

News in Nutshells

OR in eggshells, pardon, to begin with. A movement is afoot to increase the production and better the quality of Canadian eggs, through the adoption of an improved system of marketing. The results of a recent experiment by the Poultry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College were quoted to show that it would pay dealers to pay a premium for high-grade eggs.

However the notion might strike a country of "outrages" like England, the chances are it will find much favour here in Canada, whose women seldom consider the egg—as a missile.

THE Board of Education of London, Ont., recently held special meeting and acceded to the request of the Playgrounds Association to engage supervisors for the playgrounds during the school term. The association will remove the equipment to the parks during the vacation. During school days, one male and one female supervisor will be chosen from the teaching staff of the schools where there is playground equipment, the board standing the extra expense.

HAVERGAL College, Toronto, was en fête the other day, when a garden party was given in the honour of his Grace the Primate of Australia and Mrs. Wright, who were, for a few days, visiting the school.

TO-DAY is the day of the civic dinner arranged in Winnipeg, in honour of the eastern delegates of the annual convention of the Canadian Women's Press Club, at Edmonton. The dinner is due to take place at the Royal Alexandra. Miss E. Cora Hind and Mrs. Bale acted as a committee from the local Women's Press Club and explained to the members of the civic committee the importance of a visit to Winnipeg of all the leading newspaper women, authors, and other members of the club.

The newspaper men of Winnipeg will entertain the members, the entertainment to take the form of an auto drive with tea at Assiniboine Park.

"MY moon of poets," said Browning of his wife; so, if one should apply the epithet to Miss Marjorie Pickthall, Canadian poet, there surely is little offence against politeness. The collected poetry of Miss Pickthall, entitled "The Drift of Pinions," is shortly to be published by the University Maga-



RENOWNED AS A LECTURER.

Mrs. Henshaw, of Vancouver, Whose Address, "Canadian Mountain Trails," Was Recently a Feature of the I.O.D.E. Convention in Winnipeg.

zine. Characteristic of the poet's work and expressing its usual trend to be unsubstantial, are the lines:

"Beauty is still immortal in our eyes. When sways no more the spirit-haunted reed,

When the wild grape shall build No more her canopies,

When blows no more the moon-grey thistle seed.

When the last bell has lulled the white flocks home,

When the last eve has stilled
The wandering wind and touched the
dying foam,
When the last moon burns low, and
spark by spark
The little worlds die out along the dark.
Beauty that rosed the moth-wing,
touched the land



MRS. VAN WART.

Of Fredericton—Provincial President for New Brunswick of the I. O. D. E.

With clover horns and delicate faint flowers,
Beauty that bade the showers
Beat on the violet's face,
Shall hold the eternal heavens within
their place
And hear new stars come singing from
God's hand."

SETTING aside precedent fixed by the Royal Society of Great Britain, and the Academie Francaise, the Royal Society of Canada recently voted to admit women to its councils. The chief champion of the move was Professor J. G. Adami, of Montreal, and the chief opposer was Colonel Denison, of Toronto.

The Y.W.C.A. in the West

MISS UNA SAUNDERS, National Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has just completed a tour of the west, undertaken in the interests of her office. She has visited branches of the extensive association at Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Prince Albert, and reports an amazing progress everywhere.

"Everywhere the association is going ahead," she said, "and everywhere the cry is for more accommodation. Brandon will not build this year because of the financial stringency, but will rent houses. Regina is under such pressure that girls are only allowed to stay six months in the home, and are only taken in when strangers in the city. The city council has given the association two lots in the warehouse section, and a cafeteria and club room, with rooms for transients will be built there. Moose Jaw laid the corner-stone of a new Y. W. C. A. building while I was there. It will hold sixty girls.

"Calgary has a most encouraging outlook. They have sixty girls in the residence and forty-five in the annex. A feature there is the employment bureau. They placed eight hundred girls during the last nine months. Edmonton is planning a new home to accommodate one hundred. Edmonton has to recommend one hundred girls a month to other boarding places.

"Saskatoon has a very fine house, with room for fifty, but the pressure is very heavy, and boarders are only allowed to remain six months.

"Prince Albert is the newest home, having been open only six months. It holds thirty, and is full. They are securing city lots and purpose building.

"All over the west the women are wonderful achievers. No scheme or financial proposition seems too big for them.

"Of course, the Winnipeg association leads, as it should, being the oldest. The other cities are all eager to hear how Winnipeg is getting on, and how Winnipeg does things.

"The national triennial meeting," stated Miss Saunders, "will meet in Winnipeg in November."

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