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THE Rev. R. Ashton has returned from England, where he has been attending some special meeting of the New England Company.

THE Governor General and Lady Aberdeen are expected to be present at the South Brant Agricultural Exhibition in September. Their Excellencies are also to be with us on October 1st in response to an invitation from the Six Nations Agricultural Society. It is to be hoped the fine weather which has accompanied our exhibitions on the two former years may favor us once more.

AUGUST or rather the first half of August, 1896, will be remembered for some years to come as one of the hottest periods that has ever been experienced.

THE hot wave has extended generally over the United States and Canada. In New York City the deaths from excessive heat ran up into the hundreds daily, horses also suffered greatly, dying by hundreds in the streets. In some instances manufactories were compelled to shut down while the extreme heat lasted, it being impossible for the men to work. While the greatest mortality obtained in New York the other large cities

also suffered considerably, especially Chicago and St. Louis.

THE harvest with us is nearly all gathered with the exception of corn, as a general thing it has turned out better than expected.

Wheat has been a general failure on the Reserve; the hay crop has been short, but the oats have been very heavy, and the corn and peas are also abundant. Some fears have been expressed as to the rotting of the potatoes on account of the wet but we do not hear of any actual loss complained of on that account.

Apples will be an exceptional crop. On the whole the prospect is considerably better than that of last year.

THE holidays are now over and the sound of the school bell is once more heard on the Reserve. We hope that the schools will all open with a full attendance of children.

WE regret that there has been a good deal of sickness on the Reserve lately and several cases of typhoid fever, which has in one or two instances terminated fatally. It is in cases like typhoid fever which so much depends on the nursing of the patient that the need of a hospital on the Reserve becomes so apparent.

A cottage hospital with male and female wards containing four or five beds each would not be a very expensive affair, and would prove an invaluable blessing in many cases of sickness, where it is at present impossible that the patient can receive the proper care, and