

Publishers' Desk.

Annual Announcement—The annual announcement of the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada, for the approaching session has just been forwarded to us. And we are pleased to find that this popular institution maintains its well-earned reputation, and the prospects for a good attendance are so encouraging. The session will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 15th. For further information see advertisement in another column.—151.

In one of last week's exchanges we note the fact that Mr. John S. Pearce, of the firm of J. S. Pearce & Co., the well-known seed merchants of London, Ont., has retired from business. His successors are Messrs. Fred J. Darch and John W. Hunter, who have for years been connected with the firm. Both are enterprising young men and will, no doubt, carry on the large business of the firm in the same successful manner that it has been carried on under Mr. Pearce's management.

A Rich Find.—E. Gantly Parker writes: "Good news is in for Derby shareholders. This company own the Swansea Copper Mine at Windermere, East Kootenay, B.C. The results of development work up to date have proved so satisfactory that the Hall Mines Smelter want to contract for the whole of the ore now upon the dump because it carries considerable lime and is easy to flux. The buyer had sampled the ore with the following satisfactory results: Average of 40 tons from centre shaft, 13 per cent. copper and 26 ounces of silver; average of dump of 20 tons at the north shaft, 9 per cent. copper and 6 ounces in silver; picked sample from the outcrop 26 per cent. copper. If the offer made by the smelter people is accepted, the net returns to the company would amount to about \$2,800 after providing the cost of raising and shipping to Windermere, freight to Golden, from there to Nelson and treatment."

This condition of things is encouraging, and the future prospects are even more so, to quote from a letter from the secretary, who gives the latest report from the resident engineer as follows:

"A tunnel is being driven at the 200 foot level, and is now in about 30 feet. The rock is becoming very heavily stained, and they expect to strike the main body of ore at about 150 feet. The work is costing about \$9 a foot, and if things turn out as we anticipate, there is enough money from the sale of ore in sight to put the property on a self-supporting basis, without disposing of any more treasury stock."

A Miniature Barn.

Thorold Cement at the Industrial.—The barn erected and occupied as an exhibit by the Estate of John Battle, of Thorold, Ont., was a great source of interest to visitors at the Toronto Industrial Fair. The barn was 14 x 20 feet in size, the floor and the walls for three feet underground and for five feet above being built of the celebrated Thorold Cement, thus making a permanent foundation. The frame superstructure was built upon these walls and was covered with a shingled hip roof, the frame portion being painted outside and of dressed wood inside. Six windows afforded ample light. The interior contained a full-sized cow-stall with concrete floor and gutter to receive the excreta, while across the passage was a horse-stall similarly built. In front of the cow-stall was a sample concrete pig-pen, which was not intended as an essential feature of the barn, but as an exemplification of the adaptability of the Thorold Cement for such purposes. The exhibit was in charge of Messrs. James and John Battle, Jr., whose explanations were listened to by thousands of interested visitors. The firm have reason to be proud of their record this year. The adaptability of the Thorold Cement to the various classes of farm buildings, including dwellings, as well as the buildings for all kinds of stock, has been established by practical use in all parts of the Dominion, and the rapid increase in the demand for it proves that its popularity is based upon sufficiently solid grounds, and that it is one of those things which gains in public estimation the better it becomes known,

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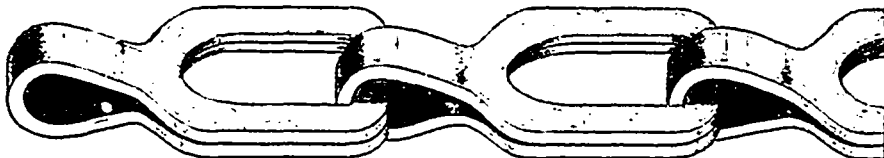
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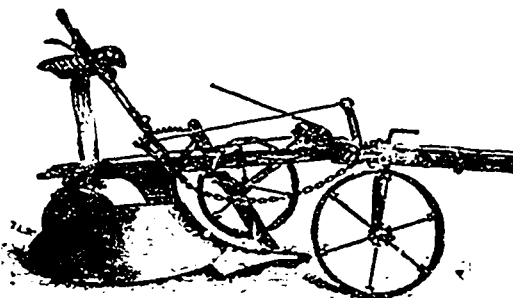
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