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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1901.

The new farm department, instituted a short time ago in the Monitor, has been the subject of much favorable comment from our farmers readers, and we have reason to believe that it is meeting with a very general appreciation.

Farming on paper is perhaps more of a ideal pursuit than the practical tilling of the soil, and it is easier oftentimes to tell how to make farming pay than to extract the profit, but that there is money in this great industry cannot be questioned.

The proof of it is on every hand, in spite of an appalling list of run-down farms that have to be reckoned with. The failure of the failures are in the farms. Run-down farms can be made profitably productive by a reasonable expenditure of well directed effort, and the farmer whose father made money from the fields he now cultivates at a profit is not afraid of his own run-down farm.

But farming methods and farm markets have changed, and to-day the man who is versed in scientific agriculture has a far better chance to operate successfully than had his father or his grandfather. The elements of chance have been largely overcome, and this is the great advantage of scientific farming over the old-fashioned methods, though they were of ten brought success, brought it as the price of hard and persistent labor, which, if applied under new principles, would yield multiplied returns.

The farmer of to-day must take advantage of every trick of the trade, and the literature of the experimental farm is what he should study, to keep abreast of the times. It is a mistake to place this literature as paper farming. The bulletin contains the results of the results of every farmer in the department who is being conducted for his benefit. Criticism of the published matter is invited, and correspondence on any subject of general interest connected with the industry is solicited.

The British war budget shows how heavy have been the expenses connected with the South African war. An expenditure of one hundred and thirty millions of dollars is estimated out of the ordinary revenue for the current year, and the military estimate that a deficit of two hundred and seventy-five millions will be met.

Krugger was not far wrong when he threatened that the British would pay a price for the South African republic that would stagger humanity. The actual monetary cost of the war will stagger the British Empire, but this is overshadowed by the army mortality list, which shows that already about fifteen thousand soldiers of the British host have died on the battlefield or in the hospital.

We are fearful that the number will be increased before the war is brought to a close. It is the price of war, and the people are not wont to complain, but they have been staggered by the results of the campaign. Little Britain will bear the financial burden, heavy as it is, without much difficulty, but the mourning for lost lives and love extends over the Greater Britain, whose parts have been omitted by struggle.

The British Budget.

London, April 15.—The British Budget was brought down in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach.

The National balance sheet for 1900-1901 stands as follows: Revenue, \$651,925,000; expenditure, \$717,500,000; deficit, \$65,575,000.

The annual meetings of the District Boards of School Commissioners for Annapolis county will be held this year as follows, viz.:—At the Court House in Annapolis on Monday, May 6th, at eleven o'clock a. m., and at the Arlington (formerly Elm) House in Lawrenceville, on Tuesday, May 7th, at half past ten o'clock a. m.

—Messrs. MacKenzie, Crover & Co. have recently received from the Nova Scotia Exhibition Commission a diploma for the excellence of their exhibit of the products of their brick-making factory. Their business maintains a steady growth, and each year is marked by an increased output and extension of factory space.

The Bridgetown Agricultural Society has now over a hundred members. Three splendid bulls, two Short horns and one Ayrshire, have already been purchased from Cornwallis breeders for the improvement of the best and dairy herds of the members. The animals are of the Dominion register, and cost over two hundred dollars.

The physicians of the county are to meet at the Grand Central, Bridgetown, May 1st, to organize a County Medical Society. After the election of officers and other preliminary business, a number of papers will be presented by members of the profession, to be followed by a dinner at the Grand Central.

—As previously announced, Mr. Best will lecture tonight under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., in the Baptist church at 8 o'clock. His experience with the large number will be present to hear his thrilling tale. Admission free, but a collection will be taken in aid of a Y. M. C. A. building which Mr. Best has undertaken to erect.

—In view of the fact that there has been no general vaccination in this province for several years, and that smallpox has made its appearance in the province, I desire to urge upon the inhabitants of the Town of Bridgetown the advisability of immediately being vaccinated. I will vaccinate the poor of the town free of charge.

By order of the Mayor, L. W. DUNN, Health Officer, Bridgetown.

—A pleasant gathering took place in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening last, when the St. James' church held a Birthday Party. A pleasing and varied program was given, during an interval of which refreshments were served. The entertainment closed with the usual and much appreciated performance of the White Minstrels. The proceeds of the evening were highly satisfactory, and the new carpet, which was the object in view, is assured.

The second quarterly session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia will open at Clark's Harbor, Shelburne Co., on Wednesday, May 1st, at 10 a. m. The new country has opened up, and large accessions to membership, a revival of interest, and an addition to new organizations. It is hoped that the coming session, feeling the inspiration of the hour, will prove an incentive to greater energy.

The Uxbridge (Ont.) Times of March 9th says of the Canadian Jubilee Singers, who are to appear in the Court House, May 3rd: "A rare musical treat was that furnished by the Canadian Jubilee Singers at the Methodist church last Friday evening, Madame Marie Dore, the sweetest voice I have ever heard, sang in American company, and her performance was so splendidly appreciated, the audience, and with the good nature peculiar to her race, responded to four encores in succession. C. H. Francis, the tenor soloist, possesses a remarkable voice, his articulation being especially clear. Edwin W. Thomas, the deep voiced basso, is certainly a wonder. The audience was large and the programme afforded an evening's thorough enjoyment."

An expert has been employed by the local Government to investigate the matter of the Ben Jonson tomb being on any of our fruit trees.

Local and Special News.

To Rent—Shop occupied by E. L. Fisher.

—May 10th is Arbor Day in the public schools.

—Sally Hays—the noblest to be found in the town. Strong & Whitman.

—Prof. Zera Semon, the magician, died at Philadelphia on April 15.

—The public examinations in the town schools are taking place this week.

—Our stock of New Wrappers now complete. Strong & Whitman.

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In South Africa.

The Posters representative of the London Mail telegraph: "The next six weeks will see a campaign of active campaigning."

Lord Kitchener will renew his campaigning. He has an army of 200,000 soldiers ready for service.

The army is in good spirits and Lord Kitchener is satisfied with the progress of the campaign.

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