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Agriculture.

Charlotte County Agricultural Society.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Charlotte Co. Agricultural Society, was held in Paul's Hall, St. Andrews, on Thursday 28th inst.

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The past season, in the early part thereof, was remarkably dry and free from rain, as a result thereof, the Turnip Crop, which in this section of the country, is a very important one, was delayed in growth, and the yield to a very appreciable extent diminished.

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A Good Word for the Jerseys.

The testimony regarding "Jerseys" is rather conflicting. We lately quoted the opinion of Mr. J. B. Wallace, in favor of the Guernseys as a larger and harder breed, of the same fine milk producing race.

Sheep Nomenclature.

Sheep breeders in England apply to their sheep, a number of terms not used, and little known on this side of the water.

For instance, the male is called a ram, as here, also a tup. While with his mother, he is called a tup or ram lamb, a heeler, and in some parts of the west of England a pur lamb.

THE SEASON FOR EDUCATION.

Every farmer should possess a few books on the art of agriculture, for reading add study during the winter months, as we know that it pays well to seek hints from the experience of other workers in the same field.

WELL-KEPT FARM.

A well ordered farm, well chosen stock, comfortable buildings, a neatly-kept garden, road way or entrance way, gates well hung, fences well kept, shade trees, ornamental shrubbery, paint without and whitewash within—all these are worth more to the farmer in money value than a few hundred dollars carelessly scraped together and jealously hoarded and loaned to needy neighbors at interest.

Soluble and Reverted Phosphate.

It is known that phosphate of lime may occur in three forms in our common phosphatic manures; one insoluble in water, another soluble, and a third standing between the others, being insoluble in pure water, but, unlike the insoluble phosphate, soluble in a solution of ammonium citrate; the last is what is known as the reverted phosphate, or, as it is sometimes called, precipitated phosphate.

In order to throw some light on the disputed question Petermann, in Belgium, manured oats in pots with soluble and reverted phosphate, and obtained the same yield with both. In the following year, 1877, he continued the experiments, and with wheat obtained similar results; with peas a little better crop, even, was obtained with the reverted phosphate.

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Renovating Worn Soils.

We copy a letter from a correspondent of the Country Gentleman on the subject upon which the Secretary of the Charlotte Co. Agricultural Society touches in his Report, which we publish in another column. The letter was written in answer to an enquiry touching the speediest, practical and cheapest mode of recuperating worn out land, with red clover.

Red clover, lime and gypsum are by far the cheapest fertilizers within our reach. It is not so essential that a coat of green clover be plowed under, as it is to have a good crop of clover on the ensuing crop.

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He like Mr. Curry took an interest in the success of our Society, was for several years a member of the Committee of Management, but being of a quiet manner, did not so actively engage in the work as did Mr. Curry.

It is seldom that we have to record the death of two of our members in one year; and their decease is a solemn warning to us all, and in solemn tones saith to us, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

About the time we presented to you our last Annual Report, the ramblings of war, were heard all over Europe, and at one time, Old England, had determined, that her interests required, that she should say to the Northern Bear, "stop, thy ravages must proceed no further, thou must return to thy lair again," and in order to enforce obedience to her command, the guns were loaded, the hand was on the sword, and British tars, and soldiers stood "ready eye ready," for the signal which would have led to mortal combat. But by the great skill of British Statesmen war was happily averted and the premier, was able on his return to England, to announce to the nation, that he had brought peace, with honor, and the world hoped for its continuance; but even while we address you, our countrymen, are engaged in battle, in the dreadful passes of the mountains bordering upon Afghanistan in India, pouring out their blood in defence of the honor of that "Meteor Flag of England," which has braved "a thousand years the battle and the breeze," and which, although it may "hang to the mast, a shattered wreck, will never float over a slave." It must to-night be the prayer of every loyal heart, that success will crown their efforts, and that right speedily.

