# AND COAL

Companies Come an Agreement.

# LEASE MODIFIED.

pany Assumes Certain Obs-Will Issue \$5,000,000 at 60 to Shareholders A

April 21 .- Meetings of the f the Dominion Iron and any and the Dominion any were held here to-day rpose of considering the the bringing of the two together, under the terms on which the Steel Comheld for the past two or on the property of the

s of the original lease are oilows:

teel Company agreed to ted charges of the Coal hat is, the interest on nt, bonds, the dividend of ent. preferred stock, and fund of 5 cents per ton ut to provide for the of the bonds. r cent. dividend on the

wance of \$25,000 a year l Company's expenses. el Company to pay to the ny \$600,000 in cash as the due carrying out of of the lease,

eel Company to pay the my a royalty of 15 cents every ton of coal taken property in excess of ons in any one year. eel Company to assume the debts and liabilities Company, less the value cash assets, which the ny was to retain, involvediate payment of about

operty to be leased did all the properties of the ny, certain valuable proluding shops and the entile business of the Coal eing exempted.

New Agreement.

reful consideration, it lously resolved by both subject to ratification reholders of each comgreement should be enembodying the following nt agreement to be mod-

to make it include all lies and assets of the my, including \$1,530,000 nings of the past two

Company to pay offity preferred stock by the 000,000 common stock ts common shareholders. reasing its total capital

Company to be relieved ligation to provide the rfeit money and to pay ompany a rental equal ent. on its \$20,000,000

ors of the Steel Comed to issue \$5,000,000 mly, and to offer it at the dollar to the preoklers pro rata. The nt of this has been alwritten by a strong Canadian and Amerists interested in two

#### O MEAT PRICES. ided Upon at a Meeting

hers' Association. espatch: The price of

g up. The butchers' sec-Retail Merchants' Assoight decided that in view ling wholesale prices. increase of the retail have to be made. of sirloin beef will be 17 to 20c, round steak

from 15 to 17c. Prime 15 and 16c. Shoulder have been selling at 8 be 10 to 11c. On the atchers' aim at a procent. No hard-and-fast set down. The butchers own prices, but they robability be according ling figures. ization includes about

ent. of the butchers in

affect beef, which cont 80 per cent, of all end it is probable that other meats will be same proportion. Hers charge the butchne front and hindquar-

red for first-class beef. oned at 7 and 11c. Then waste has to be confor instance, in comother portions of the the butcher 9c a pound. iree per cent, of it can hen at only ic a pound other seven per cant. ld at an actural toss or pound. Then a large bone is dead waste. he actual cost much a pound. Therefore, reason, the present re-

beef is altogether too s claim that the peoto are supplied with etter meat than is sold city on the continent. was presided over by Chairman of the butchnd about 65 members

butchers do not realize eat really costs them. will be made out and ded to all members of giving the actual cost nt cuts.

Dear Mrs. B .-- .- In reply to your inquiry as to which is the best tea to use, I would say that in my opinio n it rests between the Blue Ribbon and Monsoon PACKET Teas. If you like rich, strong tea, then Blue Ribbon is undoubtedly the best, but should your taste be for a delicate and very flavory tea. then Monsoon is preferable. Personally, I drink Blue Ribbon for breakfast and Monsoon at 5 o'clock, but then you know I am a perfect crank about tea. Yours sincerely, SARAH GRUNDY.

# \* The Coming of Gillian:

A Pretty Irish Romance.

\* He looks very happy and very hand- the aforesaid "doin's." There is to proffered kiss, Sir Harry clasps her some, as goodly a son as a father's be "a grand dinner an' a ball, an' in his arms and kisses and eyes could rest on, as he stands oppo- lashin's an' lavin's for all the tin- blesses her fervently. site Sir Harry's chair, and the sunken 'ints." "Misther George" is to be blue eyes gaze up at him with a piteous, wistful affection, an eager, Parlemint." "Misther George is he says. And Gillian goes away meektrembling pleasure, that is touching goin' to be married to the young ly silent and very happy at the bless-

