Kansas has a prohibitory law, but, as elsewhere, it has not been found to work satisfactorily. The wicked people go to Missouri and fill themselves and their canteens with ntoxicants. A senator from the State prohe Federal constitution prohibiting the manuacture, sale, and importation of ing liquors except for scientific, medical, and mechanical purposes. The whole population of Kansas will shortly consist of scientists.

It is alleged that the English Government have been opening letters from America addressed to prominent Fenians in Ireland, suspecting they may reveal treasonable plots. the other side, but surely our neighbours would not have the Government aid in disinegrating its own country, as it would be mails. Obscene documents may be seized in ransit, and why not treasonable, both being alike dangerous to the welfare of the com

The Chicago Trade and Labour Union has ppointed a committee to arrange for an antirent meeting at an early date. It would thus eem that Ireland is not the only place where tenants have grievances. It is rather singuar, however, that her companion in trouble ould be the United States, who are always o brimming over with sympathy for others. t will now be in order for England and each her colonies to pass resolutions condoling with our neighbours on the oppression of the andlord class, and denouncing the Government that permits such a state of things as tyrannical and unjust.

We are pleased to learn from the chief organ that the Reform party has "a confirmed habit of imitating the Phœnix." The simile is a trifle threadbare, but we do not henix is a nice fowl, but it never lays any eggs, although it sometimes lies in the ashes. If our learned morning contem-porary's mythological lore be not at fault, its arty is now lying in ashes. It can hardly be a consolation to our contemporary to know that it is accused in certain quarters of having stupidly started the conflagration of which those ashes constitute the product.

Lady Macdonald appeared at a ball held recently in a dress entirely of Canadian manuacture. How much might be done were her adyship's example generally followed can be well understood from the result of Miss Kate Field's experience abroad. While in Paris, she wore a costume built from American silk. Mrs. J. W. Mackey, wife of the famous bonanza king, admired it and had a similar dress made by M. Worth, the man-milliner, who gave it as his opinion that in a few years Americans would excel the French as makers of silk, as the French material is constantly deteriorating. Canadian ladies travelling will always, therefore, please wear dresses made from home-manufactured goods, so that while not detracting a single jot from eir own attractiveness, they may confer an enduring benefit on their country

It is a feature of Mr. Blake's character that he is too ready to seize upon and repeat any rumour prejudicial to his country, if only he can thereby make a point, or the semblance of a point, against his political opponents. The Chatham, N.B., Star calls attention to an instance of this. In a recent speech the leader of the Opposition alluded to the feeling of hostility to Confederation cherished in Newfoundland, and said :-

"Such is the feeling that I believe it is an ordinary custom for the electors of that pro-vince to require from their candidates that they shall take a solemn oath 'not to advocate Confederation before they will trust them with their suffrages."

The editor of the Star, himself a Newfoundnder, declares this statement to be utterly without foundation, and expresses the fear that a good many passages in speeches are no more reliable than the one

The Globe rightly surmises that the Finance Minister does not know much about whiskey. A certain protégé of the Globe's, who runs a large distillery, and also runs the Reform ticket, could give him points on that article. But as head of his department Sir Leonard Tilley knows more about the revenue derivable rom whiskey than the chief Opposition organ s in a position to know. But the organ implie thorough acquaintance with the tastes of those who look upon the rve when it is dis illed, inasmuch as it assures the public that if there is any increase in the use of rye for listilling it is owing to some freak of fashion among dram-drinkers, and not to Sir Leonard. freaks of fashion among dram-drinkers' s a subject upon which Sir Leonard will hardly care to exchange arguments with our esteemed contemporary. "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." The Minister vill be content to know that if whiskey is made in this country, as it always has been nade, the N. P. has turned distillers from the consumption of Yankee corn to the use of Canadian rye. With Mr. Mackenzie's eply to the temperance delegation before m, he will not be blamed for not refusing to accept the revenue accruing from the

OBITUARY.

