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AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

—Russia raises more than three times as many bushels of rye as she does of wheat.

—It is estimated that the value of the hay crop grown annually in the United States is \$400,000,000.

—At the Regina, N. W. T., fair, an Indian took second prize for the best wheat in competition with white settlers.

—Two hundred and forty bushels to the acre, says the *Maine Farmer*, is called a fair average yield of potatoes this season in Arrostook Co.

—Returns from thirty-six points in the Hudson Valley make the gross tonnage of grapes in that section 5,000 tons in excess of last year's crop.

—Australia has 75,000,000 sheep, and last year exported 435,000,000 pounds of wool. It is claimed that the Merino fleece has improved under the Australian climate.

—The United Kingdom's requirements of foreign wheat and flour during the present crop year are variously estimated at from 144,000,000 to 152,000,000 bushels.

—Within the last twenty-nine years, the area under wheat in Ireland has been reduced fifty-seven per cent, that under oats over twenty per cent, and that under potatoes twenty per cent.

—The Northwest four mills continue to ship flour abroad heavily, sending as much during late weeks as 10,000 barrel daily. Millers believe wheat is cheap at present prices, and are turning as much of it into flour as they can.

—The sale of the great Glenview stud, took place at Louisville, Ky., last week. Bidding was spirited, because the animals comprise some of the highest bred trotting stock in the world. The stallion Pan-east, record, 2:21, brought \$28,000, and Nutwood, record, 2:18, was knocked down for \$22,000.

—The colt recently purchased by Charles C. Gardner, Esq., of Prince Edward Island, in Kentucky, at the sale of the high-bred stock at the Stud Farm for \$1,710, is according to the account given in the *New York Herald*, one of the best bred colts in Kentucky. He is a yearling, got by Nutwood, who sold at the same sale for \$22,000, and his dam, Precipit, by Pecoset, who sold at the same time at public auction for the magnificent sum of \$28,000. This is the cream of good and fashionable breeding. The breeders of Prince Edward Island will now have as good an opportunity to breed trotters as those of Kentucky.

—Lieutenant Governor Dewdney, in his address to the North-West Council on Thursday last, said that "On the 1st of January last there were 48 Protestant and 11 Roman Catholic schools established in the Territories—in all 59 schools. To-day there are 76 Protestant and 14 Roman Catholic schools—in all 90—showing an increase of 31 schools. The 76 Protestant schools represent a school population of 2,253, and the 14 Catholic schools 533, in all 2,786 pupils. In addition five petitions are now pending for the erection of new districts, with an estimated school-population of 140."

—The Bay Chaleur railway now building from Metapedia to Paspébie, a distance of about 100 miles, is progressing very rapidly. About 1,000 men and 100 horses are employed. The contractor expects to have thirty miles completed by the end of the year. This road runs through a good farming country, and when completed will no doubt open up a large trade in fish and lumber.

—There is a class of women in Boston who impose upon dealers in the floor goods by having jewelry, rugs, books, pottery, etc., "sent on approval," which, after they are used for the occasion, are returned. These fashionable spongers are now classed into a "black list" by the retail merchants as rapidly as they are discovered.

—Last year the Duke of Westminster's English colt Ormonde won three races of the value of \$15,080. This season he has proved successful in the Two Thousand, the Derby, the St. James' Palace stakes and the Hardwicke stakes at Ascot, and the St. Leger, the five races amounting to \$85,565.

—The Canadian anthracite company has been formed to work the coal mines near Banff. The C. O. R. has given a favorable schedule of freight rates. The company propose to ship as far east as Montreal and to supply California and the north western states.

—The Jewish population of Jerusalem is constantly increasing, and now numbers 18,000. This is the largest number that has lived in the sacred city at one time since the destruction by Titus in 70 A. D.

—The longest span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph in India over the river Kistnah, between Vizagapat and Secynguram. It is more than 6,000 feet in length and 1,200 feet high.

—A party question—"What time do you think they will have supper?"

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Mr. Gladstone's Home.

A HANDSOME CASTELLATED MANSION IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EXTENSIVE PARK.

(Annie S. Down, in *Christian at work*.)

