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## THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 4, 1897.

### FARM HOUSES.

It is a pleasure to drive through the better farming settlements of Prince Edward Island and make a note of the neat and comfortable houses which the farmers have in recent years provided for their wives and families. There is an air of thrift and prosperity about a small or moderate sized house, plain and painted, with an orchard and garden near by and ample barns and outbuildings in the rear, that redounds greatly to the credit of all who are connected with it. When we see such a homestead we say, "there lives a sensible and industrious farmer." But there is a growing tendency, nowadays, to extend the follies of the city into country life. We frequently see houses that were built for show rather than use,—houses that are too large for the needs of the family and that add unnecessarily to the labor and care of the housewife and her daughters,—houses adorned on the outside with costly gimcrackery; and lacking comforts inside. A farmer's house, as a citizen's house, ought to be of a size proportionate to the size of his family. It ought not to be full of comfortless, empty rooms from which only cold draughts issue to the rooms that are used. The first essential of a good farm-house is a good foundation. This should be of cut stone, forming the cellar wall, built up to the sill, and rendering the cellar frost-proof. Then there should be an ample, well-lighted kitchen, with pantries and other closets attached and convenient alike to it and to the dining room. The other rooms of the house ought to be of moderate size and so arranged as to be convenient for the housekeeper, well lighted and well ventilated, and yet easily kept comfortably warm. As much space as possible should be given on the ground floor. In this climate, in which the fall and winter and early spring winds blow cold and strong, a high house is a folly and an abomination. Let the greater part of the house be close to the ground and all the space that is not needed inside left for the winds to pass over outside—economizing fuel as well as the housewife's labor. A low house may be made to look as beautiful upon the landscape as a high house—indeed it can be made to look much more so—at much less expense. But let it be remembered that comfort, convenience and economy of space, rather than mere beauty, are the important considerations when designing a farm house.

### MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION—AGAIN.

HAVING appealed to the Pope, Messrs. Laurier, Tarte & Company are, of course, in a duty bound to enforce the decision of the Pope as to the Manitoba School Question,—that is if it is possible for them to do so. It is not surprising, therefore, to hear that they are intriguing with Lieutenant Governors Patterson and Chapleau for the purpose of obtaining the good offices of these influential gentlemen in an endeavor to smooth the way to a further concession to the claims of the Roman Catholics in conformity with the Pope's demand. We shall see whether these gentlemen can be persuaded to help the Government out of the hole they are in. It need not be pointed out that there is a straight constitutional course of procedure in this regard. But Sir Wilfrid, with Tarte at his back, prefers indirect methods. For ways that are dark, the Leader of the Government and his political director are as peculiar as "the heathen Chinese."

Come this Saturday night and see the big display of Xmas cards, booklets, calendars. The Sunnyside Bookstore is in one blaze of new bright holiday goods. Everyone welcomed to view this display of fifty novelties.—Haszard & Moore.

### ONTARIO'S CROPS.

Upon the whole the harvest of Ontario, this year, is one of the best that the Province has ever had. The following is an abstract of the official crop report:

Field Crops.	Bushels.	Per Acre.
Fall Wheat.....	23,988,051	25.2
Spring wheat.....	4,864,191	15.1
Barley.....	12,021,779	26.6
Oats.....	86,318,128	83.5
Rye.....	3,382,005	18.0
Peas.....	13,867,093	15.5
Buckwheat.....	3,464,186	22.8
Beans.....	981,340	19.4
Potatoes.....	16,106,797	95.1
Mangle Wurzels.....	18,103,307	439.7
Carrots.....	4,433,628	368.7
Turnips.....	68,297,148	457.3
Corn (for husking).....	24,663,998	73.6
	Tons.	Tons.
Corn (for silo and fodder).....	2,669,882	12.77
Hay and clover.....	3,811,518	1.63

The main differences as compared with last year are that, this year there are ten million bushels more wheat at a much better price per bushel, three million bushels more oats, a million bushels more rye, over half a million bushels more buckwheat, a million tons more of corn and a million and a half tons more of hay and clover. On the other hand, there were, this year, five million bushels less potatoes than last year, and three and a half million bushels less peas. But taken for all in all, the field crops of Ontario this year are probably worth twenty-five million dollars more than last year, and several millions more than the average for fourteen years past. In this fact we have one of the causes of Canada's continued prosperity—in spite of governmental extravagance and mal-administration.

