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THE PROVINCIAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

Some interest should be taken in the annual meeting of the Provincial Farmers' Association of New Brunswick which opens in this city to-morrow afternoon.

There will be a representative attendance, and papers on important subjects will be read and discussed. It is expected that the meeting will be a most successful one.

Meetings of this character aid materially in the promotion of our varied interests. Mechanical and professional pursuits are done much to their influence.

The meeting, for instance, has been stimulated in his calling by friendly discussion of points which he has daily sought to work out to his satisfaction. He has found aid in the assistance of a brother as well as his own; he has had views confirmed by perhaps the more enlarged experience of others; and has had peculiar notes conveyed. And so with the professional man. The various services that he has rendered and will continue to render in the future will be the result of the ideas which he has picked up from the discussions of the week.

It is important, though that of which we have not space to say, that the meeting has apparently been omitted from the list and we trust that all our farmers will interest themselves in them.

TEACH THE BOYS TRADES.

Up to quite recently there has been an effort to teach the young men and boys to learn mechanical arts except through an apprenticeship to a master workman, and these, however, in the very nature of things, have been more or less restricted, according to the convenience of shop and factory proprietors. The action of the Board of Education of the upper provinces in providing for the needs of the young men who desire to acquire a trade, are precluded from doing so for any reason other than a financial one, was the first practical step in this important matter in this country. Schools of art and design are not uncommon in some of the cities of Canada and the United States, but for those waste talents and are in the direction of mechanics an open door could be made. The youth of the neighboring Republic, or at least a portion of them, are to be largely aided through the munificence of J. V. Williamson, of Philadelphia, who has set aside \$100,000 for the establishment of the "Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades." In this institution manual labor and intellectual culture will be in hand. As a result of these movements a few years will witness the output of a fine body of educated mechanics. These movements cannot be stopped, and conflict as they may with the old form of apprenticeship and with the various industries, are bound to supersede them. The wisest and best course for the mechanics of the present to take will be to meet these innovations, not with opposition, but by an earnest effort to acquire fuller knowledge of the industries in which they are employed, to the end that they may be able to hold their own under the changed order of things.

SETTLEMENT IN MANITOBA.

Manitoba has just closed, during the year which has just closed, shows the return of immigration to have exceeded that of the year, fully six hundred thousand. As the great bulk of the land was taken up in quarter sections, very few acquiring more than 160 acres, it shows that about 4,000 farmers have been added to the population within twelve months. Estimated at an average of three to a family, this makes a total increase of population from this source alone of about three thousand persons. These returns are for only a small portion of the Northwest, that is the Province of Manitoba. The statistics for the territories are not yet in, and there is no means of knowing the increase in the number of settlers for the year, but judging from the news paper reports it may be considerable.

DAKOTA DRAWBACKS.

The United States Department of Agriculture has estimated that the early frosts last fall in Dakota reduced the average yield of wheat to nine and one-half bushels per acre. The loss in Manitoba and the Northwest from the same cause is not fully known yet, but it will, according to competent authority, be very much less than the figures named for Dakota. It is estimated that the frost last year was exceptional, and might occur again in 1889, but it is well known that the frosts of nature have been farming in Dakota anything but profitable. Last year the state was deluged with rain and everyone was hopeful, but a long, dry, hot spell soon, accompanied by cold winds and storms, and it was at the end of this period that the frosts came and generally ruined the crop. The Canadian Northwest has not this variable climate, and therefore it is superior to Dakota as a farming country, but what may be said? True, while there is more in this territory now unimpaired, these 14 Manitoba

FROM THE COUNTRY.

News from the Districts about Us.

As Reported by Our Active Correspondents.

Accidents, Personal Intelligence, and Things in General.

CENTRAL HAMPSTEAD.

Several interesting items of local interest.

CENTRAL HAMPSTEAD, Jan. 12. The Women's Aid Society, of Hibernia, held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening the 9th inst. After a number of resolutions were given, accompanied by reports, an antiphonal quilt was sold for \$15. The amount raised by the sale of the quilt was \$275. The Women's Aid Society, of Hibernia, held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening the 9th inst. After a number of resolutions were given, accompanied by reports, an antiphonal quilt was sold for \$15. The amount raised by the sale of the quilt was \$275.

A Rich for Wages.

The Roman of Germany received a salary of \$750.00, and an increase to \$1,000.00 for a man who has not been in the business much more than six months. The young engineer has a good salary to his own personal worth. -St. Cathar's News.

DREAM OF HIS FEARFUL FIGHT.

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SAKVILLE-WEST'S EXPLANATION.

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