"I'll tell everyone, George-every

one in due form-with Stacy and Mortimer to bear witness to what I say. They've had copies of my will and the certificates in a sealed envelope these have a few old friends, and the his wasted hands, with his old ges- gone out," mutters George, noticing clear-headed wife interposes calmly; principal tenants and servants- ture of pleasure, and smiling on the darkness above and the glimmer say-say"-the trembling voice becomes well-nigh inaudible with emotion. "I'll say-'This gentleman, Archer, is really George Damer, my lawful son and heir, born of my lips. first marriage with Miss Rose Macarthy, 27 years ago! Seven-andtwenty-years ago! Heaven have mercy on me!" he mutters feebly, wiping away the tears that fill his eyes. "I am a poor gray-headed, broken-down old sinner now! I was young and handsome then, George, and she, Rose Macarthy, your mother, was one of the loveliest girls in Ireland! Ay, she was! And she had a temper, and she was proud, and hot, and headstrong as I was! A pair of young fools! Happy fools, too, seven-and-twenty years ago: Lord have mercy on me!"

"There is no use in distressing yourself now, sir." George interposes gently, but coldly, wincing at hearing the brief, miserable story of his hapless mother's youth. "She dead, and you are living." he adds, bitterly; "there is no undoing what has been done.

"But I am tryling to atone, my boy," the broken man says, humbly. "I know you'll never forgive me. George, I couldn't expect it, but I'm trying to atone for your own and your mother's wrongs. I'll do anything you wish, George-I'll give up anything or go anywhere you wish. You'll soon have the title, my boy-I'm glad of that. I hated it for myself, but I'm glad you'll have it. I wish I had more money to leave you to keep it up. I've very little, George, though I've scraped and saved-very little to leave you, my they shall have a "smoke and a glass dear son, but I'll do anything in the world you wish me to do."

The poor, feeble man is shedding tears, with trembling hands outstretched in supplication as he pleads with his wronged son, and George's he admits, rubbing hands and shaking heart, steel it as he may, aches to his head waggishly, "but it's not pity and forgive him and love him with the love he has robbed himself

of all these weary years. "I want you to do nothing for me, father," he says, gently, holding the thin, pale hands in his, "except to be happy and to grow well and strong

And at this moment there is a gentie click of the door-handle, and a soft rush of silken skirts, and Gillian enters the room, looking sweetly shy, and flushed, and starry-eyed. George's head turns in the direction of the door at the first sound, and he gazes at her as she comes for-

"There is one thing you can do for me, father." he says, with a punch, and of filling meerschaum pipes

contleman when she entertains ten- by both father and son der feelings for the very ground over in which the soles of his beloved boots This is all rather citres ing, do tread, graciously comes forward. | though flattering, and Gillian begins and brings her up to his father's Damer will say or do next, for he chair.

"Father." he says, "I want you to delight. love and welcome my little wife." "Wife! Your wife?" Sir Harry George-you and Gillian?" he asks, says, staring and gasping with ex- a few minutes later. "I wish to good. elise to disturb her, and so I didn't citement. "Little Gillian, George? ness you could both live here; but of like to come into her room again till alysis, etc. There are many so-Eh? Is she? Eh?"

tests, red as a rose, "only-only-" | "Lacy, having the agency, has the heart and soul from all the tendergaged, affianced, pledged-and-vowed wouldn't like that big, gloomy old scorning the simplest, sweetest, little wife! amends George, with a place, though," he says dejectedly, purest joys of existence; unsympa-

the happiest they have yet known, lngs and all that. I'd see that it was lived, so she had died-alone unwept, to the young lovers; for there is the | made fit for her to live in, George, | unklassed, unmourned. tender sanctity of their acknowl- if I spent a thousand pounds over it." edged betrothal to heighten their he declares earnestly. And a thousconscious pride and happiness in each and pounds is a very great sum of

other. the state of affairs is speedily patent on earth," Gillian exclaims, with moment to Lady Damer, giving her to Mrs. Nelly Hagarty and to sparkling eyes, "but-" every member of the household in But we can't dispossess Lacy and Deane says, red-faced and pompaddition-that the news spreads his wife," George says, very decisive ous, and wrathful. "An allithence into the stableyard and the ly, "and besides, there is time en- ance with my daughter to be ing and disappointed shark, and gaspgardeners' and laborers' cottages, ough to talk about that, sir." and is known in the village and "There isn't," Sir Harry says, irri- grac fully abrupt and unceremonious among the tenants as far as Glene- tably. "There's time for you; my manner! I shall tell her ladyship mal before ten o'clock the same even- | time's nearly gone, and I want to | what I think of her nephew, Captain ing. Along with this piquant bit | see you married and happy, George, | Lacy, if he were the Earl of Ferrard of gossip is another amazing rumor. before I die."

