

however, made the record, most excellent meetings have been held, with the attendance large.

From one of our eastern exchanges comes the report that the Stormont Farmers' Institute has decided to go out of business, the first one to do so since institutes were first organized in this Province. This institute has always led a precarious existence. The interest in the stock for some reason or other has been gradually dying out, and the membership has been so reduced that the receipts have not equalled the expenses. At the annual meeting on the other day, it was found impossible to find men who would undertake the responsibility of office, and none were elected except the president, Alex. J. Scott, of Strathmore. The secretary was instructed to notify the Department at Toronto of the state of affairs. The history of this defunct institute should be written up as a warning to others.

Prince Edward Island

The weather up to June 15 has been for the most part wet and backward. We have only had a few warm days. On account of wet weather our farmers are finishing up their planting. We learn that some potato seeds have rotted in the ground as they were planted when the land was not in fit condition. Heavy frost was reported at Vernon River Bridge and other places on June 15. Early potatoes are coming up, and the early wheat looks as if hungry for warm weather. Strawberry plants are blossoming well, and clover looks excellent. Butter and cheese factories are nearly all started, and prospects for dairying look bright. Cattle are in good condition and milking well. A number of fat cattle and sheep were brought to the city on June 16. Little pigs are scarce and dear. Hens are laying well, and eggs are expected to advance in price. Some very fine mackerel have been caught recently. The market was fairly well attended on June 15.

CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS

Beef, qr., per lb. 7 to 8c; small, 6 to 14c; veal, per lb. 4 to 6c; butter, fresh, per lb. 18 to 20c; eggs, per doz. 15c; cattle, dressed, 7 to 9c; fowl, per pair, \$1.80; chickens, per pair, 75 to 85c; flour, per cwt., \$2.80 to \$2.40; pork, per lb. 7½ to 8½c; oats, per bush., 45 to 48c; mackerel, each, 15c; codfish, each, 10 to 15c; hay, per cwt., 45 to 50c; bacon, per lb. 18c; rhubarb, per lb. 4c; straw, per cwt., \$2.4 to \$2.5; little pigs, per pair, \$3 to \$3.25.

Wool is selling here at 22c per lb. At this price the wool of each sheep a farmer has will net him from \$1.50 to \$2.

Richard Burke, Dominion Fruit Inspector, recently arrived in the city from his trip over the eastern part of the Island. The meetings were well attended. Fruit growers appreciate the necessity of spraying and looking after their orchards, and are anxious to learn the best methods of combating destructive insect and fungus diseases. He reports that the prospect for an abundant fruit crop is excellent, as there is great profusion of bloom.—A. R.

Fixing Up an Old Brick House

My experience has led me to think that a brick house, after it begins to get a little old, anyway, is apt to be cold, and getting it to be reasonably warm again is quite a difficult matter, so perhaps the experience of a friend of mine who was blessed (?) with a

bad sample of such a house, may be of benefit to some people.

He bought a farm with a very large and handsome brick house upon it, but with the reputation of being so cold one almost froze out every winter, in fact, the place had been let to a neighboring farmer, and had stood empty so long it was almost ruined. The plaster had fallen off, and the doors were swollen out of shape with dampness, but the new owner, who is a man of resource, and handy with tools, soon transformed it into a comfortable and warm residence.

He pulled off the lath, one room at a time, and boarded the inside of the studs tight, then the hollow thus made was filled with sawdust well packed down. The boarding was

then covered with building paper, and narrow strips nailed on to lath too. When this was plastered, it was very warm, and an almost valueless house converted into a handsome and stately residence.

F. H. Sutton, Que.

The Painless Dentist—"Will you have gas, mister?"

The Patient—"Val, I reckon you better light up. You bet I don't want you tinkering around me in the dark."

Chilly Cityfeller in country, with bawky livery mailed on to lath too, sir, but what do you do when youah horse balks?" The Farmer—"Trade him. Git up, Bill!"

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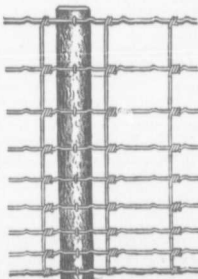
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