# In the Maritime Provinces

#### Maritime Farmers Aggressive

Prof. Robertson, who has recently returned from an extended tour in the Maritime Provinces, reports marked interest in agriculture and the improvement of education in rural schools in that part of the Dominion.

#### The Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Early this month, Prof. Robert-son conferred with the members of the Nova Scotia Legislature in re-ference to the establishment of an agricultural college in that pro-vince. It is probable that the Professor's suggestion to establish consolidated rural schools and a college of agriculture where short courses in agriculture where short courses in agriculture will be given, will be acted upon. Professor Ro-bertson will shortly confer with the members of the New Brunswick Legislature on the same subject.

## Prince Edward Island

We have fine springlike weather to-day (March 2nd). The markets have been well attended lately. Plenty of prime beef was offered on Feb. 27, for 6½c. per lb. by the quarter. Pork 7c. to 7½c.; hay, on reb. 27, 107 c/c. per Ib. by the quarter. Pork 7c. to 7/c. hay, 50c. to 55c. per cwt. Oats, 34c. to 35c per bus.; potatoes, 25c.; island apples, \$1 per bus.; butter fresh, 22c. to 23c. per Ib.; eggs, 16c. to 18c. per doz. Good fowl, and chickens 80c. per pair, very few offering the per section of the per the

and chickens soc. per pair, very few offerings. Wood is \$1.25 to \$2.00 per load. Coal is very scarce, and dear. It is up to \$5.00 per ton, and is ex-pected to advance still higher before navigation opens. A good deal of wood is coming in at pre-sent. Wheat sells from 70c. to 80c. sent. Wheat sells from 70c. to 80c. per bush. Live cattle and horses

are in good demand.

A practical and very instructive address on poultry was delivered by Mr. James McKinnon on Feb. He referred to the census of 1901, when 43 poultry were on an average kept by each farmer on the island. The total value of poultry is estimated to be nearly \$500,000. During the past year he had sold poultry to the value of about \$52 and estimated the value of the eggs at about \$38, making a total of \$90 for the year.

The dairy school closed on Feb. 28. Some very instructive lec-tures were given by Mr. Zufelt, About 40 students were in Supt.

attendance.

On account of the severe weather a great deal of fuel has been con-sumed. It is said that there is a scarcity of coal, and the price is

advancing.
Mr. S. N. Dawson, of Tryon, sold II live hogs 8 months old weighing a total of 4,000 fbs.

THE FIRST BATCH

The first batch of this year's

chickens were hatched at the Westwood Poultry Farm on Feb. 7. Mr. Hankin the proprietor, carries on quite a successful business in poultry-raising and fattening. He has four incubators. At the pre-sent time he has about 500 fowls. The hen-house, a long, low building is divided into pens. Only about 8 birds are kept in each pen. brooder house has a capacity for 1,000 chicks until they are 6 weeks old. It is heated with hot water, and the youngsters sleep between blankets, under the pipes, which are set about 6 inches, and upwards along the floor. The major ity of the birds are Plymouth Rocks. There are also a pen of Buff Orpingtons that are considered the best layers of them all. A. R.

# Another Outbreak

Foot and mouth disease is reorted to have broken out afresh in New Hampshire, and that State has been placed under strict quar-antine. This outbreak is believed not to be extensive. It is now three or four weeks since any of the disease has been found in any other State.

### Cost of Growing Wheat

A farmer from Northern Indiana (Laporte County), who says he has been keeping figures on the cost of growing wheat in that State for the past 35 years, reports to the Chicago Herald the result of his experience as follows: To produce an acre of wheat and put it in the bag it cost for interest, \$3; taxes, 38 cents; plowing twice, \$2; harrowing twice, 38 cents; rolling, 20 cents; cutting, \$1.20; stacking, 35 cents; seed, \$1.12; thrashing, \$1.10; total, \$9.73.

In computing interest he calcutes land is worth \$50 an acre lates land is and the interest rate at 6 per cent. Taxes are set down at \$1.15 on the \$100 of valuation, so that an acre of land would be assessed at \$33.50.

Twenty bushels per acre, then, gives a lair profit in wheat. Less

than that doesn't pay.

Census Taker-" What is your age, madam?" Mrs. Neighbors-"Did the woman

next door give her age?"

Census Taker—"Certainly."

Mrs. Neighbor—"Well, I'm

years younger than she is."-Chicago News.

"Can any one tell me what a meter is?" asked the teacher of a primary class in Allston, Mass.,

School a few days ago.
Only one little lad raised his hand. The teacher nodded, and hand. The t

"It's a thing you chop meat with. My papa is a butcher, and he's got two of them."—Current Literature.











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