clared to be the heir and married and happy for a great many thought of browbeating an earls fine. the masther's son" by a first mar- years before you die, I hope," George daughter, and making a possible futriage, and that succeeding this de-! says, soothingly. claration, there are "gola" to be | "And I want to have you living grate doin's intirely," in which as- near me," the father says, in a trem-

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

"made a barrownight be Act o' sweet little daughter-so you are," lady that bruck her arm off the ing and the epithet as well. car last year, an' they say can't count the money in gold an' her, of course, to light her candle,

silver that she have!" the dark-eyed girl who loves him; staircase after her. twenty years," he is saying in his and there is no restraint in the "They have forgotten to light the presence of poor Sir Harry, rubbing lamp on the landing, or else it has

them both. There is nothing to mar their hapthose pleasant hours that evening, and whom you knew as my agent, George life seems all warmth and light and as he stands there a chill blast seems

> Remorsefully they recall it after- toward him, and he shudders as he ward; forever does Love-" Like men in drinking songs, Spice his fair banquet with the dust

> of death. in hand, looking into each other's tendant for the night-has just eyes, steeped in the magnetic pleas- roused herself out of a trance of ure of each other's presence, laughing | "maiden meditation"-sitting by the low with pure delight and gladness fire in dressing-gown and slippers, of heart, both young and fair and and knelt down by her bed to pray

shadowing the house above their knock, and she hears his heads, and with each tick of the | voice for whom she has been prayclock that awful presence is drawing | ing. calling her in quick, agitated nigher and nigher, until he crosses | tones: the threshold, and never returns

They dine together pleasantly and merrily, and poor Sir Harry insists on of thin claret.

"Troth, it's very sorry I'd be to drink your health in vinegar, my gatety into his voice. "And so, here's | prehension. pledging my love to you, and my best wishes for every happiness to be | she answers. yours in this life and that which is ! to come-my dear son's loving and faithful wife!" Poor Sir Harry's sunken, sparkling eyes are not the only ones filled with tears at this toast, but presently there is a diversion as the cloth is removed, and Sir Harry eagerly proposes that of grog like old times.

But he prevents George from mixing the liquor for him with a humorous smile. "You know my taste to a stroke,"

going to be your province in the future, my dear boy. It's the little wife must do that, George, so you'd better teach her in time! It's a lady's place to mix the grog and light the pipes for her husband and her father, and throth, upon my honor, a purty little woman never looks purtier to my mind than when she's doing it! It keeps men from homes when a woman is indulgent to their little habits and fancies," declares poor Harry Damer, pathetically smiling at his future daughter-

in-law. So Gillian, with shy blushes and laughter, is taught the whole art and mystery of making whiskey-"Gillian, dearest, will you with mild Turkish, which, baving most successfully performed, she is And Gillian, regarding George with requested by Sir Harry to "leave as much formal courtesy and dignity the taste of her lips on the punch." as a lady can well exhibit toward a and finally to "come and be kissed"

payment of her services. And George puts his arm around her | to wonder in alarm what Sir Harry is evidently growing reckless in his

course there is no use in thinking she called me." "Only my promised, betrothed, en- | Castle, but, if you'd care-Gillian | ness and weakness of humanity; money to poor Sir, Harry Damer.

That "Misther George" is de- "Very well, sir, you shall see me

sertion are included various wildly- bling voice. "I want to be able to sketched-out brilliant pictures of go in of an evening, and sit and chat with you, and have a drop of punch

and a smoke, George!' "So you shall, father," George says. to speak of the agency, sir. We must in London to the Hotel Meurice,

settle somewhere else. "We won't, I tell you! We won't! Paris. I won't hear of it!" Sir Harry gasps, excitedly. "What are Lacy and Anne to me compared to you and your future son-in-law, and one is from his wife! Don't say you're going away daughter Gillian. And Bingham Lacy's to leave me, George; I won't trouble letter, written with honest unreyou long, and I'd give a year of my serve, and sincere and humble apololife, if I had it to give, to see you and | gies for having acted dishonorably. your little wife in the old castle yonder, and to see a child of yours-a son or a daughter of yours, my son -on my knee before I die!"

And while poor Sir Harry is blinded with affectionate tears at the pleasing domestic picture he has drawn, Gillian wisely thinks it is high time for her to go before she is enlightened as to details of the future.