Six miles from Chester, in Flintshire, Wales, Hawarden Castle, the residence of Mr. Gladstone, but the property of his wife, who inherited it from her father, Sir Stephen Glynn. Spelled Hawarden, it is a walled town, when pronounced correctly, Hadden. The parish of Hawarden numbers about 13,000 acres, and of these 9,000 belong to the Gladstone estate. The village in itself neither pretty nor picturesque, is outside the gates of the park which stretches away grandly from the manor house. Oaks, limes, or lindens, and elms, are thickly set over the ground, and at the left, on a commanding height, is the ruin of the ancient castle, with its magnificent ivy, and its tradition of more than ten centuries, looks down somewhat haughtily upon its castellated successor, which is now the home of the greatest living statesman of the age. There can be no doubt but Mr. Gladstone is the most eminent of all the owners of Hawarden, though there have been De Montforts, Montbaltos and Stanleys. The last lost it when Earl Lorne was beheaded, in 1657. A Sergeant Glynn bought it under the Sequestration Act passed by Parliament in the same year, and for a song. He was an ancestor of Mrs. Gladstone, and his portrait hangs over the mantel in his drawing-room, but who is not very proud of his record. At the northern end of the village is the church, a plain, low building, with a squat tower and a dwarf spire. The interior having been totally destroyed by fire about thirty years since, it has been restored at a great cost, and with some taste. Of this church the Premier's second son, Stephen Gladstone, is rector, and the living is said to be worth \$3,000 a year, exclusive of the rectory. Mr. Stephen Gladstone is an earnest and instructive preacher, and much beloved by his parishioners, but it is not for the sake of hearing him that the great crowds flock to Hawarden Church, for they only come when his father is known to be present. Almost directly in front as you enter the church is the reading desk, where every Sunday, when he is at home, Mr. Gladstone reads the lesson of the day, rising for that purpose from the wooden bench which is his usual seat. He joins heartily in response and song, but listens to the sermon with his head thrown back and eyes partially closed, and only in that attitude does an observer see how much paler than formerly is his gaunt and rugged face. When he leaves the church and passes through a narrow lane, which leads to his son's house, all state and ceremony are cast aside, and only in that attitude does an observer see how much paler than formerly is his gaunt and rugged face. When he leaves the church and passes through a narrow lane, which leads to his son's house, all state and ceremony are cast aside, and only in that attitude does an observer see how much paler than formerly is his gaunt and rugged face.

He is very popular in the neighborhood, making himself acquainted with the opinions of all classes of men, taking an interest in the young men's debating society, and is accessible to his tenants, and the villagers to such an extent that it is doubtful if they do not think Mr. Gladstone owes as much to Hawarden as Hawarden does to Mr. Gladstone. Indeed, an old dame boasts that she frequently tells him all that is in her mind, and a couple of very mild-looking old men often come to his library "to let him know how the last speech of his son-in-law in Hawarden." Mrs. Gladstone has a large orphanage for girls close to her own house, in the stable-yard, where they are carefully taught to use their hands as well as their minds, and are watched over tenderly until time proves they are able to live honest, useful lives. Mrs. Gladstone has often held the post of matron to the orphanage for a month at a time, and it is told in the village as evidence of her remarkable liberality of opinion that if the parents of the orphans had been Dissenters the children were not only permitted but encouraged to attend the chapel instead of the church. Strangers are allowed free access to the park and ruins of Hawarden, and we had no difficulty in procuring admission to the orphanage. I have even known of persons being admitted to go through the house itself, which is not a show place, and chiefly remarkable for its numerous books, which are not only in Mr. Gladstone's study and library, but in every one of the living rooms. In his study he has a table for the daily work, a library table, a political and theological one, another for letter-writing, and so on. Over the alcove devoted to Homer, Virgil, Horace, Spencer and Shakespeare are busts and pictures not only of the men themselves, but of their friends and of places connected with them. Over Mrs. Gladstone's desk is a fine portrait of her husband painted by Millais. As there is no public library in Hawarden, every one of the many thousand volumes belonging to the library of the castle is freely lent, the villagers coming to select upon a specific day of the week, when a member of the household acts as librarian.

—Being rebuked for wearing out stockings at the toes, a little urchin replied that it couldn't be helped—'tosses wriggled, and heels didn't.

—A female witness in an Illinois court testified that she was 14 years old and had been married five years.

General Booth.