Since last we met together in Annual Meeting, the gentleman who by favor of our Queen, held the high and honorable position of Governor General of this Dominion, has at the expiration of his term of office, taken his departure from our shores. Nothing that we can say, can in any adequate sense, illustrate how strong a hold he and his amiable wife, the Countess of Dufferin had taken of the affections of our people, we trust that they may long be spared in honor, happiness and prosperity, and we feel assured that should Lord Dufferin be again called upon to serve Her Majesty, he will do so in such a manner, as to add new lustre to his name.

To-night, in another part of our Dominion, thousands of our fellow countrymen, are engaged in giving a right loyal Canadian welcome to the Princess Louise, daughter of our beloved Queen, who comes to our shores as the wife of our newly appointed Governor General, the Marquis of Lorne. Right welcome are they both, and may our Dominion increase in importance and wealth, under their gentle rule, and may they find in Canadian hearts and homes, a full equivalent for those they left behind. In conclusion we tender to the members of the society our thanks for their kind co-operation and support, without which, any efforts made by us, would have been in vain. We urge upon all, this fifty ninth anniversary of our society, the continuance and cultivation of that bearing with their kind co-operation and support, without which, any efforts made by us, would have been in vain.

Another educator is the Agricultural Newspaper, we cannot help thinking, that every farmer who does not subscribe for a good Agricultural Journal is guilty of a blunder, and a crime against his children. While we do not wish to say a word against agricultural papers, published in another country, we must say that in our humble judgement a paper published in our own province, ought to be first considered, for it is more apt to contain information on farm culture suited to our own immediate locality, than will be found in papers elsewhere published. In this connection we would invite attention, to the Agriculturist, a paper published in Fredericton, and would urge upon our people its claims for a generous support.

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nature's plan, even as shown in the fence corners of the farm, and it will be seen that it enriches the soil.

That plan is every year to return to the soil something in the shape of fertilizers, and thus keep gaining a little every season. Will it pay to continue the present style of exhausting husbandry, or turn over a new leaf, and go to work scientifically, and make farms more productive? The Rev. gentleman also said he would rather start upon an old farm, than upon a new one with all the difficulties and trials incident to the latter.

On working an old worn out farm, he found his first mistake was in the idea that he could restore fertility to the soil by applying manure; he found it was too costly a method, as he could not procure enough on the farm. He then tried another plan; another agent about which farmers seemed to know little, and used less, the fertilizing properties of which were discovered simultaneously by a chemist in England, and a practical farmer in New York state—was red clover—and this he tried with perfect success.

Timothy was nearly as exhaustive in its effect as a grain crop. Clover, unlike any other crop, actually seemed to increase the fertility of the soil, instead of decreasing it. Its long, tap root strikes deep down into the soil, with its countless fibres pumps up the nutritious elements from the subsoil, and brings them upon the surface of the ground; while the broad leaves draw from the air ammonia. Although it is supposed that all leaves absorb ammonia from the air, the clover leaf is the only one that has been "caught in the act." Plaster, which fixes ammonia, is therefore a most valuable material to apply by sowing on clover fields, and increases the yield in a reasonable degree. Thus it is seen that what the tap root does below ground surface, the leaf does in the atmosphere. A farmer with a hundred acres of land can keep enough stock to manure about ten acres, and no more, but by care he can fertilize another ten acres, by means of clover, and by this method the whole farm could soon be brought up to a higher state of fertility. Our farmers loose manure by the wretched way in which they keep their barnyards exposed to all kinds of weather, which rapidly destroys the fertilizing properties of manure.

We would urge upon farmers the necessity of organization, meeting together frequently in clubs for the interchange of ideas; farmers as a rule too much neglect this. Why is it that farmers send so few from their own ranks to represent them in Parliament? Is it because the farming interest are of so little importance, no, a thousand times, no, for upon it the whole superstructure of society rests; for without bread we cannot live. But there is more than bread required. The intellect must be cultivated, advantage must be taken of the means of education placed within our reach by the Common Schools of the Country, and then by meeting with each other in your clubs or societies, you will in presence of your fellows learn to express your ideas without embarrassment, and thus cultivate the art of speech which will enable you to advocate the claims, the interests, the rights of your class, in our Legislative Halls.

