

**Fence-Rail Philosophy.**

Good morning, neighbor Jones. Anything gone wrong? You look as dismal as a tombstone. What! Your two oldest boys run off?

That is a calamity, neighbor Jones, and I'm sorry for you, sorry for them, and sorry for those traits of human nature that make such misfortunes possible. Am I not surprised, do you say? Well, yes; I am surprised. I am surprised they didn't run away long ago, and I see that you are very much surprised that I should take such a view of the case. But now let me explain, and I'll do it in my plain, blunt way, for I'm no hand at smoothing down rugged facts. Your boys left home because they were starved! Yes; fire up and get mad about it if you want to! Take that hand-spike and knock me down if you feel that it will relieve you; but that won't make the facts any less facts. I will admit that you gave your boys sufficient food for their stomachs, enough clothing for their bodies, and comfortable beds to lie in. You did the same for your hogs and your cattle. But, neighbor Jones, you never stopped to consider that your boys were rational beings with higher wants than the brutes exhibit, and so I say that in the highest and noblest sense they were starved, and they ran away to satisfy those mental cravings which stood no chance of being satisfied at home. Poor fellows, how I have pitied them! From morning till night, week to week, and month to month, throughout the year, they knew nothing but work, work, work. You provided them with no books; you took no papers for them. Not even a poor picture adorns the walls of your house. You afforded your boys no pleasures, unless it was to go to the fair once a year, and possibly allow them one visit to the circus. You permitted no social gatherings at your house, and Christmas, New Year's, Thanks-

giving Day and birthday anniversaries were no different to other days. So I say your poor boys were starved, were ill-treated, and were denied the comforts of life to which they were entitled. Yes, yes, I know; you wanted to bring up your children with the notion hammered into their minds that life is a very serious affair, and that the principal object in living and working is to save money. It is well enough to be frugal and industrious, but this can be carried to extremes like any other good thing. What is the use of money, anyway, but for the comforts and enjoyments you can buy with it? And when is a better time for enjoyment than in youth? Of course you tell your boys that all the wealth you are hoarding will eventually go to them; but that is poor comfort. One dollar now will buy them more real enjoyment than fifty will twenty years from now.

Now, neighbor Jones, you are not a bad man at heart. So far as honesty goes, you stand well in the community. You pay your bills, and you neither rob nor cheat your neighbors; but your constant grind, grind, grind, has worn away your better nature, and has substituted an artificial one. How shall you change your life now, do you ask? Easy enough. You are a man of strong resolution and prompt action. Just resolve to make the most of the present. Never mind the future. Turn your attention awhile from your fields and your cattle to your home and your family. Put carpets on your floor where they are needed, paper your walls and adorn them with pictures. Get a book-case and fill it with choice works. Subscribe for several good papers. Get your daughters an organ, and invite the boys and the girls of the neighborhood to come in and enjoy themselves. Give your boys a reasonable allowance of spending-money, and don't ask them to render an account of every nickel. Give them an interest in the farm. Buy improved farm machinery, and let them use it. Give them land and stock, and let it be sacredly theirs. Let them feel that their home is a republic, not a monarchy.

Do all these things, and if at the end of the year you don't come to me and say that it has been the happiest twelve months you have had in many a year, why I'll agree to eat this mallet to the last splinter!

Too late now, do you say, because the boys have left you? Not too fast. Would you agree to reform your life in the manner I have pointed out if the boys could be brought home? You would. Very well, then; you are a man of strict integrity. Your word is as good as your bond. You have entered into a solemn contract, and I shall see that you live up to it. About the boys—well, you needn't worry about them. They are over at my house having a good time with my youngsters. You see, last night, while meditating over things in general, who should come along but your two boys with bundles in hand, leaving their old home behind them. Well, I couldn't see them go out into the world without giving them a little advice. So I talked to them awhile in my plain, blunt way, and the end of it was, they agreed to stop at my house for a day or so and give the matter a little thought. Good fellows, those boys are, and they'll make splendid men; but they couldn't stand it to be treated like cattle, and who can blame them.

Why, certainly, neighbor Jones, I'll shake hands with you, and I honor those tears that are streaming down your cheeks, for they show that your better nature is coming to the surface. Now let me suggest that next Sunday when you go to class-meeting just omit that confession that you are a miserable, unworthy sinner—everybody knows that—don't implore the Throne of Grace to purify your heart and make you a new man, but just tell the Lord you have taken that contract off His hands, and intend to try to build up a little heaven on earth, and I tell you that when you come to join in the singing you will see as you never saw before, the sublimity of the sentiment in that beautiful melody, "Nearer My God to Thee!"

J. W. WARR.

**Live Stock Judges.**

The following are the names of the judges on live stock at the Toronto show omitted from our report in another column:—

Sheep judges.—Cotswolds—Thos. Teasdale, Concord, and V. Fitch, Oriel. Leicesters and Lincoln—Jas. Brooks, Whalen, and R. G. Garbutt, Belleville. Shropshires—S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio; A. Brown, Picton. Oxfords, Hampshires, and Suffolks—R. J. Hine, Dutton, and John Harcourt, St. Anne. South-downs—Hy. Arkell, Teeswater, and John Miller, Markham. Merinos and Dorsets—Geo. P. Everest, Mt. Vernon, and John Jackson, Abingdon.

Swine judges.—Berkshires and Poland-Chinas—Jos. Main, Milton, and A. Johnston, Greenwood. Yorkshires and Chester Whites—G. B. Hood, Guelph, and J. M. Hurley, Belleville. Tamworths, Essex, Suffolks, and Duroc Jerseys—D. G. Hammer, Mount Vernon, and Geo. Green, Fairview.