GEORGE H. CONNELL, M. P. Mr. Geo. H. Connell, M. P. for Carleton, died suddenly at Ottawa last week. About eight days ago Mr. Connell caught a evere cold, which culminated in erysipelas of a very acute type. The services of Dr. Sproule, M. P., and Senator Brouse, both esident in the hotel, were secured, and the patient received the best of treatment and He began to rally some days ago, and Wednesday morning was so well he was able to partake of a compara-tively substantial breakfast. He continued to aprove until about six o'clock, when his friend, a Mr. Johnston, who had been most assiduous in his care of the sick man, went to dinner. He had hardly sat down when he was sent for, and on arriving in Mr. Connell's room, found him with a telegram from his wife in his hand. Mr. Johnston thought the excitement of receiving the telegram was not to the advantage of the patient, and sent for Drs. Brouse and Sproule, who were quickly in attendance. Mr. Con-nell directed Mr. Johnston to send a reply to the telegram, and the medical men were in conversation when Mr. Connell suddenly beme convulsive, and died in a very few minutes. The doctors think death was occasioned e excitement of receiving the telegram. Mr. Connell was the son of the late Hon. narles Connell, who represented Carleton rom Confederation till 1873. He was born at Woodstock, N.B., and was first returned Parliament at the last general election.

NOTES. The Earl of Seafield died on Thursday in

is sixty-sixth year. A cable despatch says:—Wm. Pitt Lennox, son of the fourth Duke of Richmond, is dead, in his 82nd year. He was a well-known

author, especially of sporting sketches. The death is announced by cable of Sir Richard Courtenay Musgrave, a member of Parliament in the Conservative interest for East Cumberland. He was the eleventh baronet, and his baronetcy is one of the oldest in England, dating from 1611, in the reign of James the first. He succeeded eight years ago, and was only forty-one years old His son, who is his successor, is nine years of age.

## DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATIO

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting at Ottawa.

AN ADDRESS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16 .- The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held this morning in the Public Accounts Committeeroom, House of Commons. The chair was occupied by Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. A. E. Botsford, one of the vice-presidents ord, one of the vice-presidents. The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting, expressed his regret at the absence of the able president, to whose advice and assistance the society owed a great deal of its success. This was an adjourned meeting. The constitution provided that the annual meeting should be held on the third Wednesday after the opening of Parliament, but owing to the early meeting of the House this year it was not thought convenient to hold the meeting at the time in question and it was adjourned to the time in question, and it was adjourned to the present date. This was done in accordance with the provision in the constitution. He would therefore simply say that business would be proceeded with in the ordinary manner, taking up the regular business. Hon. G. MacDonald, Halifax, moved, seconded by Lieut.-Col. MacNachtan, Co-

bourg, that the annual report be accepted as The motion was carried.

The motion was carried.

The total receipts from all sources from 29th January, 1880, to 13th January, 1881, have been \$12,697.69; balance brought forward from last year's statement, \$1,435.70; total amount, \$14,133.39; the expenditure amounted to \$14,120.82, leaving a balance of \$12,57 to the gradit of the Association. \$12.57 to the credit of the Association. SPECIAL DONATIONS TO THE DOMINION

CANADA RIFGE ASSOCIATION FOR 1880 His Excellency the Governor-General and her Royal Highness the Princess Lieut.-Col. the Hon. L. R. Masson, M.P.,

The following donations have also been offered for prizes to the members of the Wimbledon team for 1881, and will be payable to the association prior to the sailing of the Wimbleden team for 1881, viz.:-

\$750 00 LIST OF SPECIAL DONATIONS OFFERED BY BANKS TOWARDS THE PRIZE LIST FOR 1881.

Bank of Commerce... Merchants' Bank of Canada... Banque du Peuple, Montreal... Banque de St. Jean... 
 Ontario Bank
 50 00

 Imperial Bank
 50 00

 Bank of Toronto
 50 00

 Bank of Toronto
 50 00

 Commercial Bank
 Windsor

 N.S.
 40 00

The CHAIRMAN, in moving that the annual report be adopted, said :- It will be unssary for me to go into details. I shall leave that to the chairman of the Executive Council, which has the management and control of the funds of the association. I may remark that it is satisfactory, that the expenditure has been kept within the limits of our resources, and that, although the balance is a small one, it is on the right side,