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Of 1574 male convicts discharged in England last year, 920 were convicted by prisoners' bill societies.

Mr. Lighton has been elected President of the Royal Academy, in the room of the late Sir Francis Grant.

All the principal streets of London are paved with wood, which is found to be proved incomparably superior to all other kinds of roadway.

A firm in England is negotiating with a Toronto export firm for 2000 of grade Durham cattle, and 50000 of grade Dorset sheep, to be delivered before next June.

Year by year public opinion is steadily turning against the Lord Mayor's show. Its utility and want of dignity is admitted on all hands, and it is considered a decided nuisance to boot.

Lord Dufferin, in passing down Pall Mall, on his way to the Colonial Office, on the day of his return to London, was loudly cheered by gentlemen at the windows of the Carlton, Reform and Travellers Clubs.

There has been the greatest fall of snow in England and Scotland known for many years. Business in various places has been quite suspended, travel being impossible, the Queen has taken her usual drives on sledges.

Two mounted constables were taking a thief to prison in Nevada. As they were going through some fields, the thief's horse fell to the ground, the cords of the hind legs having been cut by ambushed friends of the thief, and he escaped.

During the last three years about \$3,000,000 have been collected for charitable purposes by the Mayors of London. In 1876 the sum realized was about \$1,900,000; in 1877, the latest figures, it was \$2,475,000; this year the figures are about \$2,425,000.

Miss Sallie Ward of Kentucky was an American beauty of wide celebrity some thirty years ago. Her father, John Ward, was a well known lawyer, and she was married to Mr. J. Bigelow Lawrence of Boston, from whom she was divorced, and afterwards married to Mr. J. M. Duffin, both of whom died. The Washington Post says that she is soon to marry Mayor Down of Louisville.

It may interest Freemasons to learn that on the 4th inst., the Rev. C. C. Coughton and Prince Leopold were advanced to the 33rd, at the headquarters of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33rd degree, in the Grand Temple of the Order. The ceremony was performed by Lord Skelmersdale, the Sovereign Grand Commander, assisted by the other members of the Supreme Council.

The Echo says that the abominable scandals which flood the newspapers are enough to arouse the indignation and passionate wrath of every true-minded man and woman. The tone of "Society" is more unbecomingly than it has been since the days of Charles II., and the return of the days when had a Court which was a model of purity and a terror to evildoers.

A state of appalling distress and destitution exists among the peasantry of the district of Shillid in consequence of the business depression. Hundreds of persons are living in tenements, without clothing or furniture, which they have been forced to pawn for food. They are without fuel, and dependent upon the charity of their neighbours for subsistence. The Mayor is expected to public meet to devise measures of relief.

Commander Cameron, the African traveler, who is on his way to survey the overland route to India, has been astonished by the nature of the roads, and the state of the streets of that town in the following couplet:—A white sun helmet, red puggaree, light tweed suit, coat cut short, leather belt, with pistols in case, on each hip, cartridge pouches, and heavy hunting-knife; and heavy boots, half-way up the thigh, studded at top.

The Shah of Persia refused, two years ago, the application of an English company to reconstruct the dams of Awaz, which would enable a great part of the province of Arak to be irrigated by the waters of the Karoon, and rendered fertile, as in former days. He has now ceded the right to a French company, together with a large area of territory. The work will begin in 1878. The company will also have the preference over others in irrigating other regions.

The Perth Courier finds that during the past two years the quantity of phosphate of lime exported from the district of Perth is nearly 10,000 tons of phosphate. This enormous amount has all been brought into Kingston either by the Rideau Canal or by waggon from the adjoining townships. The average price paid for the material during 1877 was \$10 per ton, and during 1878, \$12 per ton. This was a great rise, as the material was sold for \$8 per ton in 1876, and \$10 per ton in 1875.