### RAILWAY DISMISSALS.

THE Moncton Times publishes a list of those who have been dismissed from the Intercolonial Railway to make room for patriotic Liberal place-hunters. The list does not include those men who have been guillotined in this Province. But it is, nevertheless, a long one, and includes:

- 1 chief engineer.
- 2 district superintendents.
- 1 sleeping car superintendent.
- 2 store keepers.
- 2 track masters.
- 2 inspectors.
- 3 mechanical shop superintendents.
- 2 foreman carpenters.
- 31 section foremen.
- 60 trackmen.
- 6 station agents.
- 3 car inspectors.
- 6 fuel men.
- 3 tank men.
- 1 foreman blacksmith.
- 13 office clerks.
- 3 baggage masters.
- 76 miscellaneous mechanics, shopmen, pipe fitters, bridge and crossing tenders, etc.

The total is over 200, many of whom had been from 10 to 33 years in the service of the railway. Some of these men entered the service of the railway as boys. They know nothing but railway work.

Halifax Herald: Sir L. H. Davies, who is an excellent fellow in a good many ways, has the exceedingly bad habit, when on his legs, of letting his mouth run away with him. His recent speech in Toronto was simply an aggregation of the tallest kind of yarns, poured forth, no doubt, with the utmost vehemence. One of these yarns was to the effect that the late liberal conservative ministry had been negotiating for the rental of Greenshield's tan-bark road, and he even went so far as to name the price that government proposed to pay for it. An evening or two later, Mr. Foster, speaking in the same city, declared that no such idea had ever entered into the minds of the late ministry. He added: "I do not doubt that somebody wanted to sell the road, and has wanted to sell it for a good many years." And he might have gone further and stated that only a few months before the change of government the road could have been bought for about one-fourth what Blair and Tarte have agreed to pay for it.

### ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

Mail and Empire: Even the Grigs will agree that Mr. Howland gave them a good run for their money.

Montreal Gazette: Mr. Bertram's success in Centre Toronto is being spoken of in the Liberal press as Mr. Tarte's victory. With Mr. Bertram, as with other mortals, there is no rose without a thorn.

Ottawa Journal: Apparently then, Laurier's visit to Washington is to have no result as regards better trade relations with the States. The moral will be, as previously intimated, that Canada can get nothing from the United States except by giving more than value, and our public men of either party should not be blamed by any section of the people for failure to please the United States.

Montreal Star: While the rejection of Mr. Howland is, of course, a defeat for the Conservative party, the very candidature of Mr. Bertram was a triumph for Protection and the forces of Conservatism generally. Some of his majority, however may have been due to other forces which are more commonly called "devices," and which a certain minister may have had in his mind when he assured us that "elections are not made with prayers." The support of two Governments is worth a good deal on this side of the campaign.

Yarmouth Times: "Any further effort of the present Canadian Government to conciliate the United States would be certainly time wasted and a movement decidedly to be reprehended. It is the United States who should be sending delegations to Canada seeking forgiveness and trying to conciliate. Canadians have honestly and straightforwardly carried out every agreement made with the United States. We have lived up to the spirit as well as the letter of the treaties; not seeking how we could best deprive our neighbors of any advantage, but looking to it that they received all they were led to expect. We have nothing to reproach ourselves with, nothing to be blamed for. We have acted the part of good neighbors, desirous of promoting amicable relations."


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The wife of a Mr. Leblanc, of Levis, Que., has just given birth to her twenty-second child.

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### SHIP NEWS

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ENTERED.  
Dec 4—SS Wm Aitken, Batt, Pictou.

CLEARED.  
Dec 4—Joseph McGill, Himmelman, Lunenburg; Ernest de Costa, Ganion, St John's, Nfld; Athlete, Roberts, Pictou; Lucretia Jane, LeBlanc, Sydney; Charlotte, Walker, Halifax; ss Wm Aitken, Batt, Pictou.

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