

fine gardens—one at Cherry Hill Farm, the other at Headquarters—as the Manitoba institution has ever possessed. The Headquarters garden is being looked after by Mr. J. E. Somerville, who has had an extended experience in like work near the city of Montreal; and the garden at Cherry Hill is superintended by Mr. William Hodgson, who has already given evidence that he is no novice in such an undertaking by his work of last summer on the Barnardo estate. By way of embellishment and repair, considerable painting has been done on the buildings belonging to the institution, and in this work, which has naturally been under the control of our esteemed carpenter, Mr. St. Lawrence, the institution has received excellent service from the lads Lawless, Russell and Murray, who have not only shown considerable skill with the brush, but have kept at the work allotted to them in a manner most creditable.

Creameries are still the rage in this part of the province, institutions at Foxwarren, Binscarth, Russell and Barnardo having been in existence for some years; and this spring our esteemed friend, Mr. I. C. Gerrard, merchant, of Shellmouth, has started out his wagons, collecting cream from the German settlement, to be manufactured into butter at a factory he has had the courage to establish in the face of difficulties. An old acquaintance of the Home, Mr. Christopher Paulson, is superintending the Shellmouth institution, and as Mr. Paulson, to the writer's knowledge, is brimful of energy and push, has been furnished with as good appliances as can be obtained, and is apparently receiving plenty of custom, the venture should prove a success; though the difficulties connected with sparse settlement and a short working season must, as a matter of course, be felt by the Shellmouth management, in the same manner that it has been by the operators of other factories in different parts of the province, and consolidation

appears to the writer to be the only feasible scheme which can be made to bring about profit in creamery operations. The creamery at Barnardo is going on quietly with the Home milk and the product sent in by a few neighbours. Just at present it is superintended by one of Mr. Longmore's capable pupils, Charles R. Ruddick, who promises to become a gold medallist in the profession. Indeed, if Mr. Ruddick does not obtain a good place at the Winnipeg Exhibition this year, there will be something radically wrong with the brains of the judges.

Sheep-shearing is just now in full swing, and prospects for the flock during 1899 and 1900 are excellent; so far, some 135 lambs have been welcomed to the Home farm by the attendants in charge, with a number of ewes yet to hear from.

### Poultry Raising.

A departure in poultry raising at Dr. Barnardo's Farm is the operating of an incubator at Cherry Hill, which has so far given excellent results, a small army of young Plymouth Rocks having at the present time full possession of the attention of a modern wooden hen with glass eyes, which appears to perform all the duties of her feathered relative excepting the everlasting clucking. However, Mr. George Ertel, of Quincy, Ill., the manufacturer of our machine, who is noted for his inventive genius, will without doubt overcome even this difficulty, one of these days, by adding some kind of a phonographic clucking attachment, which will recommend itself to all enterprising breeders.

### Let the Hives

Very few lads have been employed during the last quarter to man the hives, although the demand for framed lads has been quite up to the average of other years. At the beginning of the month of April John Haver, of the station, with Mr. Spencer, of Appleton, and the 18th of the same month John Haver