

of the soil, and that without the expense and too often unsatisfactory results of private experiment. The visit of Prof. Saunders to this city, and the facts laid before him, will, there is not much question, lead to the establishment of that farm in this vicinity. It is a matter of regret, however, that nothing has been done during the past season. That the experimental farm at Ottawa will be of use there is no doubt, but there is no portion of the Dominion in which so much benefit can be derived from an institution of this sort as in our own country, and it is to be hoped that where everything is new and so much can be learned, the coming season will not pass without the farm being established and a good commencement made.

#### FUEL.

On account of the length of our winters the question of fuel supply must always be a matter of importance to us, and it was consequently without hesitation your Council took hold of it, at the request of the wood dealers, and intervened on their behalf with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by which sidings between stations were obtained from that Company, and a threatened additional cost, of from a dollar to a dollar and a half per cord, on firewood, was averted.

#### DRAINAGE.

The question of drainage, though not pressing itself on our attention to such an extent in a season like the past as in others, still must always be a question of great moment to the people of Winnipeg, and especially in view of the vacant lands around the city. The question has, however, been taken up, and a systematic plan of drainage pressed on the attention of the Government. To this end a topographical survey would be necessary, but, so far, the efforts of your Council to obtain the co-operation of the Local Government have been unsuccessful. It is to be hoped that a more favorable result may be obtained as soon as the political atmosphere is to some extent cleared.

#### INSOLVENT'S ASSETS.

During the past year it has not been thought advisable to press the question of an act for the rateable distribution of insolvents assets, but instead, your Council has contented itself with watching