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EDITORIAL NOTES.

ALL SATISFIED.—It is gratifying to note that Sir Ambrose Shea, of Newfoundland, has successfully filled the office of Governor of the Bahamas for the last six years, and that his popularity has become so great that the residents of the Islands and the Imperial Government concur in requesting him to retain his office indefinitely. As a rule an unlimited term of office is not good, either for the incumbent or for the people; but when the right man, the right place, and the right people come together, the rule is more honored in the breach than in the observance. Sir Ambrose has done much in a practical way for the Islands by establishing and encouraging a profitable fibre industry.

OUR NEW KNIGHT.—There has been much comment of late upon the honor which has been conferred upon one of our Provincial men. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper has been knighted by the Sovereign in recognition of his services in the Bering Sea Arbitration. He is the second of his family who has attained to a title, and if reports be true he is a clever son of a clever father. The new Knight is still under forty years of age, although he has been for several years well-known as an active politician. He has been recognized as a keen and eloquent speaker, and as the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the past five years he has done much excellent service. We trust that he will bear his new honors gracefully, and that his chief interests will still be in serving Canada in the interests of Canadians.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENT OR DEATH.—It is sometimes necessary for newspapers to resort to strange methods of raising the wind, or in other words to obtain prompt payments from subscribers. The *Guardian*, of P. E. Island, for instance, has started an insurance business by which any *bona fide* subscriber who has actually paid for his paper in advance is insured by the *Guardian* editor against accidents. Another device in vogue among Western editors is not on quite so philanthropic a basis, but we are confident that it is equally effective. When a bill is rendered for the second time without being responded to, the editor takes it for granted that the subscriber is dead, and an obituary notice is at once published. It is said that one obituary notice will serve to remind a score of recreant subscribers of their liability. It would perhaps be well to test this method nearer home.

JERSEYS AT CHICAGO.—Dairy farmers have been much interested in the examination which has been carried on at the World's Fair as to the respective merits of the Jersey, Guernsey, and the Shorthorn breeds of cattle. The competition was intended to include twenty-five cows from each of the superior breeds, but as the owners of Ayreshire and Holstein cows refused to enter the contest the tests were made with only the three herds of cattle. After a trial of fifteen days, it was found that the twenty-five Jerseys had cleared a profit of \$119.82, the Guernseys a profit of \$88.30, and the Shorthorns a profit of \$81.66. Notwithstanding the economical feeding all the cows gained in weight. Filpail, a Shorthorn beauty, gained at the rate of four pounds per day, and for good basing qualities distanced all contestants. The result of the butter testing is not yet announced, but it is generally admitted that the Jersey herd will have no difficulty in securing the honors in this as well as in the cheese contest.

MRS. GREEN'S THRIFTY HABIT.—That shrewd business woman, Mrs. Hetty Green, has turned a neat penny for herself in the tight money month. Judge Hilton, a wealthy New York man, was appealed to by his nephews, whom he is supposed to back in a large wholesale business, to raise \$1,250,000 for them. The Judge's property, which is chiefly in elegant houses and in stock-farms, is not readily convertible into cash, and he was not accustomed to carrying so large a sum about with him. The necessity was pressing, however, and at last Mrs. Green was induced to advance the money on, however, the most stringent conditions. She would have no short loan, but she was willing to advance the required sum for five years at six per cent interest, and as security she holds the mortgage on a magnificent marble building worth \$2,500,000. Meanwhile, the struggling firm have regained their footing, and Mrs. Hetty Green is congratulating herself on her well-formed habit of carrying a little ready money about her.

THE ONSLOW CREAMERY.—In a few years cheese and butter factories will abound in all parts of our Province, for already, after but a short trial, our farmers are beginning to see that there is more profit and less labor in taking the milk to the factory, than in producing small quantities of butter and small cheeses by the old methods. Since the first of March the creamery at Lower Onslow has been steadily at work. The farmers of the district have supplied 2½ tons of fresh milk per day, and as a consequence 6½ tons of excellent cheese have already been turned out; and up to the 21st of July 1½ tons of butter had been produced. The output of the creamery always commands a good price, for the quality of both butter and cheese is guaranteed to the purchaser, and the dairy farmer is thus speedily rewarded for the small amount necessary to pay the Creamery Co for the speedy transformation of his milk into butter and cheese. The skim milk and whey come back to farmers, so that there need be no complaint on that score of economy, and every effort has been made to make the new enterprise wholly satisfactory to the farmers of the district.

A PRACTICAL EDUCATION.—One result of the financial panic in the United States has been that a number of women have been obliged to strike out for themselves. In almost every case where the woman was the outcome of a sensible education, she has been able to meet misfortune, though not precisely with joy, yet with an even-tempered and well-regulated mind. She has been taught that she need not rise and fall with Fortune's Wheel, but that she has within herself the power to rise superior to the chances of business life. We have long held that it was the duty of every man in educating his family to see that his girls as well as his boys were provided with some definite training whereby they might, should necessity arise, support themselves. Every girl should know how to do something well. She should be a mistress of music, of cooking, of sewing—of what, it matters not, so long as she has the requisite knowledge and power within her. There should be no false pride in the matter, and the girl should early learn the lesson that there is nothing degrading about labor. Among the victims of the recent troubles are the family of Cyrus W. Field, Jr. Through no fault of Mr. Field's and through no extravagance on the part of his family, the financial panic affected him so seriously as to cause him to become a bankrupt. Mr. Field is now a Consul in Hanover and his modest salary of \$2,000 per year does not suffice for the needs of his family, and at the same time to pay off the sums which he still owes in New York. His plucky wife has now come to his assistance. She has been a prominent society belle for many years, but through her father, John Andrews, of North Adams, Mass., she has received an excellent business training which she will now take advantage of. She has associated herself with the famous man-milliner of New York, W. H. Curtis, and although she has but a modest sum to invest in the business, she will attract an immense and most paying custom to the establishment. A woman of her stamp is indeed a helpmate to any man and a credit to the whole race of woman-kind.