Lieut.-Col. KIRKPATRICK, M.P., in seconding this resolution, said :- I should perhaps give some account of the work of give some account of the work of the association during the past year. I may say, in the first place, that the Council has great pleasure in stating that the last meeting was the most successful the association has ever had. The number of competitions was larger than ever, the arrangement were well carried out, and the matches were held with the utmost regularity. Some points were noticed at the meeting to which I should call attention. meeting to which I should call attention. One especially is that we should remember that this association was founded, not merely for the purpose of giving prizes, but for the men who are too good shots to be beat purpose of giving encouragement to the militia force of the Dominion. All riflemen should understand this. It was called to my mind by the appearance of some of the volunteers who appeared at the meeting not properly dressed, and presenting a very slovenly earance. It was observed by every one that there is one marked exception to that, and that was the appearance of the Queen's Own, of Toronto. (Applause.) I make this allusion beronto. (Applause.) I make this allusion be-cause I think all the volunteers who come to these prize meetings should come properly dressed, as they would on parade. At all events, all who turn out should endeavour to a credit to their corps. The expenses of the Wimbledon team last year were somewhat increased, owing to the fact that all the men who went over were not properly dressed. They went to England as representatives of the Canadian volunteers, and vet we had to provide many things for them in England. I think it would be a very good plan if in future the Council would direct the officer commanding the team to parade its members at Quebec, and not allow any man to go who is not properly dressed.

The report was adopted. Lieutenant-Colonel WILLIAMS, M.P., said:
I am sure it is hardly necessary for me to
accompany the resolution I am about to propose with any words of my own. The deep interest which his Excellency the Governor-General has taken in rifle shooting is known and appreciated, not only by those who have been associated with him in the Rifle Association, but by the most insignificant shot in the Dominion. (Applause.) Although the donation given by his Excellency is so large and so princely, it is but a small portion of the great benefits he has conferred upon this association and upon the country by the encouragement he has given in other ways to the defensive strength of Canada to acquire a thorough knowledge of the use of the rifle. (Hear, hear.) I beg to move, seconded by Lieut.-Colonel Bergin, that the members of the Dominion Rifle Association desire to express their thanks to his Excellency the Governor-General for the great interest he has continued to evince in the progress of the association during the past year, and for the liberal amounts presented by his Excellency and her Royal Highness the Princess Louise for competition

at the annual matches. Lieut.-Col. BERGIN—I have great pleasure in seconding that resolution. I am sure there is not in the Dominion a member of the volunteer force who does not feel deeply grateful to his Excellency for the interest he has taken in the militia, and for the munificent prizes he has given, to be contended for at our annual meetings. The interest his Excellency has taken in our national institution of rifle-shooting in this country has done an immense amount of good, not only in the way of encouraging rifle-shooting, but otherwise. I know myself that in the section of country from which I come his Excellency's action has been the means of inducing a number of young men who previously had kept aloof rom the force to join it. (Applause.)

The motion was passed.

ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL His Excellency rose amid general applause, and said :-Gentlemen of the Dominion Rifle Association,-I hardly know how to thank you sufficiently for the how to thank you stinciently for the kind manner in which you have received the flattering remarks of the two 'gallant gentlemen who have been so good as to pro-pose this resolution. Col. Williams, who was captain of the team which so ably represented Canada last year at Wimbledon, was asso-ciated without duty with Col. Growski, whose absence vo-day we all regret, and I may mention, as you have been so good as to speak so kindly of the Princess, that I have but lately received a letter from her saying that she has been in consultation with Col. Gzowski, I believe concecting plots for further

popularity of this association throughout Canada. This growth is such that it can even be seen by me, who have only had as yet the happiness of being able to attend your meetings on three different occasions. It has a popularity which I believe is very much cowing to the extraction of the contraction of the contract owing to the extreme care and attention which is shown to all those who attend the rifle meetings by the officers whose duty it is to attend to the wants of visitors here on to attend to the wants of visitors here on successive Septembers. The arrangements at the last meeting left hardly anything to be desired. Perhaps we might have had a better ground, but given the ground we had, I do not think that anything could nossibly have exceeded the success of the possibly have exceeded the success of the various arrangements made by the officers of this association. The popularity of the as-sociation in the country is, I believe, owing to the fact that there is no more manly and healthy exercise than that which can be en-gaged in by a man who is fond of rifle shoot-ing. The association, I believe the country feels, fosters the qualities necessary for good militiamen in punctuality, in temperance, and in encouraging habits of discipline and obedience, Our militia army is only an army organized for defence. We desire to be friends with all the world, but I believe we all know there no friendship so lasting and so wholesome as that which is founded on thorough mutual that which is founded on thorough mutual respect. We are prepared in Canada to de-fend the institutions which your free country has adopted, and you know well that the institutions can never be changed by any foreign will so long as you prove to all that any attempt to change them would mean a long and very costly war. (Cheers.) I believe that although the Government may do very much in the way of providing and extending training schools for officers, and in seeing to the proper organization of the force, yet that individual efforts are those which in the long run will best support such an association as ours. (As support such an association as ours. (Applause.) And in the way of individual ef forts nothing can be more successfully attempted than the encouragement of local and central rifle associations. We know by excentral rifle associations. We know by ex-perience from the days of Lexington until these last unfortunate days when the British forces have encountered the Boers, how very difficult it is to beat an enemy who are individually good rifle shots. I believe that the militia force of Canada has also great strength in the eyes of the people as being a force which can always, in case of civil disorder, be relied upon as efficient police. There is one body of our citizens who have recognized that fact, and that is the banks. This is owing to the sug-

