UCATIONAL NOTES.

gue for the Educational Museum Being Prepared at Last.

School of Art—Mr. G. H. Robinson, Appointed Editor of the Educa- Monthly—The School Book Quan- n East Grey—Foreign Notes.

ctor Hughes last week received the $1 from Samuel Chisholm for the Memorial Fund, who signs himself ld Ontario Teacher." He now lives icago.

rier, Public School Inspector of East intends calling a convention of the in his district for the purpose of dis- the question as to which series of hould be adopted for use in the schools riding.

W. M. Elliott, headmaster of the hool in Omemee, about whose alleged teachings in that school dust was nd so little resulted from the subse- quiry, has resigned that position and pted a similar one in Markham High at an advanced salary.

eparate schools in Ottawa are over- , and great dissatisfaction is express- he board's inefficiency to deal with ble. Over fifty pupils have been re- mittance. Want of accommodation y in this city too, numerous applica- admission to the Model school and te Institute having had to be re-

st number of the *Canada Educational* contains the valedictory of Mr. G. Adam, who has been for nearly five editor. His mantle has fallen upon H. Robinson, M.A., late principal of nitby Collegiate Institute, and for ears a teacher in Ontario. Mr. Rob- many literary and professional qualifi- eminently fit him for the position.

ext session of the Ontario School of l open on Oct. 15th. The examina- r admittance to the advanced classes gin on Oct. 8th. The programme, in course of preparation, will differ at from that of last session. Among anges it is intended not to have any classes. Classes will be formed for e painting, and if there are a suffi- mber of students a class will be form- modelling in clay under Mr. Dunbar, ity.

embroke *Standard* of a recent date, rticle on the present state of our speaking of the Minister of Educa- s:—"According to Mr. Crooks' view, ars ago Canada could not furnish her fessors for her national universities, rdingly a batch were imported for the University. In this respect the was only endeavouring to illustrate se of his educational system by show- with its machinery he was unable to material suitable for professors."

t there is a likelihood of there being the disposal of the many thousand to the museum of the Education De- t, a descriptive catalogue of the s, statuary, &c., in it. It is said that e been a nufnber for sale at the de- t during the past two or three years. y be true, but very few visitors were et one. Dr. May, superintendent of eum, has now in course of prepara- which will prove, not only very use- isitors while in the museum, but may sed for reference afterwards. Divid- museum into the various departments a full historical and chronological of each, besides a brief on of each painting or cast, as the y be. When it is completed, which ected will be in about a month, each n the museum will be numbered, and need only turn to the same number talogue when he will find, as above full account of the class to which the elongs, as well as a description of the self, if necessary. The department chased a full set of photographs of ection of ethnographical specimens, the Egyptian, Assyrian, Grecian, and Roman, and other series in the Museum. These, together with a ection of photographs of the painters, tional Gallery, will be put in place museum immediately. It is to be at the work may proceed without de- e want of such a catalogue has long Dr. May has also in course of prepar- atalogue of the books in the Educa- brary, which he hopes to have com- efore the end of the year.

FOREIGN NOTES

he compulsory school law went into n in New York city juvenile crime eased over 36 per cent, and yet, it is law is but partially enforced.

ompulsory school law recently passed Illinois State Legislature requires children between the ages of 8 years shall attend school for at least nths each year.

r Zachariah Chandler's widow has 000 to establish a scholarship in the Women's Medical College for the women who intend to become mis-

Dick has bequeathed £10,000 to the y college at Edinburgh, named brother, the late Professor Dick; £10,000 for the establishment of a ship in Edinburgh university, either parative anatomy, or comparative according to the decision of her

tland last year there were expended schools the sum of £312,047, of sum schools connected with the of Scotland received £28,266; the urch schools, £18,208; undenomi- schools, £26,207; the Episcopal £9,393; and the Roman Catholic £25,642. A further point in these atistics is that the total estimated ber of school age is 1,169,943, of whom re on the books of elementary day But, by excluding children under 5 e at which education is compulsory mber would be reduced by nearly

lowing facts are from a letter to the *Witness* from Kenmare, Ireland, heir educational interest, they give denial to the statement industrious- ated by some Canadian papers that nsdowne, our future Governor-Gen- been harsh with his Irish tenants:— nual school feast and distribution of s given to the Dereen tenants by the of Lansdowne for the best cottages dens has just taken place at the school, close to his Lordship's sum- dence, Dereen, which is situated on y estates, near Kenmare. There nt 300 children present, for whom a al tea was provided, each child also from Lady Lansdowne a suitable r ladyship expressed to Mr. Mo- he national teacher at Lauragh, and O'Sullivan and her sister teachers of e department, her appreciation of ution and success in the advance- the boys and girls under their nd of the creditable appearance of ren. The weather being remarkably children were afterwards entertained ety of sports and races, the Mar- dren entering heartily into the ef- s for the entertainment of the rising m."

r process of impregnating wood for rvation has been patented in Ger- t consists in first treating the wood lution of zinc vitriol, and then with of chloride of calcium, so that the ive coating is formed upon the wood hemical action of both substances another.

time ago there was prevalent in the of Georgia a custom of pounding after they were shelled and making a sort of pastry. Of late the pea- ground into tolerably fine flour, the hands of an expert cook makes that does not harass the stomachs of ery dyspeptic people.