The following extracts are from the *Star's* report of address at Mgr. Booth:

When General Booth came to the front of the platform there was a storm of applause. His patriarchal flowing beard, his benign, benevolent appearance at once impressed the vast audience favorably, and when the soft, kindly greeting which he made them had been delivered he had already captured the hearts of his audience. Many of the most sceptical, who went there last night for a look or out of mere curiosity, acknowledged that the General's common sense appeals had not been made in vain. The subjects of his remarks was "What I know of the Salvation Army." Outside of Great Britain the Army was prospering in a manner which surprised the enemies of the cause, but which filled the hearts of the Christian world with hope. He had the Salvation Army colors flying in nineteen different countries, in which there were 1650 corps and over 4000 salaried officers. He had eighteen different newspapers advocating the cause, printed in nine different languages. The Army holds 1,465,400 meetings per year. During the last four years nineteen rescues have been opened and 1775 poor fallen girls have been rescued for time and many for eternity; no less than 65 per cent. of this number have not only been restored to virtue and morality, but to lives of holiness and purity before God by the Blood of Jesus. In connection with the Prison Guards brigades 2750 disaffected prisoners have been taken to the drawing-room, but who is not very proud of his record. At the northern end of the village is the church, a plain, low building, with a squat tower and a dwarf spire. The interior having been totally destroyed by fire about thirty years since, it has been restored at a great cost, and with some taste. Of this church the Premier's second son, Stephen Gladstone, is rector, and the living is said to be worth \$3,000 a year, exclusive of the rectory. Mr. Stephen Gladstone is an earnest and instructive preacher, and much beloved by his parishioners, but it is not for the sake of hearing him that the great crowds flock to Hawarden Church, for they only come when his father is known to be present. Almost directly in front as you enter the church is the reading desk, where every Sunday, when he is at home, Mr. Gladstone reads the lesson of the day, rising for that purpose from the wooden bench which is his usual seat. He joins heartily in response and song, but listens to the sermon with his head thrown back and eyes partially closed, and only in that attitude does an observer see how much paler than formerly is his gaunt and rugged face. When he leaves the church and passes through a narrow lane, which leads to his son's house, all state and ceremony are cast aside, and only in that attitude does an observer see how much paler than formerly is his gaunt and rugged face.

—The Engineering and Mining Journal has the following: The mountain of copper at Sudbury, Ontario, certified to by Sir George Stephen, Jones its importance as we hear more about it. We understand that it is a large body of pyrrhotite (magnetic iron pyrites), carrying specimens of which may carry from 8 to 13 per cent. of copper. No silver ore or gold, as was reported, was found in it. The copper is not abundant in the ore, and as the pyrrhotite is worthless for acid-making, the mountain is likely to bring forth little offspring for its labor.

—Gen. Boulanger is becoming so prominent a person in France, if not in European politics, that it will interest many people to hear that he is half an Englishman by descent, and also a native of England. His mother was a Miss Griffiths, and he was born at Brighton, and spent his earliest years there—as he himself says, his first recollections are of the time he played on the Chain Pier. Gen. Boulanger is in the prime of life, being barely 45; a small, soldier-like figure, straight and well set up, with a clever powerful face, and not a gray hair in his head.

—A rich mica mine has been discovered in the township of Mothven, Ontario. About two hundred tons have been blasted and one piece of pure mica has been obtained weighing thirty pounds; it has been sent to New York for examination. It is pure and white, and the promise is very good. Only six feet of depth has been explored; the mica is better as they go down. There are ten acres of it.

—The North-West Council has done a wise thing in appointing a committee to report upon the subject of prairie fires and recommend such amendments to the present ordinance as will secure greater immunity against loss from this cause.

—The difference between a man and a dog is that they will go into a saloon together and the dog will come out perfectly sober.

—Princess Beatrice expects to have need of a cradle towards the end of next month.

The Brant Memorial.

UNVEILED WITH MUCH CEREMONY BY LIEUT. GOVERNOR ROBESON.

BRANTFORD, Ont., October 13.—The Brant memorial monument was unveiled today. The centre of the monument is a heroic figure of Brant, nine feet high. On either side of the Cornish gray granite pedestal are groups, each representing three chiefs of the Mohawk, Tuscarora, Seneca, Oneida, Onondaga and Cayuga tribes. On the front of the pedestal is a trophy in which the weapons, hunting and sporting tools of the warriors are artistically united. On the lower bases of the pedestal are the scenes of Indian life in camp and on the warpath, worked in relief. The cost of the monument was \$16,000. The British Government contributing the cannon used in casting the bronzes. At 12 o'clock a procession was formed at the Indian office, and proceeding through the principal streets, halted at Victoria Park, in the centre of which it is erected. When all had reached the park the ceremony of unveiling was commenced by singing two verses of the hundredth Psalm. The Rev. Dr. Cochran then offered up prayer. Mr. Allan Cloghorne, ex-president of the Brant Memorial Association, addressed His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, tendering him a hearty welcome. When the president had concluded his address, the Lieutenant Governor unveiled the statue of Brant, and the sculptor, Mr. Percy Woods, handed the cord to twelve Indian chiefs, who unveiled the groups and bas-reliefs. As this was done a tremendous cheer went forth from the large assembly. The Lieutenant Governor expressed his thanks for the cordial address presented him, and congratulated the president on the achievement of the great undertaking. This was simply mingled with the unveiling of the monument, and then sung by a chorus of one hundred voices. Mr. Cloghorne then addressed Mayor Heyd, and Mr. Heyd, on behalf of the city, replied that he had much pleasure in accepting this magnificent work of art, and thanked the Brant memorial association, and that it is impossible to establish trade between them and the Upper Provinces. The cotton industry alone is a refutation of these statements. The six mills now running employ about 2,000, and the following figures show "approximately" their output and export to Ontario and Quebec:—