that is the banks. This is owing to the suggestion of your president (Mr. Kirkpatrick), that I ventured to propose in September that the banks should subscribe to these rifle matches, as they were conducted by a which in case of any civil disorder would have to protect them, and I must say that they have responded mostnobly, the Bank of Montreal having led off, and now we are to receive from this source between \$800 and \$900 which will be annually granted in aid of the Dominion Rifle Association. (Applause.) Another body of gentlemen, I am perfectly certain, can also be relied upon, I mean \$935 00 services and I believe they are always ready to show in what manner patriotism can be shown. ("Hear, hear," and applause.) The fact that my confidence in them has not misplaced can be seen from the wording of a telegram which I had the pleasure of receiving yesterday evening, and which reads as

"Please inform his Excellency the Governor-General that THE MAIL of Toronto will give a prize of \$100 to the Dominion Rifle Association, to be competed for as his Excellency may determine."

This is from Mr. C. W. Bunting. (Cheers.) Some of the manufacturers in this country have already intimated their desire to give specimens of the various industries engaged in by them at the meetings, and these prizes will form a most desirable addition, I think, there has been a certain amount of feeling that most of the prizes are taken by gentleen, and over a greater number of contestants the rewards of their perseverance in coming here, to have a number of so-called nursery prizes—in short, that we may make our rifle contests some what of the nature of the ladies' tennis tour-nament which has been proceeding during the last two or three weeks, and in which, I believe, almost all the contestants will receive events, some prize. (Applause and "hear, hear," and a laugh.) At the last association meeting in September I thought one incident was of a peculiar value, and that was the display made by Sergeant-Major Oliver of his equipment, which enables men to carry nearly double the number of rounds of ammunition that their present equipment enables them to do, and which also also provides them with a spade. It might be a question also for the consideration of the Council whether it would not be possible to arrange for a prize in connection with which a team should in a given time, with light en-trenching tools, entrench themselves and fire subsequently at targets, for, after all, one great branch now of the science of war seems to be the art of rapid entrenchment. Indeed success in war seems sometimes little less than a prize, which can be won by those who can attack fastest and fire the most rapidly,

and at the same time with the greatest pre-(Cheers.) The CHAIRMAN said he had much pleasure in announcing that the Hon. Mr. Caron had generously offered \$200, to be added to the prize list for the ensuing year.

Mr. Caron—As head of the Department of Militia and Defence it was my pleasing duty to recommend the Government to grant the money which is again to be given to the Wimbledon team. In doing so I felt I was doing what was right, because I think the Government should give every possible encouragement to an institution which I consider is fraught with the greatest good to our country. Not only has the Wimbledon comcountry. Not only has the Wimbledon com-petition a good effect upon our riflemen by encouraging them to fresh efforts with the rifle, but it does good to Canada in another way. It has been my privilege a couple of times when I have been in England to visit Wimbledon Common the meeting, and I can only say that during Canada through Canada's riflemen has always been well represented, while our riflemen when competing for the prizes have cir-culated among a class of educated and intelligent men, as the riflemen of the British empire are, a knowledge of Canada which has a very good result as far as Canada is con-cerned. (Cheers.)

Capt. Balfour, seconded by Capt. Perley, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Caron for his liberal donation. Carried. Mr. KIRKPATRICK moved a vote of thanks to the leading banks and to THE TORONTO MAIL Printing Company, which had subscribed to the prize list of the association.