"I think I will say good-night now to you and Sir Harry, dear George,' she says with down-cast eyes and hot red-rose cheeks. "It is past 10 o'clock, and the doctor says Sir Harry ought to go to bed

"He has frightened you away, my darling," George laughs. "Kiss him, then, and say 'Good-night, father,' it will please him so much." "No, I can't," objects Gillian, red

to the tips of her little ears. when she comes beside his chair and bids him good-night with a timidly

"Good hight, my jewel. My own she | George goes out into the hall with

and then, doubly blessed and kissed. It is a happy, happy evening to Gillian goes upstairs and George fair-haired, stalwart George and stands a moment looking up the dark

of Gillian's candle. "Perhaps it is not with her splendid white arms above lighted by her hadyship's orders. It her head-she is going to have her piness and their gayety even during looks as dark as a tomb up there." portrait painted so, and is practising lister of Agriculture has, to use his It is a cold and stormy night, and perfume, and glad eyes and loving to sweep through the house and to rush down the dark, silent staircase

hurries back into the bright, warm dining-room. It is an hour later, and Gillian-Side by side they sit, hand clasped who has long since dismissed her atwhen there come hasty footsteps up And yet the King of Terrors is the stairs to her room, a hurried

"Gillian! Gillian! It is I-George! want to speak to you, dear!" "Thank Heaven you are up and dressed," he exclaims, as she inchampagne instead of his usual glass | stantly opens the door to him. "My darling! I want you to help me!" He has touched the right string. and she is calm and strong in a modear," he says, jocosely, to Gillian, ment, though she sees his face is the brogue coming back with the white and his eyes are full of ap-

"Yes, George, anything I can do,"

mer's room," he says, hoarsely, "it girls. These Pills make rich, red might vex her if I intruded, but blood with every dose. They she is very ill, and that woman strengthen the nerves, act upon the Lynch is like a crazy creature! I whole system, and bring health, you. Come down with me, dear, and | who use them. let us see what is the matter.'

room in a minute more, where Lynch | Ont., says: "It is with pleasure | factors enter materially into the is distractedly endeavoring to restore that I give this tribute to the life to the still form, the white, set | health-restoring virtues of Dr. Wilface lying on the pillows. And while George turns up the

bends over the bed. Once before in her brief girlish life has she seen a face look like this face; seen that look which is like no other look in its solemn quiet, its rigid, pas-

sionless, stirless calm. It is the look which carries absolute conviction of that awful fact, which is incontrovertible, absolute, trouble became complicated with a remedies. immovable. Nevertheless. in trembling terror and unbelief, Gillian bends her great difficulty in swallowing. rovin', and makes them love their over her, touching the white, claycold wrist, the hard, marble-like brow with quivering, reverent fin-

> "George! Is she dead?" she exclaimed, with a wild, incredulous

> stare, and clinging to his arm. He presses the siender, shuddering form close to his heart in a tender carees, he and she whom that-shape -lying on the bed had parted from each other once upon a time, and would fala have parted for evermore. "She is dead! the has been dead for hours, I think," George says, huskily, "On, poor Lady Damer! Has that cruel, long-hidden truth been your

death, too ?" And then Lynch burst into loud obs and terrified protestations. "I saw my lady at 8 o'clock, sir, and she said she wanted nothing but I "Where are you going to live, to be left alone! She said I was to disturb her, or to allow any one

"No! Oh, no!-no!" Gillian pro- of that," he adds, with a deep sigh. As she had lived-shutting up her looking at her wistfully. "It could thetic and wrapped up in triple be made a handsome old place to be folds of the garment of pride, and This is a happy, happy evening, sure, with alterations and refurnish. self and worldly greed-as she had

CHAPTER L.

"I shall telegraph to Gillian desiring her to return home without an It is scarcely needful to add that "I should love it above any place hour's delay! And I shall write this my opinion of the whole affair!" Mr. broken off in this-this dis. ed out: this minute!"

