

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

"To all Courteous Readers ye Editor Wisheth
Increase of Vertuous Knowledge."

IT may be assumed that the issue of THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE will be a nine days wonder throughout the Province. I am not unaware that the community is small and the conditions not all favourable to the venture. But I know that there is intellectual activity here; and I remember that the Scotch Reviewers cultivated Literature, not unsuccessfully, on a little oatmeal. It is possible therefore, that this magazine may receive such practical appreciation as shall justify its publication, month after month, as the years go by.

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THE visit of Professors Robertson and Macoun is the result of a demand for more light. Farmers in this Province feel the need for information upon many points in the system of agriculture that has lately been introduced. Much has been learned since the proposal to establish cheese and butter factories here was scoffed at as Utopian and impracticable. Those who deemed the idea of winter butter-making in Prince Edward Island ridiculous—"where the cows have to be stabled six months of the year," are convinced by the logic of results that there is something in it; and now the people are seeking knowledge concerning the breeding and feeding and care of cattle, the growth of corn and roots, the manipulation of milk, etc., to the end that they may eventually vie with Denmark in the production of cheese and butter of the finest quality. This is the worthy ambition of the farmers of Prince Edward Island; and I am not without a well-grounded hope of living to see it gratified. Closely connected