Mr. GIRARD seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. CARON stated that it was sufficient to read the resolution placed in his hands to secure its unanimous adoption. He would propose the re-election of Col. Gzowski as president of the association, and that the thanks of the association were due to him for his continued efforts in promoting the interests of this association. (Applause.)
Mr. Domville, M.P.—I have very great

pleasure in seconding the motion. The motion was carried. Mr. KIRKPATRICE said he had great pleasure in informing the meeting that he had received a letter which referred to a prize of a special character. They had lately welcommanding the forces, who evinced his in terest in the association by attending the meeting, and further by giving a prize, which was to be competed for on the following terms :- Major-General Luard proposed to give \$25 towards a prize for the measures which I hope may ultimately tend to the benefit of this association. (Cheers.)
It is most satisfactory to see the growth in uniform and equipment, with helmet or

busby, should fire at longer ranges singly, and at shorter ranges by word of command in volleys. This was a plan which would try our men as they would be tried on the field of battle. The men were to be in full dress and with equipment, such as

tried on the field of battle. The men were to be in full dress, and with equipment such as they would have if they had to bring their knowledge of the rifle into practical use. He thought that this was a very good plan. The men should be so practised in this way, and not simply as pot-hunters. He was sure the association would receive this announcement with a good deal of pleasure. (Cheers.) Major-General LUARD said it afforded him great satisfaction to see the way in which the prizes were managed at the Canadian Wimbledon this last year. As an old Wimbledon man it was not new to him, and he was glad to see that everything went off so well. It struck him that it would be a very good thing to give prizes of this description to bring men together as much as possible, and to make to give prizes of this description to bring men together as much as possible, and to make them try to do what they would have to do in actual warfare—firing singly when a long way off from the enemy and in volleys when

near the enemy. (Applause.)
The Executive Committee was authorized to make the necessary arrangements for as-sembling the Wimbledon team, and to fix the time when they shall embark for England, and to incur the necessary expenses for sending the team to Wimbledon. Competitors shall notify the secretary whether they can go before the 1st of April next, and in the are of sending notice, the committee shall be authorized to fill any vacant place; also to frame the necessary instructions for the government and guidance of the officers and men of the team.

The prize meeting will take place at Ottawa, commencing on the 5th of September next. Captain Costin was appointed execu-

#### AGRICULTURAL.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In their indecent haste to make money, the promoters of the corner in pork are in a fair way to lose it. Consequent on the embargo placed on importations of American meats by several European Governments, a sharp de-cline in prices has taken place at Chicago, and there bids fair to be an overstocked market. The embargo is believed to be the result of shipping meat not more than half cured, and should be a warning to Canadian exporters of provisions and perishable articles.

It would be well for the country if all our people had as much practical patriotism as Messrs. W. H. Sowden and J. N. Kirchhoffer, of Millbrook. These gentlemen, ascertaining that a number of people in the district of Port Hope were desirous of making a move in order to take up land, started a subscription list to raise funds to send a person up the North-West to spy out the country there, so that the restless ones might, if possible, be kept under the old flag. Mr. Sowden made the expedition himself, and succeeded in selecting twelve townships in the Souris district, which he describes as admirably suited for settlement. Steps have been taken for the formation of a colony on the chosen land. A company has been organized for the erec-tion of mills, stores, and other buildings, and about the latter part of March a start will be made from Port Hope and Millbrook of those willing to locate. Parties wishing to take part in the movement will be furnished with all the necessary particulars on application to either of the gentlemen mentioned. It is in the natural order of things that people, imagining they are not progressing as fast as they might, and hearing good reports from other places, should occasionally be anxious to pull up stakes and try their fortunes else-In such cases those who induce them, while at the same time gratifying their wishes, to stay in the land of their birth or adoption, are rendering the highest service

Novel objections to the holding of a world's fair at New York in 1883 have been made by the president of the American Farmers' Union. He declares it would "cause great impoverishment among small farmers and their ready money in railway fares and hotel bills," and that the suffering and privation of railway employés and labourers aiding in the riots of 1877 were "in a great measure pro-duced by reckless and extravagant expenditure in visiting the Philadelphia Exposition Following this reasoning to its logical conclu sion, it would appear that there never should be anything which induces people to spend money for more than the bare necessaries of life. This, of course, is very absurd. A great deal of information is gained by farmers visiting these exhibitions, which often is afterwards practically useful to them. Besides, the agriculturist requires rest from his labour as well as every other class of the community, and a few days' vacation could not possibly be more profitably spent than by visiting a large city during fair time with their wives and families. Farmers are too level-headed, too shrewd, and know too well the value of a dollar to break over the traces and launch forth into reckless extrava gance merely because they are out for a holiday. If anybody is to be pitied at fair time it is the non-trading portion of the city's population, who while the prices of everything—including farm produce, it might be remarked are at the highest point, have to keep open house for their relatives and acquaintances from far and near.