> There is some comfort in the ure earl feel ashamed of himself. For Mr. Deane has been astounded and enraged at receiving, by this evening's post, two letters, which have been forwarded from his house

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. smiling, with his arm around his Take Laxative Bromo Quiniae Tab-

where he and his brile are staying, in

One letter is from Captain Lacy, whom he has been regarding as his in a certain degree, toward him and his daughter, concisely informs Mr. Deane that the writer cannot ful il hie marriage engagement with Miss Deane, for the reason that he is married already! He has been married Canada, kept him out of touch with for more than three weeks, he adds, those best calculated to assist him in to the lady to whom he had been long and deeply attached, and apart from the fact of his marriage, which had been one of tender and uncontrollable affection on both sides, the only thing that reconciles him to his erratic conduct in the matter is that Miss Deane is neither grieved nor dis- in doubt, and for co-operation when pleased at his marriage, and, he is in difficulty. Object lessons of the happy to say, knows and likes his

"His 'erratic conduct!" Mr. Deane says, boiling with rage. "I'll make him smart for his 'erratic conduct!' I'll punish him and his family until they are ashamed to lift up their heads. The preposterous pride of those penniless aristocrats! Ill make my Lady Damer, and Sir Harry, and Captain Lacy, and the whole crew of the high and mighty earls and honorables smart for this, and blush both the farmer and farming for this, or my name isn't Herbert Deane! I will back my money, and influence, and position-hardly earned, honestly won, all three-against their tarnished escutcheons and moldy banners, and bine blood, and old titles!" Mr. Deane declares, with pompous indignation, indulging romantic phraseology and flights of infagery, as if he had been addressing

a radical meeting. And then his handsome, shrewd posing herself restfully on a couch. the attitude:

(To be Continued.)

# A TALK WITH GIRLS. to Obtain Bright Eyes and Rosy Cheeks

Pale Anaemic and Eastly Tired Girls Often Fall a Prey to Con-

In young girls we look for abundant health and strength, rosy cheeks, bright eyes, firm, plump flesh and constant cheerfulness. How often, however, we meet young girls who seem prematurely old, feeble, pale, listless, thin and irritable. These abnormal and dangerous conditions are due to a general weakness of the blood, should be cured just as promptly as possible, or the whole life of the patient will be rained, if, indeed, decline and consumption do speedily follow, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the nat "Come down with me to Lady Da- | ural, logical and sure cure for weak just caught her running up here to strength and happiness to those

Mrs. Hiram Rinkler, South Pel-They are in the quiet, faintly-lit ham township. Welland County, it being well to know that both liams' Pink Pills. When my daugh | the lines of economy of different ter Lena began the use of your feeding stuffs, and their effect lamps, and lights the candles, Gillian | medicine she was in a most wretched condition. In fact, we were seri- | product. ously alarmed lest she might not | The entomologist has had a busy recover. The symptoms were a year in attending to some 3,000 letfeeling of languor and weakness, ters concerning his branch, and specgradually growing worse. She be ial attention has been paid to invescame pale, lost flesh, had little or | tigations of the life histories of many no appetite, and was apparently injurious and beneficial insects, and going into a decline. Family the the study of the improvement of persistent sore throat, which gave She was placed under the care of of a neighbor. I began to give her Dr. Williams' Pirk Phls. The confiderce with which this medicine was urged upon us was not misplaced, been made. as I soon noticed a distinct improvement in my daughter's condition. The use of the pills for some weeks completely restored her, and from that time she has been

picture of health." These pills never fail to restore will be propagated for further dis- to us health and strength in cases like tribution. the above. Through their action on the blood and nerves they also cure such diseases as rheumatism. ! sciatica, St. Vitus' dance, indigestion, kidney trouble, partial par. tent of soils was the subject of an called tonic pills, but they are all mation of the moisture fortnightly How to Get Rid of the Red Spider. mere imitations of this great med- throughout the summer and auicine. Be sure that you get the genuine with the full name. "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.' on every box. If your dealer does not keep them they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. Brockville, Ont.

Breach of Prfessional Etiquette.

(Canadian Law Review.) A lawyer while bathing was at tacked by a shark. He managed to beat off his assailant and struggle back to shore. Once in safety on the beach he shook his fist at the retir-"You brute! That's the most abominable breach of professional

etiquette I have ever known.

gentleman what feed me.

A GENTLE HINT. Guest-This steak is remarkably Waiter-That so? You must have isfactory yield. gotten, the steak I intended for that

IN DOUBT. Boy-Paper, sir? Citizen - Um-yes, I will take a

Boy-All right, sir. Which one?



## EXPERIMENTAL FARM WORK.

The isolation of the farmer, naturally resulting from his occupation, in the earlier days of settlement in his work; but to a large extent this disability has been removed by a system of Experimental Farms, established in known centres, to which he can appeal for information when most convincing character have been presented to the many thousands of farmers who have visited these farms in person, and the visitors have carried away with them information which has been put to practical test on their own farms with the result of increased profits in their business. Fifteen years ago occupied a much inferior position to that taken to-day. With advanced information the farmer's material prosperity has been augmented and his status dignified.

