

GOSSIP

HOUSING OF PIGS IN WINTER.

As to the housing of these chaps in winter, that is quite a difficult problem. We have tried feeding them under various conditions of housing and have succeeded fairly well in different lines, but we have noticed a considerable variation in the cost of production according to the way in which they were housed. Where they had nice, warm pens, well ventilated and lighted, from 1 to 1½ cents more per pound to we found we could produce pork in winter from one-quarter to one-half a cent per pound more than with the same kinds of feed in summer. Where rather spend your money in the form of we had a colder pen—otherwise just feed, or of a good warm building, well the same as the warm pen, only not ventilated and lighted warm—it cost us from one-half to summer. Then we took a pen that tism, and they were not as thrifty.

was not so well lighted as the others, that was rather dark, and we found that it cost a little more than the cold, well lighted pen — it cost nearly one cent a pound more than in summer. Then we took pigs and fed them outside in a yard. They had just a little single-boarded cabin. We gave them lots of bedding, however, and we allowed them to go out into a small yard at will. We had about fifty pigs wintering under such conditions at one time, with these cabins as their only protection. These pigs were in good health, but they cost us produce bacon than the pigs in the warm quarters. So you can decide for yourselves whether you would

We never had healthier pigs than three-quarters of a cent per pound the pigs that were outside, and they more than in summer. Then we took had a most wonderful appetite. We as the at hers and one nearly one cent a pound more than in or two of them suffered from rheuma-

Good pure air is probably the best British empire has alone been achieved preventative of rheumatism in pigs, that one can get. It is difficult to get good pure air into the piggeries if we are going to try to keep them above the outside temperature by means of the animal heat alone. A pig can stand a lower temperature than other animals prevented no wind an arms of the animal heat alone. A pig can stand a lower temperature than other animals prevented no wind an arms of the content of the Liberal party any more than other animals prevented no wind an arms of the content of the Liberal party any more than other animals prevented no wind an arms of the content of the Liberal party any more than other animals prevented no wind an arms of the content of the Liberal party any more than other animals. animals, provided no wind nor air current strikes him. The layer of fat immediately under the skin protects him. AGRICULTURIST, C. E. F.

A GREETING TO CANADIANS.

The following letter to Hamar Green-wood the Canadian M.P. for York from his chief, the brilliant Winston Churchill M.P., Under Secretary of the Colonial Office, is well worthy of perusal by all Canadians.

Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W., Aug. 20, 1906

My Dear Greenwood,-I am very glad indeed that you are going to spend the autumn recess in Canada. In your double position as a Canadian-blood and bone, and as the representative of a famous English city—you may find some opportunities of helping forward the measured but irresistible march of imperial consolidation. Your own gifts and your work at the colonial of fice will enable you to turn these opportunities to good account.

For the last twenty years the Con-servative party in England has been inseparably associated with the symbols and apparatus of imperial admin-istration. "The British government," has for so long implied "the Conservative party" that the terms had become almost synonymous. Canadian and Australian statesmen have been accustomed to deal only with one set of British politicians, and alike by their wise detachment from our party controversies and by their loyalty to the mother country, they have come in-sensibly to regard a particular political party as having an especial claim upon their confidence. In a great measure, that confidence has been worthily repaid, and the long period of Conserva-tive predominance has synchronized with and generously aided the growth

of the imperial idea. At the last general election a great change was wrought in the balance of the British political parties and in the disposition of political power. consequence of that change are likely to govern our affairs for a long time to come. I do not now examine the advantages of that change, nor do wish to minimize its importance. It involves a considerable alteration in political principles and in the points of view and modes of thought of public men, and in the character of domestic legislation. What you must try to do, as far as may lie in your power a pen that was not so well lighted as never had a sick pig among them, the others, that was rather dark, and we found that it cost a little more than quarters did go wrong. They were the cold, dark quarters did go wrong. They were lightly did great and far-reaching though England, great and far-reaching though it has been, does not imply any weak-ening of the affection of the British people towards their kith and kin across the sea, or in the earnest and vigilant efforts of the colonial office to render the colonies every legitimate service, military, diplomatic or commercial, that may be in our power. There are new men, there are other principles, there will be different methods, but in the guiding aspirations, in the central impulse, in the ultimate aim, namely, a solid defensive league of free democratic communities, animated by a love of peace and justice under the leadership of the British crown, in that there is no change, no sign of change, no expectation of change of any kind or

sort whatever. And what, I should like to know, has the British empire to fear from Liberal principles? It is one of the oddest things in modern history that there It is to Liberal serial principles, carried in some ways to far more logical ex-Canada and Australia and New Zealand above all, of a peacefull fereign policy, that the structural cohesion of the

I do not write this to you because I should like to see the self-governing colonials pin their faith particularly to the Liberal party any more than to the Conservative party. The British em-pire must center upon the British crown. But in so far as you can make your friends in Canada realize that in

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