MARKHAM FARMERS.

Quarterly Meeting of the Club at Mr. William Rennie's Farm.

The September meeting of the Markham Farmers' Club was held on Tuesday at Mr. William Rennie's farm, there being a large attendance of members with their wives, sons, and daughters. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gibson, president of the club, who referred to the pleasing fact that so many members were in attendance, which, he said, was an invariable occurrence when the meetings took place at Mr. Rennie's, as there was always much to be learned from the practical way in which he conducted his affairs. The subject originally intended for discussion at this meeting, the president said, was the construction of farm buildings, but owing to the absence of the gentleman who was appointed to introduce it a change of programme would be necessary unless some of the members were prepared to give their views.

Mr. Reesor then addressed the club, expressing his admiration at the numbers present, which he claimed was a compliment to Mr. Rennie, who managed his farm with such ability that it was now recognized as one of the model farms in Ontario, where many practical lessons in agriculture could be readily learned by the most unobservant.

Mr. Slater regretted the subject of farm buildings was not ready for discussion, as he attended the meeting with the expectation of learning something. He had delayed building a barn merely because he was unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion as to the style of building most desirable, and he looked forward to receiving excellent suggestions at this meeting.

Mr. Wm. Rennie thanked the members for meeting at his residence, and was glad the veteran farmers' club was increasing in members as well as in usefulness. With regard to farm buildings, he had given the subject some attention, and in order to more readily convey his ideas to the members, he had prepared a plan of what he thought would suit the requirements of farmers generally. Mr. Rennie then entered into a detailed description of the building, which was a large one, capable of accommodating live stock, storing fodder, roots, grain, farm implements, etc., being oblong in shape, with floors in each end, and traps in the floors for the convenience of filling bins in the lower story with roots, etc. Mr. R. claimed that a great deal of time would be saved by farmers in the busy season if such a building was used, as every product of the farm could be stored in one building, which would lessen the labour not only then, but in winter time, as cattle stalls could be so arranged that the cost of attendance to feed them would be greatly diminished.

Mr. Clark endorsed Mr. Rennie's ideas, and said the plan of using only one building was the correct one. When he found it necessary to erect more buildings he would try the idea suggested.

Mr. Jennings said he had spent considerable time inspecting farm buildings, but failed to find any that pleased him except one constructed on the plan suggested by Mr. Rennie, which was the correct principle.

Mr. Boyd referred to the benefits the club derived from meeting at Mr. Rennie's, as his system of farming was such as to commend itself to all who had inspected his farm, and if the style of barn he had described to them would be as successful as his farming the club would be under great obligations to Mr. Rennie.

Mr. Slater found fault with the plan, and thought the entrances should be in the sides, while Mr. Pike favoured Mr. Rennie's ideas.

Mr. Donaldson, emigration agent, at the request of the president, addressed the meeting, and complimented the members upon having such an enterprising and energetic farmer in their midst as Mr. Rennie had proved to be. The judgment he had displayed in managing his farm was creditable to him, and an honour to such a grand agricultural district as Markham was known to be. The speaker praised the farmers of Ontario for the advances they were making, urged those present to keep their club meetings interesting, and before sitting down expressed his desire to join the club, which was readily accorded.

The president gave his views on the plan, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

While the club was in session the boys who had accompanied their parents passed off the time in playing a lacrosse match, while the young ladies indulged in lawn tennis and croquet, a match being played between representatives of Markham and Scarboro', which was interrupted by Mr. Rennie inviting the party, old and young, to partake of his hospitality. The croquet match was accordingly declared a draw, and will be finished next September, provided the contestants do not marry in the meantime.

A Run Through Mr. Rennie's Farm.