### FARM NOTES.

In the Ontario Assembly on Monday the report of the Agricultural Commissioners, comprising six bulky volumes, was brought

John Gordon, of the fifth concession, Lon don township, has a museum of eighteen hundred birds, among which are some very rare specimens.

The proprietor of the Renfrew Mercury says he had pansies in bloom on the 11th inst. during the mild weather. They had been well protected by the snow previously Mr. J. G. Dogherty, of Ottawa, will establish his factory for the manufacture of sugar and syrup from corn at Napanee, the Town Council having offered him sufficient

cattle have been killed by cold and starvation on the western plains. There are 590 dead cattle in sight of the railway from Ogallala to Big Springs, a distance of 19 miles. Berlin News :- Mr. Menno Erb, of Brown & Erb, has sold his fine farm at the east end

of the town to Mr. Moses Betzner. The farm contains 130 acres, and the price paid is \$15,000-about a hundred and fifty dollars

A special meeting of the St. Catharines City Council was held on Monday morning for the purpose of taking joint action with the city of Kingston to oppose the proposed action of the Legislature of Ontario to abolish market fees.

A delegation was appointed to act in union with delegates from other cities.

Neil McCosh, a farmer of Williams, was rought to London on Saturday on a harge f lunacy. He was attacked with religious nonomania and began to abuse his children, driving them out into the snow shoeless. It was feared that he would murder them, and it was thought best to put him under restraint. Nearly all the coloured people in the neighbourhood of Pleasant Gap, Va., are joining a newly-organized league, the constitution of which forbids its members from hiring themselves as labourers to white farmers. The

object of the organization is to force all land-owners to work their lands on shares with the coloured people. A meeting of the directors of the City of Ottawa Agricultural Society was held on Saturday evening, when it was decided to transfer the grounds to a company of capital-ists as heretofore proposed, which will obviate any further difficulty in regard to them. The grounds will be used for public purposes. An adjourned meeting will be held on Saturday

THE WEEKLY MAIL, TORONTO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1881.

The delegates from the agricultural societies of East and West Elgin, North and South Brant, North and South Norfolk, and North and South Oxford met at Woodstock on Friday and unanimously elected Mr. Henry Parker a member of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association for discountered. Agricultural and Arts Association for division No. 6, lately represented by the late Hon. David Christie.

A large sale of real estate was completed at St. Catharines on Thursday, Mr. Edward Brown, insurance agent of St. Catharines, and J. D. Schunck, dentist of Toronto, having purchased from Calvin Brown, barrister, the premises known as the Merchants' block of three stores, and several other properties throughout the city. The price paid was between \$25,000 and \$28,000, which is considerably in charge 1. siderably in advance of previous valuations. A meeting was held at Ellis' American hotel, Guelph, on Saturday afternoon to take steps to form a fat stock club. The attend steps to form a fat stock club. The attendance of the representative stock breeders of the city and county was large. The following officers were elected for the year:—Mr. M. Sweetnam, president; James Millar, secretary and treasurer; Prof. Brown, first vice-president; George Hood, second vice-president, The object of the club is the improvement of the stock hogs, sheep and provement of the stock, hogs, sheep, and poultry of the district. It is decided to hold two annual shows to be known as the Easter

#### A DISASTROUS SEASON.

and Christmas fat cattle shows.

nmense Losses of Cattle on the Western Grazing Grounds - The Pasture Lands Strewn with Carcases. CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A correspondent sent out to investigate the effects of the hard winter on the cattle in the great grazing regions telegraphs from Kansas City that owing to the vast expanse of the "beef empire" in which the herds room it is almost investible to the herds roam it is almost impossible to gain reliable news. Intelligence from the ranches of the North Platte river, between the towns on that river and Sidney, Neb., and northward for 150 miles, from the Niobrara ranges, extending 200 miles along the valley of the Niobrara and running over into Dakota, from the great grazing ground in north-eastern and central Colorado, from north-eastern New Mexico and south-western Kansas, indicates great and south-western Kansas, indicates great probable losses, while the gravest fears are entertained that the thickly populated pasture lands of Montana, Idaho, and Oregon may be strewn with carcases by the time spring opens. Mr. William Parton, member of the Nebraska Legislature from Omaha, reports that he will lose from five to seven thousand of his 15,000 head on the North Platte, entailing a loss of from \$100,000 to \$125,000. J. N. McShane, another memher, anticipates a loss of 30 per cent. in the Creighton herds of 30,000 head. Cattle men best the season of 1881 will be disastrous. Cows will be so weakened by exposure and starvation that they will be barren for a year,

