

Communications.

For the "Agriculturist."
Mr. Editor.—The following appeared in the last Reporter:—
"Sir.—As I believe no cow could be allowed to run at large through the City of Fredericton, why does the Mayor allow the cow to run at large on both day and night, and the police from head to foot allow it to be a nuisance?"

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how well it paid to invest even small sums. One case is cited by the Marquis of Blandford, who in 1820, joined a stock paying in money he incurred a loss of \$300 (\$400). They purchased the last quarter of 1877, \$3,404,855 worth of goods. The cash receipts for the same period (one quarter) were \$3,000,000. They purchased for \$7,000,000. Mr. Quincy concluded by investing the members of co-operative Loan Societies from all over the Province, and other interested or desiring to aid in the undertaking to meet in their hall, No. 108 Washington St. on Monday the 12th inst., at 7 p. m. to discuss the matter, appoint committees and obtain shares.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed time, and the business made by Hon. Mr. Quincey, J. S. Roper and others, after which it was unanimously voted to open a co-operative loan society, and to have a meeting in the hall, together with all other interested or desiring to aid in the undertaking to meet in their hall, No. 108 Washington St. on Monday the 12th inst., at 7 p. m. to discuss the matter, appoint committees and obtain shares.

In another column will be seen the Dominion Government advertisement asking for tenders for the New Post Office, &c. So the much needed building is in a fair way of becoming an accomplished fact. It has been especially said that the people of Fredericton are sick of hearing of this New Post Office, which only means that those who make the remark are not pleased that it should be placed to the credit of Mr. Peckard. But Mr. Peckard's claims to the confidence of the electors of Fredericton and of York is not set on a Post Office Building, but on ten years' faithful service as representative of the City, and of the County of York. We believe that, in the opinion of the great majority of the electors, Mr. Peckard has proved himself to be a most useful member in his position. The prospect of extending his term of office is not to be regarded as a matter of course. No just complaint can be made against him for neglect of duty. He has always been most attentive to the calls made on him by his constituents. And we are sure that, when during any session in the last ten years any resident of York visited Ottawa he found in Mr. Peckard a most attentive and useful member of the House of Commons.

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THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.
The second annual meeting of "The Educational Institute," commenced on Tuesday afternoon and closed on Thursday night. There was a good attendance of teachers from all parts of the Province, and nearly a hundred were enrolled members of the Institute—the qualification being membership in a County Teachers' Institute. There are now thirteen County Teachers' Institutes in the Province. In alluding to them in his opening address on Tuesday, Dr. Rand, Chief Superintendent, said that he felt, in this first year of their existence, proud of the work done, and he read a list of the questions discussed at their meetings, to show that the minds of the members were engrossed with subjects closely allied with their work of teaching.

Mr. H. C. Creed, A. M., was elected Secretary, and Mr. John Lawson, of Campbellton, Principal Crockett, Dr. Rand, and Inspector Fresso were appointed to answer such questions as might be deposited "in the box." The principal business of the "session" was the reading of papers and discussing the subject matter of which they treated. On Tuesday evening Professor Harrison, L. L. D., read a paper on "How to Study English Literature." He said that the student was in no little danger of being discouraged at the outset by the seeming magnitude of the task set before him. He advised him not to wander in the many byways, but to keep to the great highway, which was well enough marked by the names—Chaucer, Spenser, Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, Pope, Cowper, Wordsworth. There were many great names besides these, which he did not mention, but which he had already been the subject of a good deal of examination. What he hoped to do was to induce the student to enter into an agreement to effect such reforms as were desirable, and give specific guarantees for the carrying out of these reforms. There is a clause in the charter of the Institute, which provides that the members of the Institute shall be bound to observe the following rules:—

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REFORMS IN ASIATIC TURKEY.
The English people, are by the Anglo-Turkish Treaty, committed to active intervention in the affairs of Asia Minor. It is fortunate for Asia Minor that it is to have the benefit of English administrative ability, energy and capital. The oldest historic country, once the seat of great empires, and then the seat of the first seven Christian Churches, with the richest and most fertile soil, it is now the worst governed countries in the world, so that it will be exceedingly difficult to bring into political harmony and tranquility, as it is inhabited by different races and religions. Turkish and Arab Mohammedans, Christian Armenians and Kurds whose religion is uncertain, but whose restless, thievish and cutthroat propensities are unchangeable. One day last week, Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in answer to some questions regarding reforms in Asiatic Turkey, says:—

We have undertaken certain obligations in respect of the defence of the Asiatic provinces from internal attacks by Russia, and as a consideration or complement of that undertaking Turkey has undertaken to make certain reforms in its administration. We will require very great care. They will have to be elaborately discussed between the two powers. We hope for a certain amount of success. We are already in communication with the Porte with regard to various points of the reform, and we are already in communication with the Porte with regard to various points of the reform, and we are already in communication with the Porte with regard to various points of the reform.

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(From the Canadian Spectator.)
A SONG OF TOLL.—A RHYME IN PROSE.
The Petition of the Gasifiers and Canal-makers of Canada, addressed to Sir John A. McDonald.

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