Mr. Rennie's farm is distant from Toronto some 15 miles, and contains about 120 acres, some fifteen being in bush. The land under cultivation is entirely clear of stumps, stones, and Canada thistles, well underdrained, almost level, the soil being clay loam, in some places slightly inclined to heaviness. The buildings are located in the centre of the south front of the farm, and consist of a capacious two-storey dwelling, gardener's residence, driving shed and root cellar, live stock stables, barn, and piggery, six in all. The dwelling house is surrounded by a well-kept lawn, ornamented with a handsome rockery, filled with choice plants. The display of broken-down waggons, superannuated reapers, rusty ploughs and headless churns that are usually found in farmer's lawn were pleasantly and conspicuously absent. Immediately north of the dwelling house is a neat and snug cottage occupied by the gardner, while a little to the west is the driving shed and cellar, where every convenience for the rapid performance of work at once meet the eye. Further west are the piggeries and live stock stables, which are

MODELS OF NEATNESS

and cleanliness, there being ample accommodation for twenty-eight head of cattle and a score or two of pigs. To the north of this, and abutting it and the driving shed is the barn, with a lower storey for the accommodation of horses, etc., where the same neatness that is visible in other buildings is at once perceptible. In the square formed by the four buildings just described are hundreds of loads of fine manure, so rich that one can scarcely take a step without treading on an incipient mushroom, this valuable material being intended for use next season on the field set apart for roots. South-east of the piggery is the "pet patch," or trial ground, where the eye is gladdened by the appearance of flowers of all hues and plants of almost every description. One portion is set apart for experimenting with different

VARIETIES OF FALL WHEAT,

thirty kinds being under test, among them are Martin Amber and Bonnell, samples of which were sown for the first time in Canada this fall. Eight new varieties, none of which have not yet been introduced into Canada, are also being experimented with, and are known as Golden Prolific, Golden Russian, Oster's Hybrid Clawson, Oster's Amber, Velvet Chaff, Hybrid Mediterranean, Pure Gold, and Red Russian, all of which are doing well. In another plot experiments are being made with grasses, five different kinds being under test. For permanent pastures two are under test, one for low lands and the other for high lands, eleven different varieties of grasses being used. Next in order comes a preparation for hay to be followed by a meadow, in low lands, adjacent to which is a similar experiment for high lands, the next plot being devoted to experiments with a mixture known as the Rapid Growing, from which half a dozen crops can be gathered every season. All these mixtures are, so to speak, Mr. Rennie's own inventions, and comprise every useful variety of grass known in Canada. About 40 acres of the west front are seeded with clover, 27 bushels of seed having been sown to the acre, and in this fine pasture are browsing 28 steers, several milch cows, and about 50 head of sheep. As soon as winter sets in Mr. Rennie houses these animals, feeds them on roots, meal, and grain, and sells them early in the spring. Through this pasture field runs a stream, affording ample water for the cattle, a luxury that is not often enjoyed without considerable expense to the owners. In order to give our readers an idea of Mr. Rennie's

PRACTICAL WAY OF MANAGING AFFAIRS,

it is only necessary to state that this stream is composed of the entire drainage of his farm, and furnishes a water supply for his cattle of an even temperature. The central field of the farm, another 40 acre stretch of very level land, is divided by a road, the southern part is in barley stubble, now being ploughed, and next year it will be devoted to roots, the northern part being a grand meadow. Passing through a gate an entrance is made to the eastern field, about as large as the one just described. The northern section is in meadow, while the south is devoted to roots, ten acres being filled with mangle wurtzels. Among the new varieties noticed were Red Tankard and Golden Tankard, this being the first crop of the former ever raised in Canada. All the varieties of sugar beets worthy of cultivation as food for cattle occupy the next plot, which is followed in succession by seed onions of the Large Red Weathers field variety, Rennie's Selected Nonpareil lettuce, Golden Wax beans, Dwarf German Wax beans, and all the

NEW VARIETIES OF POTATOES

which are cultivated for seeding purposes. This brief sketch will give our readers an idea of how Mr. Rennie manages his farm, his first effort apparently being to establish a system. Indeed there is a method connected with the performance of every detail, no matter how trifling, and a reason is given why it should be so done. The owner of this farm is thoroughly practical, very observant, with means at his command and brains to know how to use them. He has around him valuable assistants, among them being Mr. Burgess, the gardener, who knows more about roots, horticulture, Canada thistles, octagons, and parallelograms than any other man of his years, and he has almost reached three score and ten, yet he is full of life and vigour. Since Mr. Rennie brought his broad acres to their present perfection, he has stirred up the ambition of some of his neighbours, the result being that five of the competitors in the prize farm contest belong to Markham township. And it is a pity that the owner of the farm immediately south of Mr. Rennie was not among the number, as he has fine land, capable of being vastly improved, but unfortunately he devotes too much attention to the culture of Canada thistles, and he has succeeded in raising so admirable a crop that the thistles have entirely outstripped portions of a field of oats.

A VILE CONSPIRACY.

Grit Combination to Prevent Settlement in Ontario.

