

amateur gardeners. This number contains a special article by Mr. R. B. Whyte of Ottawa on "Sweet Peas"; and among other articles the following: The Variegated Calla, Hyacinths, Begonias for the Window, the Lilac, Amateur's Greenhouse, Making Cider Vinegar, A Window Box Device, Cold Storage for Fruit, etc. We advise all our readers to subscribe for this journal. Address L. Woolverton, Grimsby, Ont.

Female Prodigies.

In the Toronto Star "John of Gaunt" says:—

Long ago an exodus from the farm to the university began and to-day higher education is a subject for controversies between the sages of the schools and the practical man of affairs who prefers well-to-do farmers to starving members of over-stocked professions. But since the colleges have thrown open their doors to Canadian young women a graver problem has arisen, and one which is being vigorously discussed at present by medical men. It cannot be denied that girls between the ages of twelve and seventeen are smarter than boys of the same age. Every midsummer any number of girls, fifteen or sixteen years of age, pass severe examinations and obtain first class teachers' certificates. Boys who perform this feat are comparatively few. Science explains the supposed superior mental endowment of the weaker sex by pointing out that this cleverness is of a superficial quality. At that age a girl's brain develops very rapidly, much more quickly than a boy's, but eventually the tortoise will come in ahead of the hare, for the brain of the male usually weighs fifty ounces, while that of a female weighs forty-five. Physicians declare that severe studies during that period when she is entering womanhood have a most pernicious effect on a girl's after life. Many of the girl graduates pass out from our universities with their brilliant powers of mind faded, to become useless members of society, dull, melancholy and listless. All this results from the insane ambition to be considered a clever girl, an intellectual giantess, which desire has become so popular now-a-days. Medical experts would, therefore, recommend an obligatory course in domestic science for all female pupils in the high schools. Instead of remaining in blissful ignorance of culinary arts young Minerva, may ease her too subtle brain by learning how to cook the right kind of an oyster stew.

The Hardy Administration.

Gatineau, writing in the Huron Expositor, says: "Ontario knows that she is pretty well governed. Quebec, which has been governed by the Tories for 25 out of the 30 years that have elapsed since Confederation, has a consolidated debt of \$30,000,000, involving an annual interest charge of about \$1,500,000. The members of the two chambers in Quebec receive \$800 for sessional allowance; those of the single chamber in Ontario \$600. Instead of a crushing debt we have a comfortable surplus. They say that, as we owe so much a year on account of railways, annuities etc. we ought to capitalize those amounts. This being done, the surplus vanishes. But they do not apply this rule to the revenue. If we ought to capitalize annual payments and deduct the gross sum from the surplus, by the same reasoning it is right to capitalize the annual subsidy we receive from the Dominion and add it to the surplus.

We have no scandals here. Occasionally an official may make a blunder, as bank officials sometimes do, and as we all do at times, but such a thing as a concerted plot for getting hold of public money crookedly has never been known. There is not now, and never has been, a reptile fund, replenished at the expense of the electors who are bribed by it; in fact, notwithstanding its enquiries, public and secret, extending over a quarter of a century, the Opposition cannot put its hand on a single appropriation or on a solitary act of Ministers and say: "There was hoo!le here." The best it can do is to say that the Administration spends too much on asylums. If it spent less, the Administration might perhaps be accused of neglecting the most unfortunate of God's creatures. As a matter of fact, while it looks well after such wards the cost per inmate is considerably below that of the asylums in New York State, Michigan, Ohio and other American communities with which an intelligent comparison can be made. Why should the people wish to put out men who have shown themselves just stewards for the men who, if they are to be judged by the company they keep, might not be so honest and certainly would not be so apt to realize that public office is a public trust?

One hundred leading Philadelphians presented to the United States Senate

an elaborately printed petition asking for the ratification of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

There is a house in Paris occupied by over 50 tenants, who for 20 years have never paid any rent, the landlord being unknown.

Mr. John Wanamaker of Philadelphia is going to build a church to celebrate the escape of his big store from fire the other day.

Stella, Wahklakum County, Wash., was shaken one night by a ten-ton boulder that rolled down from a cliff and plunged into a warehouse.

A sensational feat is being performed at the London Royal Aquarium, where a man is tied up in a sack soaked in kerosene, which is set on fire, and he then makes a flying leap into a tank of water.

A steamer collided with a lighthouse recently in Belfast Lough, and, having upset it, went on. The keeper and his wife stuck to the light till they were taken off by another steamer an hour later.

An extraordinary find of French and English armor, dating from the time of the Crusades, has just been made at Constantinople. The armor was discovered by mere chance in a hitherto concealed niche in the Old Wall of the city, where it has lain through centuries.

