

of producing abundant and nutritious fodders. Exceedingly heavy crops of hay can be grown here on land in proper cultivation; corn promises to mature sufficiently for the silo; and the fodders and grasses give a delicious flavor to meats and dairy products. If the farmers can only be persuaded to forsake the old, cheap, and exhaustive system of raising potatoes and oats, it will almost immediately result in development along other lines of farming.

The dairying industry should be a prominent feature in the agriculture of the island. To bring about these changes, however, substantial aid and direction must be afforded. Creameries and cheese factories must be introduced and for a while partially sustained by government grants; the farmers must learn to discriminate between profitable and unprofitable stock; they must learn how to provide abundant fodder for wintering stock; and the government of our island must do more in the way of importing stock of the right stamp and the distribution of new seeds.

Steps have already been taken to establish two important associations, one a Provincial Dairymen's Association, and the other a Fruit Growers' Association. The first annual meeting of the former association is to be held this May, and opened by Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner and agriculturist for the Dominion. This society when thoroughly in working order, will have much useful work to do for the farmers of the island. In the cultivation of fruit there has been very little done. The climate apparently is not warm enough to mature grapes and other delicate fruits, but apples, plums, gooseberries, etc., do well. In the establishment of apple orchards much time has been lost; and money squandered by setting out (through ignorance and misrepresentation) inferior varieties. In this, as in other departments, there must be organization to collect and distribute reliable information. The late Mr. Wm. Brown, of Charlottetown, took a lively interest in fruit culture and became an authority on the island. His sudden and lamented death has seriously delayed the establishment of this association. But these several industries, the dairy in particular, are looking up, and in time they will work important changes in the agriculture of this pretty island, the garden of the gulf.

Yours truly,

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## Local News.

SOMEONE'S affections are at Whithy.

CARLYLE is an authority on the "nutritive ratio" of eggs.

HAVE you heard M. ...'s new recitation, "Easter Eggs?"

DOES Carpenter shave up or down? Down most decidedly.

THE third year exams. begin on May 5th., lasting till the 27th.

MILLER is the absent-minded youth who strolled down to church in a football cap last Sunday evening.

A VALUABLE addition to the farm stock, in the shape of a Holstein bull, has been made from the herd of Mr. Smith.

WE are sorry to have to record the departures of Messrs. Grey and the Willans Bros., who have left for the Northwest.

Miller has a little chum,  
Whose fleece is just like tow,  
And wheresoever Miller roams,  
Wh- Tottie's sure to go.

A CERTAIN young man, Murphy I think, makes the sapient observation "That there is nothing like an examination to teach one how unbounded one's ignorance is"

FOOTBALL is all the rage just now, two teams having been picked, matches between them are played at every opportunity. Baseball, in the meantime, is hiding its dishonored head.

D. A. SMITH, Esq., has returned to the College, where he has obtained a situation. Everyone is sincerely glad to see him back, especially the footballers, who greatly appreciate his valuable services.

A STRIP that is receiving the serious consideration of the authorities, is to have negro waiters in the dining hall, because "the naughty boys won't leave off speaking to the girls." In the meantime, pending the arrival of the darkies, the 2nd. year tables have each secured the services of two 1st. year men, who really make very fair substitutes.