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### Does This Hit You?

"I could tell you much about farmers, for I have had close dealings with them for years, and know that the want of prosperity among many of them is their own fault." Thus writes a New Brunswick correspondent. And after all, isn't there somewhat of truth in the above? Do we carefully plan our work or tackle each job as it turns up without particular thinking? Isn't there among some too much of the farming "as father used to do"? I think there is. Now the way to get out of the ruts is to attend farmers' institutes and other meetings, organize local clubs or a grange, and take in what the thinkers have to say. Then accept such of their advice as is adapted to your conditions. But above all, think and plan about each job before doing it. There is a heap of satisfaction in doing things well and having things look well.

### The Election Returns

as we go to press show the make-up of the next house of commons to be very little changed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has a big majority numerically, but on the other hand some of the strongest leaders in the opposition appear to have been defeated, among them Messrs Tupper, Foster, Montague and Macdonald. The house, with five seats in doubt, will be substantially as follows:

	Number		Conservative		Independent	
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
Ont	32	35	47	53	40	3
Que	65	56	31	7	14	0
N.S.	20	15	11	5	9	0
N.B.	14	9	6	5	3	0
Man	7	1	4	4	2	1
B.C.	6	1	4	2	2	0
P.E.I.	5	4	3	1	3	0
N.W.T.	4	2	2	1	1	1
Total	213	123	128	78	78	5

### The Election in the States

as on this side the line resulted in a complete victory for the dominant party and the return of the two leaders, McKinley and Laurier, to power. The republicans have good working majorities in the house of representatives, larger than before, and the senate will also have a larger republican voting membership. See page 516 for particulars.

### Big Prizes for Experience.

I want more brief jottings from the farmers. Almost everybody has a peculiar way of doing some one or more things that they think is better than anybody else's method, and very often they are right in so thinking. Now a short description of just such points and methods is what our readers want. Then they want to know more about what the farmers of your section are doing and how they do it, profit, losses,

prices, etc, for our "Among the Farmers" department. I am going to give a five-dollar bill for the best short paragraph of either kind that appears in each issue of Farm and Home for 1901. If your jotting is about poultry, bees, sheep, swine, dairy, fruit, flowers, it may be used in those departments, instead of under the heading "Jottings from the Farmers." But if it is the best one it will win the \$5 prize just the same. To the second best we shall give a five years' subscription to Farm and Home, and to the third best a three years' subscription. Prizes will be awarded after the articles appear and will be announced the following issue. Let practical folks everywhere jot down bits of their experience, I will fix it up for publication.

### Newfoundland's Election,

following that of the Dominion, was the hottest since 1869, when the attempt was made at union with the Dominion. Because of the underhanded methods of a Scotch contractor who has vast ambitions in the establishment of commercial enterprises and who is said to be the largest land owner in the world, having acquired the land through legislative grants, an attempt was made to throw him off and put the colony strongly on its feet. There has also been a strong sentiment of late for federation with the Dominion.

### A Royal Welcome

Marked with scenes of wildest enthusiasm is what our boys received on their return from the battlefield in Africa. Not only at the landing in Halifax, but all along the line the demonstration in honor of the victorious soldiers was one of the grandest ever witnessed in the Dominion. The sons of Canada made a grand record during the year's campaign, earning the special commendation of the British general-in-chief and of her gracious majesty, the queen. The sons of no country have stronger mettle or muscle than those of fair Canada.

### How Do Your People Co-operate?

The good results of co-operation among farmers have been demonstrated over and over again in every state and in all branches of farming. F & H will pay liberally for the experiences of writers on this subject. Prizes of \$55 are offered (see premium number, Oct 15) for details. I want to know of the most economical methods prevailing in your section for buying farm and household supplies and selling farm produce. If pictures can accompany the article they will add greatly to its value. And this is a subject farmers are greatly interested in. Just how to co-operate to the best advantage. Our prizes for articles on this subject are indeed liberal.

