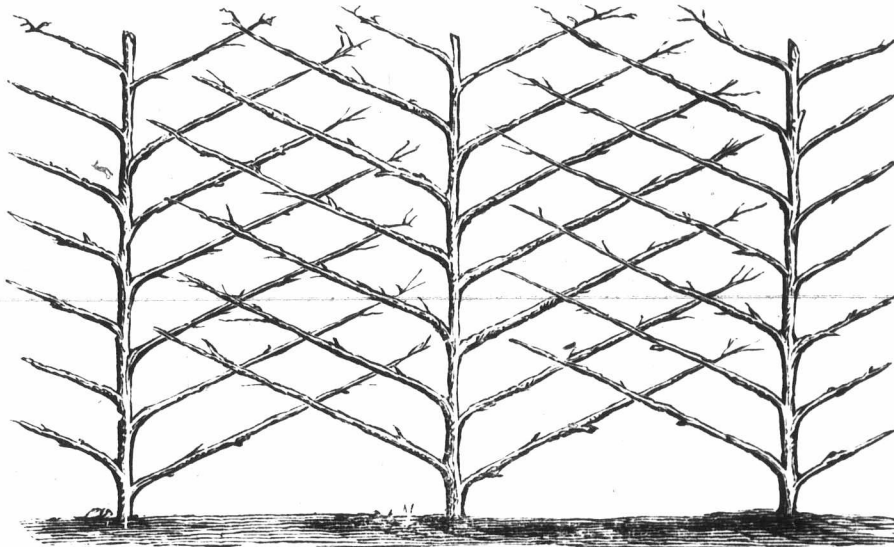
F. W. Stone, of Guelph, Ont., informs us that he has sold all the young Hereford bulls he could spare to a breeder in Colorado, and at prices averaging \$150 per head more than his last year's prices.

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### Happy New Year.

This sentiment is expressed by every one. No one can express it with stronger feelings than we do to our readers. We have hopes that you may find it a happy one. Contentment is the greatest blessing; health and prosperity tend to contentment. Canada is and always has been a healthy country. When we look to the ravages that diseases unknown to Canada have made in the States—to the millions that have died from famine and disease in other lands during the past year—when we hear the howl for work or bread that is now heard in other climes—when we hear of the political feuds that are tending to wreck other nations, should we not feel happy and blessed that we are spared from such calamities, and feel better satisfied with our lot?

In some sections of our Dominion some of the crops have not been quite as good as usual, chiefly on account of an unusually protracted heated term at the time of ripening. This and the low prices obtained for some of our products are severely felt by some. The general stagnation or depression in business is much felt on this continent and in other countries; this depressing cloud will soon be lifted and we shall have fine sunshine again. Business is like the tide; it ebbs and flows. We believe we are now at low ebb, and that the flowing tide must come again. As the tide only rises slowly and gradually, so you must expect a slow and gradual improvement. Farming is your business.



NEW DESIGNS FOR TRAINING FRUIT TREES.

See ADVOCATE, Vol. XIII, page 224, and next issue.

and condemnation against the management of the Western Fair. His tongue loosened—he waxed warm and hot on his subject. We waited patiently for about fifteen minutes, scarcely being able to get in a word. When he had let off steam enough, we asked him why he did not attend the annual meeting; that would be the place to vent his complaints. Mr. K. is a strong Ayrshireman. He said Mr. G. Thomson, of Bright, Ont., came to the exhibition and gained 50 cents for exhibiting a prize Ayrshire. Mr. K. dilated on the expense of bringing an animal 100 miles, attending and feeding, and only getting 50 cents when awarded a prize. He compared the prize list and showed where city manufacturers, fruit growers, grain growers and others were awarded sometimes