George Wombwell, once the proprietor of the most famous menagerie in the world, which was worth tens of thousands of pounds and required a small army of attendants, has fallen on evil days. He now makes a precarious living by playing a concert before the public houses of London.

And still the good work goes on. Sixteen more mining companies have been incorporated in British Columbia with another \$10,000,000 of stock, or thereabouts—it doesn't matter for a few millions. There's enough stock floating around now, or waiting to be floated, to give every man, woman and child in this fair Dominion 75 or 80 shares.

In Moscow recently two young girls, the daughters of respectable parents somewhat reduced in circumstances, strangled an old woman, well known as a miser and usurious money-lender, in order to capture her wealth and so provide themselves with funds for travelling abroad to complete their scientific education. The girls were arrested.

The janitor of a house in the Rue de la Tour, Paris, has been stung to death by a wasp. While getting coal from the cellar he felt a painful prick on his arm, and several hours later the limb became greatly inflamed. A doctor, who was called, ordered the man's removal to the hospital. An operation was performed, but the man died the same evening.

On the Island of St. Kilda, which lies in the Atlantic, 82 miles west of the main island of the Hebrides, a house belonging to the stone age has been discovered, with a number of stone weapons, hammers and axes. There are only 71 inhabitants on the island, which is 4,000 acres in extent. The minister is at the same time the doctor and the school teacher. He sails to the main land once a year to shop for the whole island.

A scene of a somewhat curious kind was witnessed at Chelmsford the other day on the occasion of the County Ball. A local preacher took up a position near the entrance to the ball room and delivered an address as the dancers arrived. With much fervor he warned his hearers that Satan was hopping about like a roaring lion seeking whom he might devour, and went on to say that he could not understand people enjoying themselves when there was a judgment to come. No attempt was made to interrupt the address.

European papers say that frozen milk is becoming very popular. It is frozen in different sized bricks, and in this way its purity and freshness are insured. The Belgian Government intends to increase the trade at an annual outlay of £10,000 and in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, a company has been formed and arrangements have been completed for the regular export of frozen milk. The necessary plant has been erected, and contracts have been already made for the delivery of 110,000 pounds a week, which will be sent to all parts of the world in bricks or blocks like ice.

A horrible affair is reported from Laon, France. A retired army sergeant named Chevillo, suddenly went mad and strangled his wife and two young children at the small farm where they all lived. After committing the crime he carried the bodies up into the garret. He then collected his few cattle and horses and locked them up in the kitchen, and having soaked some of his furniture with petroleum, ignited it and set the place on fire. He then mounted to the garret and hanged himself by the bodies of his wife and children. The remains of the murderer and his victims were found, the animals having been burned to death or suffocated by smoke and heat.

At a prayer meeting in Augusta, Me., recently, prayers were asked for the young man who played the fiddle on Sundays.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Sir,—
Where is Billy Patton? I have been waiting patiently to hear something more from him regarding the T. V. C. the work thereon, etc. I have a few questions to ask him, if he is still interested in canals: What are those Grits doing who, on June 23rd, were saying so much about what they would do and how they would do it if they were in power. So far as I can perceive, they have no men in North Victoria whom they consider competent to do anything; they cannot even find a clerk for Rosedale that they can trust to handle their cheques and pay sheets, but must forward them to the foreman (a good Conservative) a thing that, I venture to say has not happened in the past eighteen years. Truly they must be a wonderful people. Where is their would-be representative? Has he got rattled (or perhaps it is muddled) so badly that he can do nothing? Perhaps Mr. McLaughlin will tell us where he expects to get his support for his party in the future? In the name of all that is reasonable, is it from the "loyal" Tories, that he is considering their welfare so very energetically?

Now, Billy, if you can enlighten me in this matter you will confer a great favor, for I admit I am in total darkness. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this space, I remain,

Yours truly,
ENQUIRER.

MARRIED.

PAUL-SMITHERAM.—At the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. T. P. Steel, on Wednesday, January 27th, 1897, Mr. Henry Paul, of Baddow, to Lizzie, eldest daughter of Mr. Emanuel Smitheram, of Fenelon.

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Wheat, fall, per bushel	78 75
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Barley, per bushel	20 25
Buckwheat	23 25
Oats	17 18
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Rye	30 32
Potatoes	25 30
Butter, per lb.	13 14
Eggs, per dozen	14 15
Hay, per ton	9.00 11.00
Hides	5.00 5.50
Hogs (live)	3.80 4.00
Hogs (Dressed)	4.75 5.25
Beef	3.00 4.00
Sheepskins	20 50
Wool	16 18
Flour, family, Silver Leaf	2.25 2.45
Flour, best bakers'	2.35 2.55
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