### Ontario Farm Statistics.

#### VALUE OF LAST YEAR'S CROPS.

AS COMPILED BY ONT BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Hay and clover	\$ 27,010,000
Oats	24,902,070
Fall wheat	9,631,000
Peas	8,676,000
Potatoes	6,538,000
Barley	5,858,000
Turnips	5,808,000
Spring wheat	4,682,000
Ear corn	4,291,000
Corn fodder	3,396,000
Mangels	1,672,000
Rye	1,142,900
Buckwheat	1,003,000
Beans	703,000
Carrots	459,000

Total value crops	\$105,771,000
Fruit, wool, honey	4,000,000
Cattle	17,303,000
Hogs	14,167,000
Horses	3,204,000
Sheep	2,629,000
Poultry	1,163,000

Value live stock, etc., sold	\$42,456,000
Land	563,272,000
Buildings	243,410,000
Live stock	115,806,000
Implements	54,995,000
Total assets	947,513,000

Grand total .....\$1,095,740,000  
The hay crop appears to be of more value than any other, although the oat crop stands a close second. While some crops fared rather poorly, as the spring wheat, yet as a whole the season was favorable. Since '97 the field crops have been valued at \$105,750,000 to \$110,500,000, while for the crops raised during the years '94 to '96 inclusive, values ranged from \$9,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Thus 1899 was a favorable year.

Considering the average value of the grain crops per acre, barley stands first, realizing \$11.95, followed by spring wheat 11.74, peas 11.67, oats 10.53, fall wheat 9.18. Among hood crops, potatoes brought 38.88, carrots 38.62, turnips 37.85, mangels 31.31, silo corn 19.75 and ear corn 12.86.

### Plutocrat Authority Turned Down

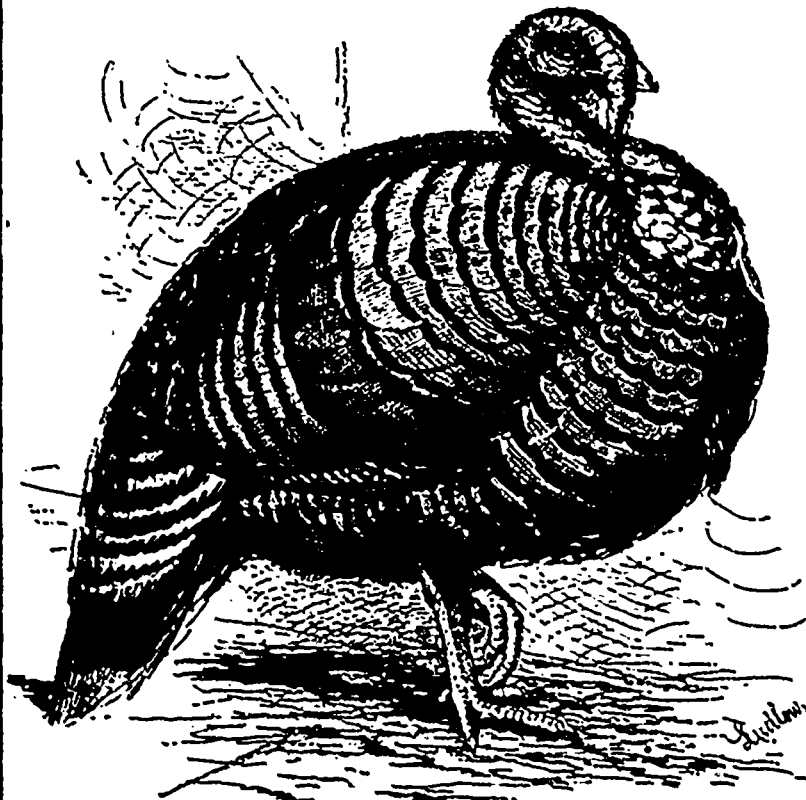
The results of the elections last Thursday in Newfoundland are cause for general rejoicing. The Reid-Morue party are turned down squarely and they can have no further hope of practically looting and possessing themselves of the colony. Newfoundlanders have arisen in their might and wiped out what might have been the greatest scandal ever on the point of completion for the subversion of a colony to one-man ownership and rule.

### The Maritime Stock Breeders' Ass'n

meets at Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov 21 and 22. Half fare rates have been secured on all railways and an invitation is extended to every farmer to attend. An excellent program has been prepared.

Plowed ground should be left in the rough and plowed as deeply as possible when it is to be plowed again in the spring, thus allowing the frost to airtify some of the under strata and thereby deepen your soil for root growth.

Large farms too often breed slovenly farming.



An American Bronze Gobbler.

A FINE BIRD FOR THE THANKSGIVING FEAST—FOR DESCRIPTION SEE PAGE 498.