The systematic testing of promising varieties of agricultural crops obtainable in different parts of the world has had an educational effect. Upwards of 30,000 farmers have participated annually in the distribution of seeds. During the past six years about sixty tons of seed have been yearly distributed for this purpose. And thus the Minown words, "placed Canadian farmers in the van as to knowledge of the best and most productive sorts of agricultural products."

Last Year's Work.

During the past year, at the Centra! Experimental Farm, at Ottawa, the work in field agriculture man reported the death of Corp. has principally embraced the study of rotations, the testing of methods of cultivation, and the determining of the cost of production of digestible dry matter in different forms, valuable data along which | nadictory and confusing come from lines have been obtained. In animal husbandry experiments have been. and are still being, conducted to ascertain the values of different feeding stuffs, both coarse and concentrated, for the production of milk, beef, mutton and pork. An effort is being made, also, to gain some information as to the comparative economy of feeding rations of narrow and wide nutritive ratios for the production of milk, and to as certain their influence upon the quality of the milk produced. A series of experiments, having in view the determination of the influence of the time of milking upon the quantity and quality of milk produced by cows, has just been concluded, and the results are both in-

teresting and conclusive.

Economy in Feeding. Comparative economy of feeding steers has been studied, and with sheep work has been done to ascertain the best conditions for the production of good mutton carcasses by breeding, as well as by feeding, results. In pork production the investigations have been made along upon the quality of the finished

Hortleultural Work.

investigation and treatment of dis- of which the Canadians were the adeases of fruits much progress has vanced centre " At the Central Experimental Farm | planation that can be put upon the experiments with cross-breeding seed- | conflicting reports so far received. ling crab apples, which have shown This explanation may be entirely themselves hardy enough to endure | wrong, but if not it suggests bad mana the unfavorable climatic conditions ogement, It is plain, however, that cheerful, lighthearted girl, the very of winter in the northwest country, for some reason the simple, straight

Tillinge in Feeding.

The relation of cover crops and surface tillage to the moisture conexperiment which included the estitumn in orchard soils, both under a of plants has to contend with is the cover crop of clover and under cul- red spider. This insect is so small tivation. The data obtained are of that his presence is seldom suspect particular interest to orchardists and | ed until he has had ample of portunity fruit growers.

milling and other by-products upon his most damaging work in winter, our markets, including the various when the plants in the window garmeals from the manufacture of corn- den are least able to resist him. starch as produced in Canada, have Generally the first indication of his been analyzed, and their relative presence is seen in the yellowing of feeding value determined. Protein and | the foliage. Then the leaves begin to fat are the two most important con- fall. In a short time, if he is let alone, stituents, and it will be according the plant will be without a leaf. The to the percentages in which they only thing that will rout him is waexist that these feeds must be valued. ter. He does not care for tobacco The composition of the ordinary smoke or any other insecticide. Heat farm roots has again been a matter a tubful of water to 120 degrees. of research, and it was found in the Dip the infested plants in it and alexamination of mangels that the por- low them to remain submerged for tion of the root growing above half a minute. Then remove them. ground contained considerable less let them stand for ten minutes, and sugar than the portion beneath the repeat the bath, being sure the temsoil indicating the value of "earth- perature of it is up to the 120 deing up," as well as the growth of gree mark. This will generally kill such varieties as possess a natural all the spiders on the plants. But tendency to keep underground pro- in order to keep others from coming vided, of course, that they give a sat- to take their places, as they most

Soft Pork Inquiry.

duction of soft pork, this tendency can, in a large measure, be counteracted by the use of skim-milk. It was found that with all classes of rations skim-milk invariably gave a firmer

pork than the same ration without During the past year 501 samples were received at the Farm laboratories for examination, and comprised soils, feeding stuffs, fertilizers, and so on, and where results of analyses would be of more than personal interest to the senders they have been published.

During the twelve months ending with the last of October 8.164 doses of tuberculin were prepared and forwarded by this division to the Gov-

ernment Veterinary Inspectors. In the Poultry Department successul tests have been made as to methods of feeding to bring about the largest production of eggs at the time when they command the highest prices. A table showing the relative value of different sorts of poultry for speedy and profitable fattening was the result of further experiments; and a comparison has been made of different breeds as to their powers of annual egg production.

# WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

### The Story of Hart's River Battle Not Yet Told.

#### ALL CANADIANS ARE INTERESTED

(Toronto Star.) There is a lack of coherence in the reports so far received of the Hart's

River battle, in which so many Canadians were killed and wounded. The whole story has not been told, and people in Canada are wondering why. The man in the street wants to know, for instance, why it is that the complete list of wounded was not sent forward at once. Does It mean that some of the Canadian Rilles were captured or that the ground where our wounded men lay was occupied by the Boers? 'the first despatch tells u sthat "a released Knisely" and another Canadian. This would suggest that some of our men had fallen into the hands of the Boers. If so, why is the fact not mentioned? Why should reports cona battle enging, as it is said, in the discomfiture of the enemy, and reflecting credit on the British, and especially on the Canadians? Capada has received the complements of Lord Kitchener and Mr. Chamberlain, but that does not make up for the lack of an intelligible account of

how it happened. According to the first story, the Canadians were left five miles in the rear in charge of the convoy, while the regulars pressed on after a small body of Boers, and ran into a body of the enemy, as has happened so often. and were compelled to entrench themselves. And yet, while the despatches told of the Canadians being left five miles in the rear, while the Eritish pursued a small body of the enemy into the arms of a big body, the fight is described as a rear guard engagement, and the casualty list shows that the Canadians suffered the heaviest losses. What does it mean? Is it the fact that the British were lured away from the convoy, pursuing a decoy of the enemy-a distance of five miles, the despatch said-and that then the main body

of the Boers swept down on the Canadians, who held the convoy? But a despatch received last night from London stated that the British met the enemy in the form of a semicircle, with the Canadians in the most advanced position, where they

received the brunt of the attack. It is not easy to comprehend the part played by the Canadians in this battle from the contradictory reports so far sent to us. How could they be left five miles to the rear in a rear-end engagement? How could the British encounter the enemy, entrench themselves, and then send back for the Canadians, and In horticulture, the principal ex- put them "somewhat in advance and a doctor, who said her blood was periments with fruits has been to across the front of the semi-circle?" poor and watery, and her whole determine the hardiness, productive. Does it mean that the British left system badly run down The doc- ness, quality and freedom from dis- the Canadians in the rear in charge tor's treatment did not help her ease of the different varieties; but of the convoy, expecting an enmuch, and then, acting on the advice experiments in different methods of gagement in front, but were attackpropagating, grafting and cultivat- ed in force in the rear, and had to ing have also been conducted. In the meet this by forming a semi-circle,

> This is the only intelligible exhave added promising varieties which story of this battle is not being sent

> > Canada is deeply interested in the details of a fight in which so many of our men were killed or wounded. and is waiting with impatience for full and official reports of the affair.

"One of the worst pests the grower to do great injury. He delights in In fodders and feeding stuffs, many a hot, ory air, and therefore he does certainly will attempt to if not interfered with, w will be necessary to act constantly on the defensive. Ves-The work in connection with the sels of water kept constantly evapsoft pork investigation, begun some orating on stoves and registers will three years ago, has been brought be of great benefit. A dip bath once to a successful conclusion; and, or twice a week will do a world of among other deductions, it may be good, especially if the plants are alnoted that the quality of the pork lowed to remain under water five produced is controlled very largely or ten minutes at a time."-From by the character of the food used. "The Amateur Florist" (IV.), by Eben axative Brome-Quinine Tablets cure | sweetheart. "Sha'n't he, Gillian? But | lets. All druggists refund the measy | sweetheart. "Sha'n't he, Gillian? But | lets. All druggists refund the measy | sweetheart. "Sha'n't he, Gillian? But | lets. All druggists refund the measy | sweetheart. "Sha'n't he, Gillian? But | lets. All druggists refund the measy | sweetheart. "Sha'n't he, Gillian? But | lets. All druggists refund the measy | sweetheart. "The Amateur Florist" (IV.), by Eben | is offering a house and lot or a grand | and that, while Indian corn and | E. Rexford, in Home and Flowers | plano this morning? | by the character of the food used. | The Amateur Florist" (IV.), by Eben | soffering a house and lot or a grand | plano this morning? | by the character of the food used. | The Amateur Florist" (IV.), by Eben | soffering a house and lot or a grand | plano this morning? | beans undoubtedly tend to the pro-Springfield. O., for April