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—Your correspondent last week went to Sudbury Junction, west of Lake Nipissing, and while passing through the region west of Mattawa found that tract of country, 350 miles long by 50 miles wide, of splendid agricultural land, was without settlers. Making careful enquiries of men who were familiar with every inch of the country, I found that, making ample allowance for rocky lands, there were nearly nine millions of acres of fine arable lands without settlers. I discovered that parties had frequently made application to the Ontario Government to buy or get free grants, but neither for money nor as a gift could any of the railway labourers or others anxious to settle in so fine a region obtain a single acre of the land. There seemed to be a "nigger in the fence" somewhere, and further investigation then led to the discovery of the following:—

A NEFARIOUS CONSPIRACY.

The Ontario Government, under pressure from leading Grits, refuse to open up for settlement this magnificent tract of land, capable of accommodating 50,000 families, with 180 acres for each family. The reason for this refusal reveal one of the most infamous pieces of treachery to the Province of Ontario ever perpetrated, even by the present combination of shouters and shufflers called the Mowat Government. Mr. Pardee has control of the Crown lands. With this fact as the pivot of the whole conspiracy, Messrs. Hardy, Pardee, Peck, ex-M.P.P., and stipendiary magistrate of Haliburton, D. McCraney, ex-M.P.P. for Kent, Hunter, ex-M.P.P. for South Grey; Striker, ex-M.P.P. for Prince Edward; Fitzgerald, Crown Lands agent at Fenelon Falls; W. McCraney, M.P. for Halton, have combined with other prominent Grits to secure, and they have secured and now own, a large tract of land in Hamlin, Deuel, and Codrington counties, in Dakota, in the neighbourhood of Castle Wood, on the line of the Chicago and North-Western railway. The property owned by Messrs. Hardy and Pardee is in Hamlin county, where two townships adjoining each other are called Brantford and Oxford, the first so named in honour of Mr. Hardy's birthplace, and the second in honour of Mr. Mowat's and Mr. Crooks' constituencies.

OBJECT OF THE COMBINATION.

To open for settlement the region along the Canadian Pacific railway around Lake Nipissing would injure the prospects of this Grit combination to induce settlers to go to their Dakota property. To agree with those who pronounce the North-West a good country for settlers would be to injure the chance of securing settlers for their Dakota preserve. To allow Rat Portage and that region the quiet under which they would thrive would also affect the Dakota property. Hence the attacks upon the North-West; hence the stern refusal to give a railway navvy an acre in the Nipissing region; hence the stir and tumult in the region round Rat Portage made by the Slugger and others in the employ of Mr. Mowat. It has further been found out that these men, while shouting out their patriotism, have been inducing people to leave Ontario and settle on their lands in Dakota. A regular system of agents is in operation, and only about six weeks ago John Carrol, of St. Catharines, went to that region, and in company with Mr. McCraney purchased two sections in Deuel county.

A COMPLETE EXPOSURE.

This is a complete exposure of the most nefarious transaction ever known. Two Ministers of the Crown use their official influence to prevent settlers settling in Ontario while using means to decoy them to Dakota. A combination of men cry out about an exodus while they are closing lands against settlers and doing all they can to induce them to buy in a foreign country. They get their organ to attack the reservation of lands in the North-West while they are without any reason whatever, except to put money in their own pockets, keeping unsettled millions of acres of splendid land in Ontario. The *Globe's* praise of Dakota lands and its attacks upon the North-West will henceforth be understood. The stem-winder is wound up by a Dakota ring, with Messrs. Hardy and Pardee at their head, and these men are comforting themselves by Dakota speculations for their inability, owing to Sir John's watchfulness, to speculate in the North-West on the scale they wanted. These patriots have been shouting, "The traitor's hand is at thy throat, Ontario!" and well they know it, all the time their own inner consciousness accusing themselves of being the traitors.

There is no preparation before the people to-day that commands their confidence more, or meets with a better sale, than does Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry—the infallible remedy for all forms of summer complaint.

The man who was observed on State street this morning with a three-cent stamp on his left ear, endeavouring to climb into a letter-box and clamouring for them to "fesh on their post-offices, cosh he wash so drunk he couldn't go to them," is believed to hold the theory that the office should seek the man and not the man the office.—*Rochester Post-Express.*

If you are broken down in constitution and wasting away by sickness, dissipation, too great nervous taxation, or suffering from any chronic disease, do not abandon hope until you have tried Burdock Blood Bitters. What it is doing daily towards restoring others it might do for you.

FALL FAIRS.

ONTARIO.

