

upon Canada for their next year's annual trip. What a grand trip that would have been, and how valuable the lessons to have been learnt by both visitors and visited ! I am, however, glad to find that although for the present the idea has to be given up, there is still left a very strong determination on the part of the originators of this grand idea to again bring forward this subject on a future occasion ; and I sincerely trust that when this is done the result may be a visit to your fine country, believing, as I do, that it will be of the greatest mutual benefit all round.

AWARDS FOR NEW INVENTIONS.

The medals awarded for new inventions at the Dairy Show, London, were as follows :

To the Dairy Outfit Company, for a very simple sterilizer, a bronze medal.

To the Sterilizer Works, Frankfort-on-Main, Germany, a silver medal for the Popp-Becker Direct Steam Sterilizer ; and a second silver medal for another sterilizer for sterilizing milk in bottles.

To the Dairy Supply Company, a silver medal for the Simplex Sterilizer.

SALES OF ROMNEY MARSH SHEEP.

The annual sales of the Kent or Romney Marsh rams this year have been very successful ; larger

prices have been made than usual, and a very large demand was found to exist for these sheep in Buenos Ayres, to which country over 150 rams were sent. The rapid strides which this breed has made during the last few years have been largely increased since the formation of its registered society, and I am fully convinced that it would well repay some of your breeders to test the value of the Romney Marsh by importing them into your country, knowing well, as I do, that when they do go to you they will go to stay.

CANADIAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

Canadian horses are being sent here largely, and I am bound to say are being well sold ; and what is better news for your breeders is that in most cases they are being very highly appreciated.

I came across the other day, at Folkestone, Kent, when riding with a Southdown breeder, a "bus" drawn by two grand horses, and as they passed us I said : "What a grand pair !" "Yes," said my friend, "they are two of a lot of thirty Canadian horses which I bought for the bus company, and a grand lot they were ; they are giving the greatest possible satisfaction."

Thus you see that here, at any rate, your produce is being appreciated all round.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE STAFF OF SPEAKERS AND LECTURERS FOR 1896-7.

We published last month in full the bulletin of the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, believing that the information contained in it could not be too widely distributed. The better use that is made of the institute system, the better it will be for the country as a whole, and for every farmer who takes part in it. As for ourselves, we are going to "preach Farmers' Institutes" on every opportunity, in season and out of season. It is *the* organization, more than any other, that will develop farming into what it ought to be—a profitable, a healthful, and an enjoyable occupation, not merely for some farmers, but for all farmers.

Farming is a healthful occupation now. But it is not so profitable to anyone as it ought to be, and to a good many we fear it is hardly profitable at all. And no occupation can long be enjoyable to anyone when it is not remunerative.

There is no *real* reason, however, why farming should not be profitable to those who are engaged in it. We do not mean under present conditions of things ; because there are many conditions which can be improved to the farmer's advantage,

and which now work to his disadvantage. But farming is the one occupation that the whole world depends on ; upon which every other occupation in the world must stand or not stand at all. In this country, too, farmers are by a long way in the numerical majority. Why, then, if conditions exist that are unfair and unjust to farmers, should not farmers unite and get them made right ?

We are not, however, advocating any heedless running to overnments for the amendment of matters that we should mend ourselves. What we are advocating just now is that farmers should take counsel with one another—*often, systematically, and with set purpose to learn*. This can better be done in our Farmers' Institutes meetings than in any other way. Then, as certainly as daylight comes with the sun, so will improvement come with knowledge ; and with knowledge also will come that wisdom and discretion in voicing public opinion that no government will dare to ignore, will even think of ignoring.

To do what we can, therefore, to lend an interest to the coming Farmers' Institutes meetings