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The English language has pitfalls for others than our continental neighbors. In illustration of this an instructive anecdote has already been imported from India. It is to the effect that when a battalion of the Middlesex recent ceremonial parade at Delhi, the commanding officer determined to recommanding officer determined to refit it with new boots. He accordingly and fit was taken when the sheep were telegraphed to a Calcutta firm: "Send me 1,000 pairs of boots for Middlesex by next train." Days passed and no boots arrived. The colonel's anxiety increased hourly. Just when he had that Eastern Canada is the ultimate

many ways other than as an essential of successful sheep-keeping are considered, is not excessive. These two methods of solving the coyote problem should go hand in hand. Their extermination should be encouraged in every way while the individual should gradually equip his farm with such a system of permanent fences as will permit him to place sheep or other stock requiring to be pastured off or on which pastures for be pastured off or on which pastures for the use of the sheep at certain times has been grown. The inner division fences need not be of so strong and expensive a type as the line fence. From the data submitted by a number of fence companies it is estimated that the entire cost in labor and material, including good cedar posts and all necessary proof 10 or 12 strand fence, 44 to 48 inches in height, at points having about the same freight rate from the east as Regina has, would be not more than \$300.00 per mile. By the farmer sup-plying his own labor, and in a variety of other ways, this figure could be ma-terially reduced. It is named as the outside figure for a first-class, durable, woven wire, coyote-proof, fence. Sheep can be kept in at much less cost than coyotes can be kept out, however, and a much smaller investment in fencing would suffice in districts where the coyote problem is not acute. Such a

ence as above indicated is no more than every well equipped farm should have, whether or not sheep are kept, and such fences are being erected to an ever-increasing extent in the older districts of the West. USE OF PORTABLE FENCE

One enterprising keeper of a large band of farm sheep near Carlyle offers the following as his solution of the fencing problem. It is worthy of careful consideration. For smaller

flocks less woven fences would be re-quired. He says : "This is a bluffy country on the edge of Moose Mountain and is badly infested with coyotes. I use a woven wire fence 49 inches high, 11 strands, cut into lengths of 10 rods each, and never let the sheep out of it without a herder. I have them is this portable fence without a herder, but find a daily visit necessary. I have one and one-half miles of the woven wire and three men can take down the fence and enclose a fresh 40-acre pasture in less than a day. It is not stretched tight and can be hung on any barb wire fence with an occasional 3-inch nail at the bottom to keep it close to the ground (use $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch or 3 inch nails, not staples). When there is no fence to hang it on, a stake every 15 feet, lightly driven in, will suffice. With the portable fence every patch of rough land or summer-fallow that will keep the sheep a week can be made use of. I have had my flock on a neighbor's weedy stubble before summer-fallowing regiment was ordered to take part in a for a month at no cost. We do not

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become almost frantic, the Babu man- destination of all the wool sheared in he West: that during the clipping season is the best time to sell the wool, as then the buyers are looking for it; and that from 12 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound at point of shipment was the average price paid by them for wool during the past season. A considerable disparity will be noted between these wool prices and those given by the sheep-raisers themselves. In figuring up the aver-age proceeds obtained from a flock of sheep the lower prices-those given by the farmers-were used. As the transition of the sheep industry from a ranching to a farming basis gradually takes place a decline both in quantity and quality of the wool crop must be looked for. At the same time wool is an important product for which there is at all times a market, and in the attempt to secure large, heavy and well-fleshed carcasses, the demand for wool should not be lost sight of, even though, with the disappearance of range conditions, the necessity for some long woolled strain of blood in the flock no longer exists. The Shropshire or Suffolk and Merino cross gives a sheep recommended alike by the butcher, as yielding a desirable carcass,



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