Name.	*Place.*	*Date.*
Malahide	Aylmer	Sept. 28, 29
Somerville	Cobourg	Oct. 1
Crosby, South	Elgin	Oct. 1
Nassagaweya		Oct. 2
Mount Forest		Oct. 2
Muskoka East	Huntsville	Oct. 2
Chatham	Wallaceburg	Oct. 2, 3
Chesley		Oct. 2, 3
Tiverton		Oct. 2, 3
York, North	Newmarket	Oct. 2, 3
Kent, East	Thamesville	Oct. 2, 3
Wait	Ulford	Oct. 2, 3
Western	London	Oct. 1-5
Mitchell		Oct. 2, 3
Alliston		Oct. 2, 3
Wilmot	New Hamburg	Oct. 2, 3
Ontario South	Whitby	Oct. 2, 3
Peterboro' West	Peterboro'	Oct. 2, 3
Peterboro' East	Warsaw	Oct. 2, 3
Durham, West	Bowmanville	Oct. 2, 3
Dereham	Tilsonburg	Oct. 2, 3
Carleton	Bell's Corners	Oct. 2, 3
Brant, North	Paris	Oct. 2, 3
Mount Forest		Oct. 2, 3
Essex, South	Leamington	Oct. 2, 3
Mariposa	Oakwood	Oct. 2, 3
Winchester	West Winchester	Oct. 2, 3
Grey, East	Flesherton	Oct. 2, 3
Northern Union	Orangeville	Oct. 2 3
Lincoln	St. Catharines	Oct. 2, 3
Montague	Smith's Falls	Oct. 3, 4
Listowel		Oct. 3, 4
Great Central	Hamilton	Oct. 2, 5
Hastings East	Frankford Corners	Oct. 3
Huron	Ripley	Oct. 3
Osnabruck		Oct. 3
Prescott	Vankleek	Oct. 3
Esquesing	Acton	Oct. 3
Matilda	Dixon's Corners	Oct. 3, 4
Lanark, North	Almonte	Oct. 3, 5
Lindsay	Lindsay	Oct. 3, 5
Middleton	Courtland	Oct. 4
Rainham Centre		Oct. 4
Woodhouse	Port Dover	Oct. 4
Carrick	Mildmay	Oct. 4
Hibbert	Staffa	Oct. 4
Durham East	Milbrook	Oct. 4, 5
Simcoe South	Cookstown	Oct. 4, 5
York East	Markham	Oct. 4, 5
Dresden		Oct. 4, 5
Union	Paisley	Oct. 4, 5
Renfrew, North	Beachburg	Oct. 4, 5
Proton	Dundalk	Oct. 4, 5
Clarksburg	Clarksburg	Oct. 4, 5
Muskoka		Oct. 4, 5
Colchester, North	Essex Centre	Oct. 4, 5
Wellesley	Wellesley	Oct. 4, 5
Melanethon	Shelburne	Oct. 4, 5
Huron, East	Brussels	Oct. 4, 5
Russell		Oct. 4, 5
Wellington	Harriston	Oct. 4, 5
Peel	Brampton	Oct. 4, 5
Wawanosh East	Belgrave	Oct. 5
Lansdowne	Lansdowne	Oct. 5
Holland	Chatsworth	Oct. 5
Monck	Wellandport	Oct. 5, 6
Oxford South	Otterville	Oct. 5, 6
Hastings, West	Belleville	Oct. 5, 6
Shefford	Waterloo	Oct. 5
Tilbury, East		Oct. 8
Simcoe, West	Barrie	Oct. 8, 9
Huron, South	Exeter	Oct. 8, 9
Townsend	Waterford	Oct. 8, 9
Welland	Welland	Oct. 8, 9
Flamboro' East	Waterdown	Oct. 9
Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Oct. 9
Artemesia	Priceville	Oct. 9
Easthope	Tavistock	Oct. 9
Honney	Wheatley	Oct. 9
Mornington	Milverton	Oct. 9
Palmerston	Palmerston	Oct. 9
Williamsburg	Bouck's Hill	Oct. 9
Fergus		Oct. 9
Pickering	Brougham	Oct. 9, 10
Brock	Sunderland	Oct. 9, 10
Lakefield	Lakefield	Oct. 9, 10
Grimsby	Smithville	Oct. 9-10
Middlesex, West	Strathroy	Oct. 9-10
Huron, West	Goderich	Oct. 9, 10
Prince Edward	Picton	Oct. 9, 10
North Brant	Paris	Oct. 9, 10
Simcoe West	Barrie	Oct. 9, 10
Lambton East	Watford	Oct. 9, 10
Cardwell	Beeton	Oct. 9, 10
Tuckersmith	Seaforth	Oct. 9, 10
Hagersville	Hazersville	Oct. 9, 10
Wellington	Ferguson	Oct. 9, 10
Halton	Milton	Oct. 9, 10
Essex, North	Woodslee	Oct. 9, 10
Turnberry	Wingham	Oct. 9, 10
Southern	Brantford	Oct. 9, 11
Kent, West	Chatham	Oct. 9, 11
Bayham	Vienna	Oct. 10
Eastnor	Rockwood	Oct. 10
Walsingham C'tre	Walsingham	Oct. 10
South Monaghan	Centreville	Oct. 10
Union	Wallaceburg	Oct. 10, 11
Northern	Walkerton	Oct. 10, 13
Dunnville		Oct. 10, 11
Lanark	Middleville	Oct. 11
Saltfleet		Oct. 11
Bexley	Victoria Road	Oct. 11
Blanshard	Kirkton	Oct. 11, 12
Uxbridge	Goodwood	Oct. 11, 12
Percy	Warkworth	Oct. 11, 12
Perth North	Stratford	Oct. 11, 12
Caledonia	Caledonia	Oct. 11, 12
Glanford	Glass Craig	Oct. 11, 12
Bradford	Bradford	Oct. 11, 12
Colchester, South	Harrow	Oct. 11, 12
Rockwood		Oct. 11, 12
Morris	Blyth	Oct. 11, 12
Stanley	Bayfield	Oct. 11, 12
Norfolk	Simcoe	Oct. 11, 12
Otonabee	Keene	Oct. 12
Aldborough	Rodney	Oct. 12
Mary borough	Moorefield	Oct. 12
Enniskillen	Petrolia	Oct. 12, 13
Norwich	Norwich	Oct. 12, 13
Windham	Windham Centre	Oct. 13
Ameliasburg	Roblin's Mills	Oct. 13
Caistor	Abingdon	Oct. 13
Stanley	Banfield	Oct. 15, 16
Howard	Ridgetown	Oct. 15, 17
Cramahe	Castleton	Oct. 16
Pelham	Fenwick	Oct. 16
Parkhill	Parkhill	Oct. 16
York, West	Woodbridge	Oct. 16, 17
Brighton	Brighton	Oct. 16, 17
Norfolk	Simcoe	Oct. 16, 17
Manvers	Bethany	Oct. 16, 17
Woolwich	Elmira	Oct. 16
Vaughan	Uxbridge	Oct. 16, 17
Gosfield	Kingsville	Oct. 17, 18
Hallett	Clinton	Oct. 17, 18
Erin	Erinn	Oct. 17, 18
World's Fair	Rockton	Oct. 18
Burford	Harley	Oct. 18, 19
Greenock	Pinkerton	Oct. 19
Charlotteville		Oct. 20