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Gilbert 200,000 100,000

This the Upper Provinces take about 75 per cent. of the whole output. A seventh mill, it is true, has shut down, but that is due to the fact that the projectors started a \$500,000 mill on a capital of \$170,000.

—Lord Palmerston, riding in the New Forest, asked a time-honored name, and learned that it was Purkins. He then asked if he was descended from the lime-burner of his name, who carried away the corpse of William Rufus, and Purkins said "Yes." Mentioning this, Palmerston said: "I have a high honor of conversing with the honest workingman, who is descended from the oldest family and bears the oldest surname in England." This is a historical fact.

—But 5,000 barrels of herring have been taken on the Labrador coast this year. The usual catch is about 100,000 barrels. In many places the coast cod fisheries of Newfoundland have proved a total failure, but the bank fisheries have been unusually good. Twenty-three miles of new railway line and several public roads opening agricultural districts are now under construction in the Island.

—Sir John Slone, of England, died in 1837, in accordance with his will, 22 years in Lincoln's Inn Fields had been sealed and unopened since his death. They will be examined on Nov. 22, as the will provides. Their contents are a mystery. Do they contain art treasures or a family skeleton? has become a question of interest in London.

—Stunks are very plentiful at British Columbia, and many of them are being killed. Chinamen consider them a luxury, and hunt them with eagerness. They declare that the flavor of the flesh is equal to that of spring chicken.

—This season's shipments of tea over the Canada Pacific Railway will amount to nearly eight millions of pounds.

—A piece of land was sold in the city of London the other day at the rate of \$10,000,000 per acre.

A Throne for Sale

From the *Ligon Union*.

King Kalakua has been over a year trying to sell his throne for \$14,000,000. He thinks the throne trade is pretty quiet. We did intend to buy it ourselves, but money will be pretty tight with us until after election. If we go into the throne business at all, we want a "corner" in thrones; but we think we can safely tell Kalakua and all the other throne vendors that we will buy their wares after all our subscribers have paid up their subscriptions.

Contributor—I have brought you a paper on the battle of Gettysburg.

Popular Magazine Editor—Very well. But you look rather yvelling to have been present at the battle. I suppose it is the product of personal observation?

"Well, not altogether. You see, I wasn't exactly present, having been born the year the war closed, but I have called everybody who ever wrote about it before Iars, and—"

"That's all that's necessary. Your paper is accepted."—*Chicago News*.

On the Ragged Edge.

She: "Why, Charles! how can you call Miss James plain? I wish I was half as good looking as she is."

He: "You are, Hattie, and you know it."

At last "advice" Hattie was endeavoring to decide whether she ought to be pleased or offended at the compliment.

Irate Guest—"What do you call that?"

Hotel Proprietor—"Batter, sir."

Irate Guest—"Why, I'd as soon eat axle-grease as that butter!"

Proprietor—"John, run out to the stable and get the gentleman some axle-grease."

"Darringer, that was polite in you to give your seat to that lady in the car this morning."

"Well, yes, Bromley. I always try to be polite. I was extremely embarrassed, however."

"What at?"

"She thanked me. It was so unexpected that it almost took my breath."

—A young man and a young woman of Peoria, Ill., have made a wager upon the Congressional election. If the candidate in question wins, the girl agrees to marry the man. If he loses, the man agrees to marry the girl.

—The girl who never screams when she sees a snake isn't a safe girl to marry. With her calm, cool, unexcitable disposition she would hit where she aims with the rolling-pin every time.

—What do you grow on this land? he inquired of a farmer who was leaning over a fence inspecting a particularly barren piece of ground. "Grow lazy," was the satisfactory reply.

—Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; never spend your money before you have it.

—The wax candles used in the churches of Russia, during a single year, cost \$1,000,000.

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