

products of our forests. Timber is disappearing rapidly ; when that vast harvest, sown by the hand of Providence on our soil, shall have vanished, man can never renew it. But the greater the exports of the products of our dairy industry, the greater the increase of our cattle, the greater the increase of the fertility of soil, the greater the wealth of our country.

FARM-BUILDINGS.

I cannot avoid saying a word, *en passant*, on the importance of well-constructed farm-buildings. Our climate is a stern one. The cattle are in the house half the year. The warmer, the better ventilated and lighted they are the less the stock will cost to feed. Of the warmth necessary for the support of life, that which the animal does not obtain from the circum-ambient air, he must obtain from a greater consumption of food. To erect buildings in which the cattle feel all the warmth they need, is therefore an economy.

The Department has at the service of all several plans of barns, which will be sent, gratis, to all who ask for them.

When anyone is about to lay out money in important farm-buildings that may serve as a model to the neighborhood, in addition to the despatch of the plans I have spoken of, the Department will, if it is asked to do so and the project appears to be useful, send to the spot a competent man capable of giving advice as to the arrangement of these buildings, the best place for their erection, etc.

DRAINAGE.

I may also inform those about to drain their farms that the Department is in a position to procure them pipes at a good discount ; that in case the draining is to be of considerable extent and of great interest to the locality, upon request being made to that effect, an engineer shall be sent to take the principal levels.

OFFICE FOR ANALYSIS.

The Honourable Premier called my attention lately to the importance of establishing, in every important centre in the province, an office for analysis, both for the agricultural and the mining industries. An approved tariff will be published, so that everyone will know beforehand the cost of the analysis he wants to have made. I need not say that I shall favour with all my power the creation of these offices, and that the charges