LOWER PROVINCES.

Buckingham	Lochaber	Oct. 20
Nova Scotia	Truro	Sept. 25, Oct. 1
Yarmouth, N.S.		Oct. 11, 12
Dominion	St. John, N.B.	Oct. 20

NORTH-WEST.

Provincial	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 1, 6
West Lynne		Oct. 12
Morris		Oct. 11, 12

Fat Stock Shows.

Chicago	Nov. 14, 21
Toronto	Dec. 14, 15

A GENEROUS PUBLISHER.

A Lady's Fine Hunting-Case Silver Watch and Other Valuable Premiums Free.

From the Globe.

The publisher of *Truth*, the well-known weekly magazine, offers among his other premiums, a lady's valuable silver hunting-case watch, free to any one telling him which is the longest verse in the Bible by the 7th of November next. The publisher will not say what the correct answer is or who gives it, till the last week in November, when the names and addresses of the successful competitors will be given in the issue of *Truth* for November 24th. Should more than one correct answer be given, the second in order received will get a handsome solid gem ring. Should more than two be given, a neat English neck chain will be presented to the sender of the third correct answer in order received. To the fourth will be given a silver-plated butter-knife. Not more than the four prizes are offered. So if you want to secure one of them be as prompt as possible in sending in your answer. The conditions attached are that every competitor must send FIFTY CENTS and this advertisement with their answer, for which they will receive every week for three months *Truth*, a 28-page WEEKLY Magazine, containing in each issue 2 full size pages of newest music, either vocal or instrumental; two or three very fascinating serial stories; a short story, short, pointed, pithy editorial paragraphs on all the leading events of the week; beautiful illustrations of the latest English and American fashions, with full letter-press descriptions; a Young Folks' Department; Health Department; Ladies' Department; Temperance Department; Sport Department; besides a lot of Miscellaneous reading, and altogether just the paper to interest *every member of the family*. To say nothing about the probability of your getting the watch, the gem ring, the neck chain, or the silver-plated butter knife, you will find you have secured a prize in getting *Truth* for three months. So don't delay sending your answer and half dollar with this advertisement, and secure one of the prizes offered. Address S. FRANK WILSON, publisher *Truth*, Toronto, Ont.