eventy-five per cent. ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. A SUBSCRIBER, Unionville,-No. J. D., City.-Enquire of the nearest Cus-

if not longer. Estimates of the loss on the various ranches run all the way from ten to

oms officer. W. A. J., Lindsay.—Four or five lengths. The cable reports differ. S. G., Paisley.-If he made the wager

SUBSCRIBER, Smithville.-Toronto time is two minutes faster than Hamilton. A SUBSCRIBER, Portland, St. John, N. B .-The last census returns of the population of London, Eng., were 3,254,260.

J. S., Negaunee, Mich.—(1) The Winnipeg Times; (2) \$1.50 and \$2; (3) Write to the Land Office, Winnipeg, Man.
R. C. W., Perth, Ont.—He can retire with the name of champion at any moment he chooses, but as soon as he declines a challenge chooses, but as soon as he declines a challenge regularly made he forfeits the hitleston A School Girla Goderich (1) It was

presented to the American nation by the Khedive of Egypt. (2) Mr. William H. Vanderbilt paid every expense connected with the transportation and erection in New York. cost of the pedestal and steps. (4) William. A SUBSCRIBER, King—Can you tell me how to cure or relieve a bad cough which I have a are afflicted with. I am afraid it is affect ing her lungs and will turn to heaves. She breathes easily enough, but lets the inspira-tions out with a jerk, so that you can see her sides jump. It was caused by the epizootic last September. The swelling and discharge have ceased, but the cough remains. It is very troublesome at meal times, and sounds as if a considerable quantity of matter was gathered in the throat or lungs.—Answer. eed the mare on nice clean oats and hay, and only give a moderate allowance of the latter. only give a moderate allowance of the latter. Give morning and night in the food, one drachm of iodide of potassium and continue for two or three weeks. We anticipate your mare will eventually become affected with heaves, but the above mentioned treatment

will afford her great relief.

ARRELL, Cyprus Post-office.—I have an ox that has been struck in the eye with a whip. A white film grew over the whole of the eye and afterwards went off again, all but small piece on the lower part of the eye. Would you tell me what will remove it? Answer—Touch the affected part every second day with a lotion composed as follows:

Nitrate of silver, ten grains; distilled water,
two ounces. Apply by means of a small

Maine News.

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Evans—At Islington, on the 17th instant, the wife of J. D. Evans, J. P., of a son. BARBER-On Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 244 Questreet west, Toronto, the wife of Wm. Barber, MACKELCAN—At Hamilton, on the 18th inst., the wife of H. A. Mackelcan, of a son.

BIRTHS.

STEWART—At.St. Francois de la Besuce, P.Q., in the 12th inst., the wife of Alexander Stewart, f a daughter. BARNARD—On the 18th inst., at 83 Brock street, he wife of Rev. S. Barnard, of a daughter. JARDINE—At Davenport road, Toronto, on Fri-ay, the 18th inst., the wife of Alex, Jardine, of a

Worts-On the 17th inst., at No. 1 Trinit; treet, the wife of Jas. G. Worts, jr., of a daugh CANAVAN—On Thursday morning last, at the Davenport road, Toronto, the wife of John Janavan, Esq., of a son.

