

able. The hay-cutter was American. The tedding machine at work in the hay-fields was also American, and even the rakes and hay-forks were, in several instances, from across the Atlantic, though forks, rakes and graips are made by various large firms in the city of Sheffield, not half an hour's railway journey off.—British Trade Journal.

Canadian manufacturers of agricultural implements should win a large part of this trade.

### BARBED WIRE IN NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA.

Galvanized barbed wire comes from the United States. Special brands are in favor, as the "Iowa," quality generally satisfactory, and prices usually lower than English rates. Average cost 20 per cent. below English price.—Colonial Governor's Report.

### CHILE.

According to a law recently published, cotton yarn and machinery, which are imported by manufacturers of cotton goods for employment in their industry, may be imported free from Customs duty up to the year 1920. The freedom from duty on materials for manufacturing lucifer matches for a term of ten years has been proclaimed, and a further law stipulates that the cost of unloading, paying duty, identification and removing the goods, admitted by the Customs authorities of the Republic, is to be paid by the importer.

### JAPAN.

According to the latest reports received from Her Majesty's Minister at Tokio, the date at which the new Japanese tariffs will come into action still depends on the ratification of the treaty between Japan and Austria-Hungary. It is also stated that the Japanese Government will give three months' notice of the application of the tariffs.

### MUST HAVE A PASSPORT.

The British Secretary for Foreign Affairs has received from Her Majesty's Minister at Berne a despatch, recommending strongly that all British subjects who are proceeding to Switzerland, including minors, who, unaccompanied by their parents, are going thither for educational purposes, should be provided with Foreign Office passports. The production merely of a certificate of birth or baptism will not be sufficient under present regulations to obtain from the local authorities the "permis de sejour," or ticket of residence, without which no foreigner is allowed to remain in a canton.