**GOSSIP.**

The attention of our readers is directed to the announcement elsewhere of the annual sale of pure-bred live stock, on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. For catalogues, apply to Wm. Rennie, Farm Superintendent.

D. H. Ketcheson, Menie, Ont.:—"Although the pasture is poor on account of the drought, my sheep are doing well, and the Jerseys are in good shape for fall fairs. Woodflower 2nd dropped a very fine heifer calf last month, which is doing well."

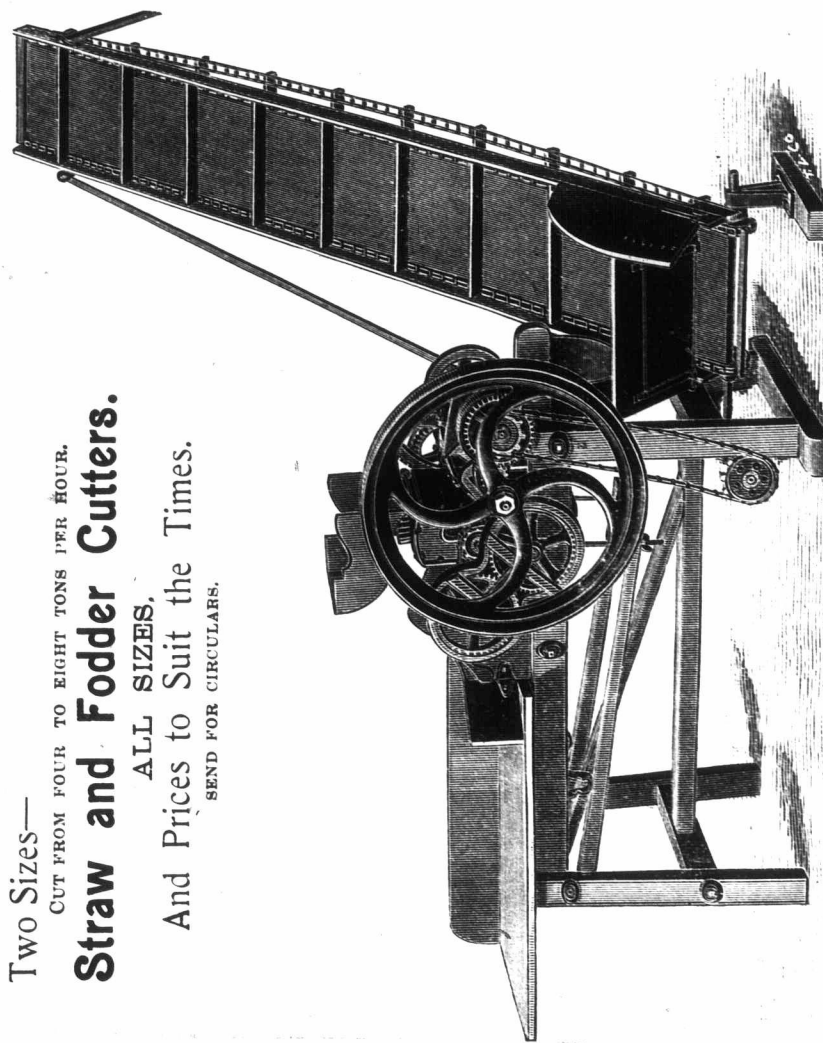
**NOTICES.**

A new freezing company has recently begun operations at North Geelong, Australia, having an order for 10,000 carcasses of frozen mutton from London, Eng., to start with.

During the season beginning early in April and ending on July 11th there were exported from Jersey, of potatoes, 64,583 tons, the price ranging from £32 per ton at the start, for those grown in glass houses, down to £2 14s. 2d. at the close; total receipts, £435,192, against £359,989 in 1895.

Every year draining becomes a more essential part of successful farming. Proper tools for doing the work are therefore more important. In this connection the announcement of Mr. R. G. Scott, Perth, Ont., in our Sept. 1st issue, page 368, regarding the Larimer Ditching Plow, is of special interest. Write him for particulars.

The offices of The Colliery Engineer Company, proprietors of "The Colliery Engineer and Metal Miner," "Home Study," and The International Correspondence School, in the Coal Exchange Building, Scranton, Pa., whose advertisement appears elsewhere, were partially destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, August 30th. Fortunately, their printing plant was in another building, and they had reserves of all instruction and question papers, drawing plates, and other supplies and stationery used in the schools in still another building, so that the business was not seriously interfered with. New offices, more convenient and commodious than the old ones, were secured and will be occupied until the completion of their own new buildings, now being erected on Wyoming Avenue.

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— ON —

Wednesday, October 14th, 1896.

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**Canadian Fairs.**

PLACE.	DATE.
Renfrew, Ont.	Sept. 17th and 18th.
Ottawa, Ont.	Sept. 17th to 26th.
Peterborough, Ont.	Sept. 21st to 23rd.
Goderich, Ont.	Sept. 22nd to 24th.
Truro, N. S. (Eastern Division).	Sept. 21st to 25th.
Strathroy, Ont.	Sept. 23rd to 25th.
Woodstock, Ont.	Sept. 24th and 25th.
Iona (Southwold & Dunwich).	Sept. 25th.
Whitby, Ont.	Sept. 28th to 30th.
Tilsonburg, Ont.	Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st.
Chatham, Ont.	Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st.
Markham, Ont.	Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd.
Stratford, Ont.	Oct. 1st and 2nd.
Walkerton, Ont.	Oct. 1st to 3rd.
Paris, Ont.	Oct. 6th and 7th.
St. Thomas, Ont.	Oct. 6th to 8th.
Orillia (E. Simcoe).	Sept. 23rd and 24th.
New Westminster, B. C.	Oct. 6th to 10th.
Yarmouth, N. S. (Western Division).	Sept. 30 Oct. 1 and 2.