DUDLEY-On the 18th inst., at 133 Seaton street he wife of Thos. J. Dudley, of a daughter. Brown—At St. Catharines, on 19th Feb., 1881, he wife of Calvin Brown, Esq., of a son. Bankes—On the 28th January last, at Balblair douse, Inverness-shire, Scotland, the wife of Major Wm. Meyrick Bankes, of a son. PORTEOUS—On the 19th inst., at Lindsay, Ont. he wife of C. A. L. Porteous, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Howden-Munn-In the city of Hamilton, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. Leo. Gaetz, Mr. Wm. Howden, of Hapid City, North-West Territory, to Miss Lucinda Munn, of Milton, in the county of Halton, Ont. GALLE-GRAY-On Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Presbyterian Manse, Parkdale, by the Rev. W. A. Hunter, M. A., William Gallie, of Barrie, formerly of Oakville, to Annie, eldest daughter of Robert Gray, Esq., Brockton. WOOD-ROBLIN—At Rednorsville, Prince Edward county, on Thursday, the 17th inst, by the Rev. Wellington Jeffers, D.D., R. E. Wood, of Osgoode Hall, barrister-at-law, to Henrietta Francis Battes, youngest daughter of Philip Roblin, Esq., of Rednorsville.

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FIELDING-LICKMAN-On the 16th instant, at the residence of Mr. F. Lickman, Wiarton, by the Rev. W. Hall, Mr. Edward Fielding, of Amabel, to Miss Sarah Catharine Lickman, of Tilbury West, county of Essex.

TOOZE-THORNTON-On the 30th December, 1879, by the Rev. J. Silcox, of the Western Congregational church, Frederick Tooze, to Julia, eldest daughter of Samuel Thornton, both of Toronto.

DEATHS. NICHOLLS-On the 15th inst., at the Teronto General Hospital, Mrs. Eliza Nicholls, late of Clifton, Ont. Jones.—At 121 Denison avenue, Toronto, on the 16th February, 1881, Annie, the beloved wife of J. T. Jones. HOPPER—On the 16th of February, at Claremont, Annie Louise, infant daughter of R. P. and J. A. Hopper, aged 12 days. MORGAN—On Wednesday, February 16th, at 46 William street, Daniel Morgan, agod 79 years. Wills—On the 2nd inst., at Willesden, near London, Eng., Theophilus Wills, eldest son of the Rev. G. Wills, and son-in-law of Mrs. Lionel Ridout, London. Ont. MUNRO—At her father's residence, 416 Queen street west. February 16th, Janet Shepherd Munro, second daughter of John Munro. ROGERS—On the 14th inst., at Fairholme, Surrey, England, after a short illness, Henry Rogers, of the firm of Henry Rogers, Sons & Co., Wolverhambton.

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STREET—On the 17th inst., at 349 Queen street west, of typhoid pneumonia, Marian Maud, youngest daughter of John Street, Esq., in the 14th year of her age. JACKSON—On the morning of the 18th inst., William Jackson, J.P., of the township of York, in the 99th year of his age. Carlaw—Suddenly, on the 18th inst., at No. 339 King street west, of congestion of the lungs, James Anderson, infant sen of John A. and Eliza Carlaw, aged 7 months and 15 days.

McPherson—At his residence, township of Pickering, on the 12th inst., Donald McPherson, a native of Caithness shire, Scotland, in his 79th MITCHELL—On Friday, the 18th inst., at his late residence, 99 King street west, Christopher Mitchell, aged 30 years. ECCLES—At St. Thomas, on Friday, the 18th inst., Julia, wife of Hugh C. Eccles, of St. Catharines, and eldest daughter of the late T. A. Ambridge, Esq., of Hamilton.

ROBERTSON—On Saturday, February 19th, at 11.20 p.m., Mary Gilmour, widow of the late Jno. Robertson, aged 68 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

CARLTON—Sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, on the 19th instant, Lizzie, second eldest daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Carlton, aged 20 years. LENG—On Saturday morning, at one o'clock, Jane Tool, beloved wife of George Leng, aged 53 years. GARROD—On the 19th instant, at 338 Yonge street, Toronto, Joseph Nicholas Garrod, eldest son of the late Joseph N. Garrod, of Falcon square, and Carlton Hill, London, aged 45 years. CHISHOLM — This morning, at 153 Sackville street, from injuries received by an accident in August last, George Millage, son of John Chisholm, aged eleven years and four months. HANEY-In this city, on the 20th Feb., Emily, third daughter of Henry Haney, builder.

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Howarth—On Feb. 17th, at Buffalo, Lilian Frances, only daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Howarth, granddaughter of William McBride, Woodbridge, aged 1 year and 6 months. Jones—At Leslieville, on February 22nd, 1881 Jennie, third daughter of John and Mary And Jones, aged 4 years and 4 months.

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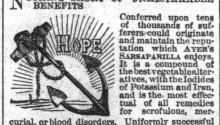
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