

WE have a large supply of ice on hand now. The two regular houses are filled and the old horse stable at the south barn has its quota.

WE regret to report sickness in the College. Six boys are down at present with measles, and are having rather a dull time of it. One more has had them and gone home.

FIRE escapes have been erected at the N. and E. ends of the building. We welcome them, and shall retire to our downy couches with a greater sense of security, feeling that locked doors do not now entrap us in case of fire.

THIR students have all been presented with a copy of the *Farmers' Advocate* for March, which contains a good photo. of Professor Robertson, and a short sketch of his life. Unknown friend, accept our thanks.

TWO or three of our practical student carpenters were needed lately in the granary. Owing to a defect in the construction the front of the bins burst out, and three or four hundred bushels of grain quietly commingled and spread over the floor.

LISTEN with all your ears! Miss not this paragraph whatever you do! Summon your friends and neighbors, gather them round in an expectant circle, screw up their curiosity to the highest pitch, and relate in awestruck tones that new tea-pots have been purchased for use in the dining hall!

WE boys are getting full information from Prof. Shaw as to the feeding experiments with the steers and pigs. We all know how important it is to keep stock clean, so we were hardly surprised, but decidedly amused the other day while strolling round the buildings, at seeing a great long fellow in the piggery tenderly grooming the sweet little porkers.

THE Creamery is being utilized this winter, as under Mr. Harcourt's careful supervision the cows over in the new stables are doing well, churning being effected by means of a "Daisy," and delicious butter marketed at Toronto. Experiments are being conducted as to the respective values of silage and dry corn stalks for feeding; we hope to publish results as soon as they are known.

PROF. HUNT is giving a series of talks on elocution to the 1st. year. The instruction is very welcome to all, and we live in hopes that this subject will be thoroughly taught here as part of the curriculum ere long. "Meanwhile the tramp, tramp, tramp sounds on" as the future elocutionists and orators of our fair Dominion hurry to their exercises on breathing and explosive vowels.

MR. RENNIE led the Y. M. C. A. meeting on the 20th. Feb., Mr. Zavitz on March 6th., and Mr. Hunt on the 13th. The Sunday afternoon Bible Class has undergone a little change lately. The President, thinking it would be well to let boys gain experience here in conducting a class, put Mr. Dean in charge on the 2nd. inst., and Mr. Zavitz and Mr. Whitley on the two succeeding Sundays.

ANYONE paying a visit to the tower would hardly need to be told that the 2nd. year are studying Entomology. Pupae of various insects, as well as eggs, are to be seen tastefully decorating one room in particular. The Deacon will wake up one of these fine mornings to catch a *Chrysobothris femorata* trying experiments on his clubs, or gracefully skip out of bed onto the larva of some *Doryphora decem-lineatus*. We wish him joy when the "little kind of leane-like arrangements" get exploring his bureau and closet.

WE have had a delightful series of musical meals lately. Sweet strains have issued from small instruments brought in by boys with large developments of time, tune and mischief. Such melodious sounds are greatly conducive to an enjoyable meal and complete digestion, and as the Professor on duty one day expressed himself as so delighted with the harmony, it may be, that if the Government is petitioned, instead of a diminutive musical box, we shall in the glorious future have a complete string band in the musician's gallery.

LAST Saturday some experiments were carried on with a new principle rope drive. The engine was set away up at the carpenter's shop and a single thin rope running over a carrier transmitted the power to this new jack at the barn door, whence the belt ran in to the separator. It worked splendidly and the gentleman from Bell's factory, who has so neatly and efficiently carried out the design, was highly pleased with it. It is so constructed that the engine can be set at any angle with the barn thus entirely obviating any danger from sparks.

MOST of the boys were out on the 13th. owing to the strong attractions down town. The Knox Church Young People gave a first-rate Literary Evening, at which Professor Hunt took part in a debate, as well as one or two of the 3rd. year; there was also a Coffee Social at Norfolk St. But the chief attraction was a concert at the City Hall in aid of St. Andrew's. Many of the dear creatures to whom the O. A. C. boys have long ago lost their hearts were there, while an excellent programme, in which some special favorites took part, was presented.

MR. A. LEHMANN, Graduate of Class '89, is now back again working as assistant chemist. There is a nice savoury analysis being made now of waste fish from the canning factories of British Columbia. The object is to see if it will be profitable to extract the oil from the refuse, if so, for what it is best adapted; and further the value of the residue as a fertilizer. We trust Mr. Lehmann enjoys the delicious perfume as much as the lady students do, who so coyly seek refuge in the evaporating room when "those dreadful boys" of the 1st. and 2nd. years are passing in and out.

IT is rumoured that a question on the 1st. year arithmetic examination paper will be to calculate the amount of mud saved from being brought into the College by the laying of a few planks round the buildings. Extended into the book-keeping department we might credit Field No. 7 and debit Real Estate, or try it with Household Expense and Store Steers. In all seriousness, though, surely round an Institution of this nature, a Model Farm, a few dollars might be spent on a sidewalk, and thus save the fearful floundering through the deep mud that we have lately experienced.

THE Literary Society's programme on Feb. 28th. opened with a violin and organ duet by Messrs. Buchanan and Morgan, which was well received and deservedly encored. Mr. Field read a very interesting account of a trip from Toronto to Winnipeg, shewing us that he possesses a great faculty of observation and good descriptive talent. The debate was "Soiling v. Pasturing" discussed in a thoughtful and amusing manner by Messrs. J. Harcourt and Gibson against Messrs. Watson and Haight. Mr. McCallum gave an extempore speech on "Pigs," and Mr. Wells concluded with a comic reading.

AN exciting pillow fight occurred on "Upper Hunt St." the other night. A party from the lower flat went up with pillows