Anna Jameson wrote, in a letter printed in her recently published Memoirs, just after the coronation of Queen Victoria, "As to the Queen, poor child, she went through her part beautifully; and when she returned, looking pale and tremulous, crowd, and holding up her hands in a gesture of attitude which said 'I have it and I shall still wrestle with it'; even Arthur, who was standing near me, uttered a low, earnest blessing on her calm, brave, and heroic spirit. Kings and Queens rarely superfluous."

The Russian papers have lately contained reports about a band of robbers which have appeared lately in the district of Rostov, and has spread through all the neighboring region. It is said to be over 200 strong. The Captain is reported to be a peasant woman of singular beauty, who was previously connected with a gang of forgers of rouble-notes. The Russian Government is now taking measures for procuring the arrest of this female chief, that it has set a price of \$11,250 upon her head.

It is stated in the society papers in England that the Princess Thyra of Denmark, who is now engaged to the Duke of Cambridge, filled the Prince Imperial. There is no doubt that the couple were what the London cabmen call "wary nuts" on each other for a time. But the fair Princess, who has a terrible reputation as a flirt and hard-bitten woman of the world; and when Lulu, as the Prince's pet name is, and mamma, and the heir of the great Napoleon was frozen out of Copenhagen.

It will interest students of Shakespeare to learn that the first volume of his plays the scenes of which are laid in antiquity has been published in France. The author, M. Paul Stapfer, a professor of literature at Grenoble, has examined and examined all the possible sources of Shakespeare's information about antiquity. Though there is much in the book that is familiar to English readers, the general treatment is novel, and the results of the researches of the English and German students of our great poet are summarized with all the neatness of a French critic.

"Great ceremonies are necessary," says the Railway News, "to get a train off in Germany. When all is ready a bell rings. Then another bell rings. Then the engine whistles, too-too-too-tings. Then the conductor tells the stationmaster that all is ready. Then the stationmaster says 'Soy?' Then the conductor shouts 'Fortig!' positively. Then the stationmaster bows a lair; the engine whistles; the bell rings; the other bell rings; the stationmaster says 'Soy?'—the passengers swear a various tongue—and the train starts. That is the manner in which the train leaves a station in Germany. It is a very curious way which they do it all over again."

Hon. G. H. Pope's definition of the Immigration policy of the Government will find favor with the country. He says, "To invite immigration from Europe just now would be a most unwise policy. Every immigrant we might bring in would be disappointed, and would consequently become a missionary against us, and therefore he did not at present propose to exceed what would be beneficial, and in putting such changes in the system, and putting forth such renewed efforts as would result in bringing the surplus population from Europe to our shores. There was ample room for all, and he believed the policy of the Government would hasten the day when we could offer substantial inducements to all who chose to come."

In the second story of one of the low, rickety wooden buildings on the east side of Chatham Street, in humble apartments, there lives one of the most curious of human mortals. It is a boy, or man, 21 years of age, 6 months old, having been born in 1857, that it is in all respects, physically and mentally, nothing more than an overgrown infant. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Jean, of No. 105 Chatham Street, industrious French people. The child was born on the 10th of June, 1857, and was named Jules. Up to his eighth month he did not differ from other children; but at that age he was taken sick with measles, and for six months it was thought that he could not survive. He died, however, following rapidly upon another. His last illness, and the one to which his parents ascribe his deformity, was one that baffled the attending physician, and is described by the father as "the English disease." Both physical and mental growth seemed to be arrested by this disease. The boy is not quite three feet high, but measures four feet around the waist, being immoderately corpulent. His head is flattened, but looks large for his body, being more than two feet in circumference. His hands and feet are exceedingly small, like those of a year-old child. His hair is black, and his eyes are blue. He is very active with his hands and feet, and is very intelligent. He speaks English, and is very much interested in the news of the day. He is very fond of reading, and has a number of books which he has examined by a number of scientists, who have all come to the conclusion that he is a perfectly healthy child. His father has been approached by many showmen, who were anxious to add him to their exhibitions, but he has declined every offer, not desiring to have his son exhibited to the public.—N. Y. Times.