☞ Sample copies of *Truth* sent for five cents. In the last issue of *Truth* for November will published the names and address of the successful prize-winners.

Why Women Look Under the Bed.

Men have the habit of ridiculing women because they look under the bed every night before retiring for the undesirable burglar. It is wrong. This simple act on the part of our sisters, wives, and mothers in looking for that which they do not want to find is, in most cases, a harmless one, and is not deserving of censure. Sometimes they find something between the slats and the floor bigger than a bedbug and more dangerous than a cobweb. This was the experience of a woman in Georgia who, while taking her accustomed peep, discovered two coloured men stowed away in that neighbourhood. Of course she was not frightened, but she was so mad that she stirred up the whole village with her screams, and the burglars, becoming alarmed, jumped out of a three-storey window, and, falling on a policeman who was sleeping in the doorway below, broke his neck, thereby causing a vacancy in the corps. If this lady had not kept up the time-honoured custom of looking under the bed there is no telling what crimes might have been committed in that house by the two men who were on duty while the policeman slept. By all means let the women look under the bed, and those who are near-sighted should be furnished with opera glasses by the municipal government, and thus be able to detect crime lurking in low places.

Mrs. Menage (about to spend her first night in the new house into which she is moving) —"I will sleep here, Bridget, and you can take a sofa down stairs." Bridget (presenting herself about an hour later)—"If ye'll come to the stairs, mum, ye'll see I can't lug it alone." Mrs. M. (electrified at seeing the large library lounge wedged in the stairway) —"What does this mean?" Bridget—"Sure, mum, 'twas yourself told me to take a sofy down stairs; and this is the only one that's been brought up here at all, mum."

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

GENERAL.

ENQUIRER, Guelph.—Advertise.

H., Kimberley.—Never saw the pamphlet.

GILD ROY, Brandon.—We have sent pedigree

AGENT, Chatham.—Please enquire at some coal oil dealers.

MCC., Lucan.—Maud S. made her record at Rochester, accompanied by a running mate.

QUEEN CITY.—It is not the practice to put academic titles on one's cards.

JARVIS.—Describe condition of horse, as you may be astray in naming the complaint.

MUSKOKA.—How are your sheep affected? Worms is rather a vague definition for a disease.

STAKEHOLDER, City.—The backer of the Richmond Hill hose reel team wins and should have the stakes.

W. V. ONSLOW, Galt.—The bat was awarded for the highest score, and not for the best batting average.

BATHURST, New Brunswick.—Consult a veterinary surgeon, as the fracture has evidently not healed properly.

C. A. P., City.—If the referee decides that a race shall be sailed over for any reason, the boat refusing to sail again forfeits the stakes.

W. S., Toronto.—If the ball be caught before touching the ground, it is a fair catch, whether the hand or hands be resting on the ground or not.

W. H., Severn Bridge, wants to know where he could learn how to drive a locomotive engine, etc. Apply to engine houses of any of the railways and you will receive the needed instruction.

R. H. M., Richmond Hill.—Would not like to express opinions on the various brick machines in the market without inspecting them. Write to the manufacturers and get their descriptive pamphlets.

R. J. T., St. Catharines.—We do not know of any English paper devoted exclusively to the interests of gunmakers, nor of any better source of information regarding latest improvements in the gun than the *Field*.

CONSTANT READER, City.—By "two miles with a turn" in a regatta is meant a race two miles long with a turn in it; that is, a race in which the competitors row one mile from the start, and then turn a buoy and row back, finishing where they started.

W. McM., Gillis Hill.—Qu.—"I have a colt 3 years old, who had a running at the nose and a cough. He has got over both, but he keeps getting thinner, and lies more than he does, he will not eat hay, and has rubbed out all the hair of his mane, and has commenced to rub his tail. Please give me a cure?" Ans.—Feed the colt on a moderate allowance of boiled oats, and about a teacupfull of flax-seed sculy. Give every night one drachm iodide of potassium in his food, and continue for twelve days. Wash the mane and tail occasionally with warm water and soap.

MILFORD.—The absence for some days of the legal gentleman who has charge of that department of the WEEKLY MAIL is the only reason why your question was not answered. The revenue department question was probably attached to the one and did not consequently come under the observation of the person who answers questions in that department. For wind-gall, bandage tightly with a soft pad over each tumour; wet the bandages with vinegar, to each pint of which add a quarter of a pint of spirits of wine. If tumours are severe firing may be necessary. Some prefer applications on bandages of tincture of iodine twice daily.

