

THE COMING FENCE.

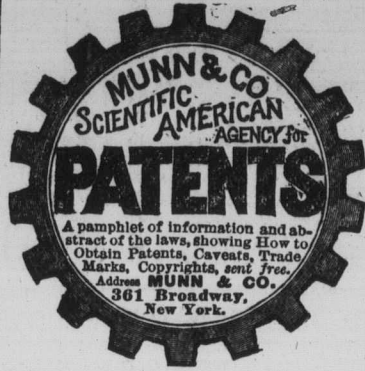
Elsewhere will be read with interest a letter from the pen of Reeve Cleland, of Elma, on the subject of the honey locust hedge fence. During our visit to Oxford county last week we chanced to see this fence growing in front of a farm on the 15th concession of East Zorra, and from a farmer living adjacent to the said farm we were informed that the fence had been planted two years, and it would require at least four years more growth to make it of practical service. The hedge fence, such as Mr. Cleland describes, possesses many advantages over any other, particularly the rail fence. The honey locust fence economises space, requires little attention after it has grown to maturity, it is everlasting in durability and enhances the general appearance of the farm. It is a thing of beauty. These are arguments that cannot be refuted by the most prejudiced mind. We believe that with proper treatment it will mature in six years, possibly in less time, certainly not more, and by reason of the thorns growing on the shrub it will repel any attempt of animals to break through. It is needless to add that the time-honored rail fence must sooner or later go, to be supplanted by the more durable wire fence or hedge, or both. The honey locust hedge fence is meeting with much favor in Oxford county we understand, and in view of its cheapness, durability and beauty, we can heartily recommend it to the farmers of Perth.

TAMPED MILK CASES.

Tamped milk cases are becoming quite numerous in Perth and adjoining counties, and the authorities are having their hands full in bringing the guilty parties to justice. The cheese question is one of vital interest to the people of Canada, more especially the people of Western Ontario, and any attempt made by individuals to impair the high quality and hitherto unsullied reputation of Canadian cheese in the English market would indeed prove disastrous. This being a fact, our readers will readily recognize the importance of vigorous enforcement of the law in suppressing whatever evil may be detected and assisting the men appointed to look after the dairying interests generally. Now, the Western Dairymen's Association have appointed out of their number men to act as inspectors of the factories in their jurisdiction—men who are eminently qualified for the duties of the position—and, together with the invaluable and indispensable assistance of Dr. Babcock's Milk Test, they are enabled to maintain the honor and reputation of the various factories and the cheese industry as a whole. It is the duty of the press, cheesemakers, directors and patrons concerned to stand by these recognized authorities and see that the law dealing with unscrupulous patrons be enforced to the very letter. Our cheese has a reputation second to none in the world in the foreign market, and once that enviable reputation is brought into question the industry will have ceased to be a thing of magnitude and profit. We append the following timely and suggestive remarks of the Woodstock *Sentinel-Review* in dealing with this serious problem of milk tampering:

Men who are mean and dishonest enough to skim or water milk sent to a factory will usually go a step farther and lie about it. Inspectors and the public must rely chiefly on tests as evidence of guilt. When a man's milk shows 1 per cent. more, say, of butter fat the day after the Inspector has been around to test it, the presumption is a pretty safe one that he has been defrauding the factory. It can scarcely be seriously contended that milk will vary to this extent in a day. Every dairyman in this country is interested in stamping out the crime of tampering with milk sent to factories. The cheese trade of Canada rests as much upon the honesty of patrons as upon the skill of the makers. It is a shame that honest patrons and the country at large should suffer by the meanest form of dishonesty. If the truth were known men convicted wrongfully in such cases are probably extremely rare. Those who know themselves to be fined unjustly on the evidence have the right of appeal. And it is easy now for men wrongly suspected to show by continued tests of their milk that they are honest. The Babcock tester is thoroughly reliable. It makes dishonesty dangerous and conviction of the guilty possible. The public will soon realize that it is a terror to evil doers.

The budget debate came to a termination July 29th, at 4 a. m. The vote was upon the amendment of Sir Richard in favor of more liberal reciprocity arrangements with the United States. The whips of both parties had been busy and every available vote was recorded. The vote on the amendment stood: Yeas 88, nays 114, giving the Government a majority of 26.



Voters' List, 1891.

Municipality of the the Township of Elma, Co. of Perth.

NOTICE is hereby given that I have transmitted or delivered to the persons mentioned in sections 5 and 6 of The Ontario Voters' Lists Act, 1889, the copies required by said sections to be so transmitted or delivered of the list, made pursuant to said Act, of all persons appearing by the last revised Assessment Roll of the said Municipality to be entitled to vote in the said Municipality at Elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections; and that said list was first posted up in my office at Atwood, on the 29th day of July A. D., 1891, and remains there for inspection.

Electors are called upon to examine the said list, and if any omissions or any other errors are found therein to take immediate proceedings to have the said errors corrected according to law.

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July 29th, 1891.

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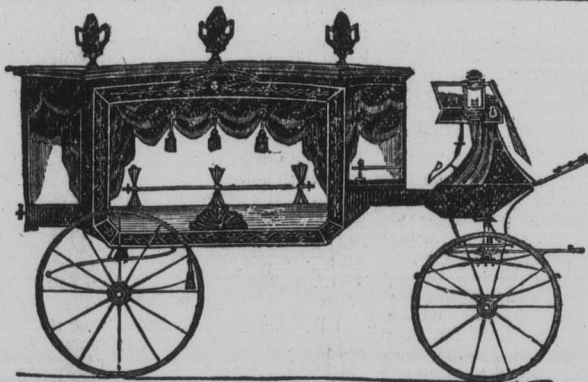
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