

with the fundamental industry of the dairy is the production of pork; and not far removed from the latter is the growth of fruit. In respect to all of these, Professors Robertson and Macoun have afforded the most valuable information available; and I confidently anticipate from a fuller development of the new system, better products and more satisfactory results than have yet been obtained.

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CONSIDERABLE loss to shippers in this Province has resulted from the recent long imprisonment of the S. S. Stanley in the ice. A steady and remunerative winter market has been found in the neighboring Provinces of the mainland for pork, beef, and mutton; while smelts and other products are sent to Boston and other points of consumption. But the occasional lapses of the Stanley prevent the supplies from going forward, and disturb the conditions. The need of a new and stronger winter steamer is thus impressed upon us. I sincerely hope that the Dominion Government will not fail to supply an additional and an improved vessel for service in the ice at the beginning of next year.

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IN the course of the present winter the increasing number of carcasses of pork carried by the Stanley has been a subject of much remark. An astonished gentleman at Pictou recently asked one of the officers of the Stanley how it was possible that such a little place could produce such an enormous number of pigs. "Od, mon," replied the officer—he is Scotch—"the woods over there are full of them; and the people just shoot them down like rabbits."

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