M., Napanee.—There were two obelisks which were known as Cleopatra's Needles. They stood originally at Heliopolis, in front of the great temple of the sun. After being there 1,600 years the Romans took them from their pedestals and floated them down the Nile to Alexandria, and re-erected them there in 23 B.C. There they remained, latterly buried in the sand, for 1,900 years more. Latterly one of the two was presented by Mehemet Ali to the British Government, and in 1877 it was transported to London and erected on the Thames embankment. The other, and least mutilated of the pair, was presented by the late Khedive of Egypt to the city of New York, and was taken there in 1880 and erected in the Central park. Each of these obelisks is about 70 feet in height, with a diameter at the base of 7½ feet.

FRANKLIN, Bethany, asks for a remedy for a cow giving bloody milk, and whether the disease may occur after being once cured. Bloody milk may be caused in various ways, and the treatment necessarily varies. If from congested glands give a saline laxative, to be followed by five six-ounce dose of potassa nitrate; feed low, and bathe animal with cold water. If caused by eating acrid plants keep the cow away from them, administer a laxative, and follow up with three-ounce doses daily of potassa nitrate. If from partial congestion, with but little heat or tenderness, rub the udder daily with compound tincture of iodine diluted in three times its bulk of water. Milk the cow carefully and gently. Excitement such as being chased by dogs will often bring the ailment about, and should be guarded against.

"OURS IN ——," Listowel, writes as follows:—"In answer to a question as to the largest railway company, you say the Union Pacific. The U. P. is a sort of one-horse line compared with the Missouri Pacific, with a mileage of 9,600, and the C., M. and St. P., with a mileage of 4,468." Ans.—We gave a literal answer to a literal question. The question was as to the longest main line, not as to the "largest R. R. Co." When the question was asked, the largest main line was that of the Union Pacific, as we stated. The longest main line is now that of the Northern Pacific, 2,308 miles, exclusive of branches, and only completed this month. The main line of the Union Pacific is 1,637 miles, from Council Bluffs to Ogden. The main line of the Missouri Pacific was 904 miles when first consolidated in 1880. The main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul is 411 miles only, altogether 4,217 miles are operated. The gentleman from Listowel is mixing up the longest main line of railway with the largest railway company or system, and even as far as the biggest railway company is concerned is probably out, as the Canada Pacific is probably the biggest "company." But the largest railway system at present is the Missouri Pacific, with its leased lines.

Medical.

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BIRTHS.

MCFADDEN.—At Brampton, on the 23rd September, the wife of W. H. McFadden, County Crown Attorney, of a daughter.

GRAHAME.—At Mashquoteh, Deer park, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Martin Grahame, Rome, Georgia, of a daughter.

PALMER.—At "Rosebank," Bracebridge, Muskoka, on the 18th inst., the wife of John Alexander Palmer, Esq., of a son.

SCHOLES.—On the 20th inst. the wife of T. E. Scholes of a son.

BARWICK.—At 93 College street, on the 19th of September, the wife of Walter Barwick, of a daughter.

DUNCAN.—At "Cedar Brae," Weston, on the 15th September, the wife of W. M. Duncan, of a son.

SMITH.—On the 14th September, at New Brighton, Cheshire, England, the wife of Captain W. H. Smith, of the steamship Circassian, of a son.

SCHOLES.—On the 20th inst., the wife of T. E. Scholes, of a son.

THORLEY.—On the 25th inst., at 3 Lorne Terrace, the wife of Charles J. Thorley, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

WOODRUFF—VERNON.—On the 21st inst., by the Rev. Mr. Laird, at his residence, Toronto, Van Buran Woodruff, of Markham, to Miss Mary M. Vernon, youngest daughter of Mrs. Silas Vernon, of Manchester, Ont.

BUTLER—BETHELL.—On Thursday, 20th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Dr. Poole, Port Huron, assisted by the Rev. E. T. Allan, Detroit, Charlton J. Butler, Federal Bank, to Ada, eldest daughter of Francis Bethell, Esq., Detroit.

RITCHIE—RITCHIE.—On Thursday, the 20th inst., at Trinity Church, Blyth, Ont., by the Rev. J. F. Parks, C. H. Ritchie, of Toronto, Barrister-at-law, to Margaret Scott, eldest daughter of Mr. Gideon Ritchie, Blyth.

HAGERMAN—SMITH.—In Montreal, on the 20th inst., at the American Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. George H. Wells, Charles W. Hagerman, Esq., of the Mechanics' Bank, to Miss Henrietta Louisa, daughter of Charles E. Smith, Esq.

KENNEDY—ALLEN.—At Cornwall, Ont., on the 19th September, inst., by the Rev. Canon Pettet, at the residence of the bride's father, George Allan Kennedy, surgeon in the North-West Mounted Police, Fort Garry, N. W. Territory, to Alice Maude, only daughter of Doctor Allen, and granddaughter of the late Henry Francis Allen, Esq., S.T.C.D., barrister-at-law, &c