King Alfonso is represented as having written to the Pope asking advice on the subject of contracting a second marriage. The Pope's answer, it is thought, will be that the second marriage is inadvisable in the present state of the Spanish monarchy. The papers, too, are beginning to discuss the subject. The King's second wife, his married sister, the Countess de Girgenti, is childless, and his younger sisters are unmarried, and the throne is in the hands of the King's only son, the Prince of Asturias. The King's second marriage would be a serious one, inasmuch as a contested succession or a weak Regency in the hands of the King's second wife would probably bring about in Europe another '48.

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For the "Agriculturist."  
The Wimbledon Rifle Team.

Sir,—In my letter published in the Daily Telegraph a few weeks since, pointing out the necessity of a change in the selecting of the Canadian twenty who annually proceed to Wimbledon, I omitted giving into detail on the team shooting and organization, and would now ask the marksmen of the Dominion (who have not before read the National Rifle Association Report of Great Britain for 1877, to carefully peruse the few extracts taken from Lieut. Col. Pease's report published in said country, and to be particularly attentive to the accompanying British Rifle Team, commanded by Sir Henry Halford to Crevelore, last season.

I may also add that I think it advisable, and I agree with "Members" letter in the Telegraph, that officers of the Team should be only selected from those that have served as active marksmen.

The man selected as Captain should possess great tact and firmness, should be devoid of anything like "fussiness," and should have had so much experience that the Team generally would be ready to give cheerful obedience to all his directions.

In my opinion there should be but one "coach" for the whole of the Team, and would of course be open to him, to call, as stated above, for the whole of the Team, in all circumstances.

The Captain would, I think, as stated above, better employ in filling the office of Coach than in shooting.

The Coach should watch every current of air, every change of wind, and every peculiarity of the weather, and should be ready to advise the presenters, and not elevating to the presenters, and ought, like all marksmen, to be much taught.

If the presentation of addresses has grown to be a nuisance, daily newspaper reports of the movements of great people, or of any public event, are coming to be an annoyance, and it is an individual, however, which need not affect any one, as no one is compelled to read them. Your modern reporter leaves nothing to the imagination of his readers, he jots down the most obvious and trivial facts with complacency, and thinks that the more lengthy his report is made, the more graphic it is. He is happy if he can procure a list of names that will fill a column, and he is glad to describe the individuals named, as he can get the slightest mention in it. He is fond of describing ladies' costumes, and if he can only lengthen his report by a line or two, will describe the cut and colour of a man's coat. He is particularly fond of drawing distinguished personages' portraits in pen and ink, and always egregiously fails to convey any correct idea. They are only a list of names, which sometimes they are taken from photographs, which sometimes they are the daily papers. He never draws a line between what is pertinent to notice and what is proper to mention. His spirit of curiosity grows till he loses all judgement as to what is right for him to say or leave unsaid, and he feels to create a very unhealthy feeling in the public whom he serves.

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The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise

They have taken up their abode in Rideau Hall. They have been delighted with their reception, and are now, no doubt, equally delighted that it is over. Surely never was potentate or prince, governor or any other man, so addressed before. He must be more than mortal, if he has not more than once, in the course of his progress, muttered to himself, "to please open your addresses." The custom of presenting addresses seems to be growing; if Shakespeare's line is true of any custom, it is true of that particular one, it is "more honored in the breach than the observance." In the case of the arrival of a distinguished personage like a governor, general, or an address from the whole body of the people might very well be presented. Formerly, previous to the arrival, a committee might be formed in the capital, and meetings held all over the country, and the resolutions of welcome passed, be forwarded to the committee who might then draw up an address embodying the general sentiments of those resolutions. The presentation of the address might be committed to the hands of some dignitary of the land. What a blessed relief it would be to the distinguished personage to think that the business was over once for all. Why should the members of every corporation, society, the heads of institutions in every city, town and village in which the distinguished personage stops, come forward with an address of mingled welcome, compliment and flattery? The presentation of an address is a dreary business, wearisome to the presenter and not elevating to the presenters, and ought, like all marksmen, to be much taught.

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