

W. A. WEBSTER, OF KINGSTON, WRITES HIS IMPRESSIONS.

A Practical Farmer Gives his Brethren a Sketch in a Gananogue Paper—A Grand Country to Work In—The Raising of Cattle on the Plains.

Medicine Hat, N. W. T., July 7.—(To the Editor): I now proceed to give a description of the North-West from the standpoint of a practical farmer writing to his brother farmers. I shall confine this letter to Assiniboia. This district commences at Fleming Station, on the C. P. R., and 211 miles west of Winnipeg, extends thence west to Medicine Hat, containing 50,000,000 acres of land. This one district of Assiniboia contains twice as many acres of land as Ireland, and there is just as good land there as in Ireland. Still Ireland at one time supported seven millions of population. I mention this fact to show the great possible future in store for the Assiniboia. The land is good prairie, free from obstructions. The plow can go to work at once. One good active man with three good horses can raise eighty acres of grain per year. The farmer that settles there homesteads 160 acres, pre-empting 160 more and adopts mixed farming. If he is industrious and frugal in twenty years he and his family will be in the midst of affluence, with one-half the physical labour he could do in Eastern Ontario, without chopping, logging, stumping, stoning or ditching. It is a paradise for the stock raiser. It is astonishing to an eastern man the growth of stock on that prairie grass. To begin with you can turn out your cattle on first of April, and although thin in flesh then before the first of July they are rolling fat, with beef of first quality and flavour. One cow will suckle two calves in first rate order and will come out fat in the fall herself. So much for the very nutritive qualities of the grass. Five months at most is all that cattle need be fed and housed. The moment the snow is off let your stock out and they will trouble you no more about feed. Milk is splendid and of good rich quality. The men that go into dairying will find it a much better business than growing grain. What with free land, unlimited pasture, rich natural grass for seven months of the year, you could send your butter to Liverpool and compete with the world. Sheep, pork, chickens, wool and eggs can be produced to great advantage there. Potatoes and turnips grow almost spontaneously. These roots, together with straw, chopped, will winter stock splendidly. In regard to the growth of stock you will, no doubt, be (as I was) astonished to know that steers two past in July will dress 900 pounds of beef on an average, taken right off the grass and without eating a pound of grain in any kind. Another great advantage: your seeding is all done in April. That leaves you May and June to prepare your ground for next season's crop. So that in the spring you can with a good three horse team seed and finish up six acres per day. Now let us contrast for a moment. When our fathers came into the woods in Ontario, how much an acre did it cost them in cash (or hard work) to chop, log, burn, stump and ditch their land? Answer that, somebody, for I can't, although I went through the whole mill. Well, as a rule, they were pretty well broken down in constitution by the time their farms were cleared up. Now, in this of this hard work is necessary on the Assiniboine. Nature has done it all. And I make this bold statement right here, that it will not take one half the labor to produce the same crop that it does in Eastern Ontario. Take hundreds of the farms in the counties lying along the Ottawa and St. Lawrence. They are rough, more or less rocky, a good deal of tenacious clay, hard to work and require a good deal of ditching. Still these farms sell from \$30 to \$40 per acre. Young farmers, hesitate before you buy, and go and examine the Assiniboine carefully, without any preconceived prejudices, and I feel satisfied that you will think as I do that it is a grand opportunity for industrious farmers to lay the foundation of substantial wealth.—W. A. WEBSTER.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

The Successful Candidates at the Four High Schools of this District. Bath—Gussie Armstrong, Ella Barton, Nettie Caldwell, Jennie Davy, Stella Dewell, Hattie Fleming, Maud Saunders, Hannah Tugwell, George Ham, Fred P. Instant, James Paul, George W. Walker, Ward Young. Napanee—G. E. Abbott, Fraser Bowerman, George Butler, Hiram Cline, Oscar W. Dey, Walter Exley, Charles B. Fox, Jonas Garrison, James Henry, William Harner, John Kitchen, Frank Long, George McRossie, Malcolm Oliver, Herbert S. Pringle, Charles Palmer, Archie Stewart, E. J. Sexsmith, S. W. G. Sexsmith, Charles Stratton, Delbert Thompson, Andrew Z. Valleau, David B. Wilson, Bridget Dolan, Hyacinth Fox, Edna Granger, Edith Herring, Henrietta Johnston, Annie Kaylor, Lillian Lasher, Jane Light, Susie Laitner, Ethel Mair, Agnes Mooney, Sarah Mills, Ida McKnight, Martha Mills, Josie Neilson, May Pringle, Edith Robertson, Eva Robinson, Nettie Sexsmith, Birdie Schryver, Lizzie Sexsmith, Edith Vanalstine, Grace Wagar, Minnie Wright, Maggie Bowey, Gretta Benjamin, Dora Clapp, Madelon Deroche, Ada Davey, Isabella Friskin, Minnie Grieve, Laura Hawley, Letitia Jolly. Newburgh—Ruth Adan, Arthur Bell, Addie Clancy, Mary Evans, Horatio Fry, A. Crange, Jessie Hope, Francis Harrison, Stewart Lockridge, Nellie Lapum, William Milnap, Kenneth Neville, Aggie Paul, Jennie Patterson, Maggie Rook, Sarah Reid, Viola Thornton, Blanche Mills, Parker Bowyer, Sarah Cranston, Fittie DeWitt, Edith Eakins, Edward Graham, F. Harkness, Mary Huffman, William Johnston, John Lund, Maggie Milnap, Maggie Mylo, F. McDonald, Alma Patterson, Maggie Parnell, Clinton Rose, Owen Scouten, Francis Harrison, Thomas Reid. Picton—Jennie Chase, Edward Herrington, Birdie Carter, Harry M. Bunbury, Nellie Welbanks, Charles A. Hunt, Eaton Moran, Frank B. Clark, Minnie Welch, Carrie Anderson, Lewis Bull, Frank Murdoch, Nellie Porter, Della Clinton, Arthur Osborne, Hiram Thompson, Wilfred Clarke, F. W. Cunningham, Winnifred Bristol, Florence Huff, Malcolm Fennemore, Gilbert M. Cotter, Helen Williams, Maron Noxon, Minnie Mackland, Harry Huff, Mattie Young, Stanley Lowey, Nettie Nethery, Pier Palmatier, Carrie Welch, Edith Crandall, John Leonard, Angus Walters, Ida Bull, W. H. Clapp, Maggie Garratt, Willie Redner, Martha McHenry, Sarah E. Clow, Horace Collier, Nancy Hodgkin, Stephen D. Noxon, Mary Choate, Jonathan G. Osborne, Louise Welbanks, Homer S. White, Stanley Fife, John Gibson, Frankie Wilkins, May Hicks, Meda Ostrander, Winnifred Stapleton, Emily Nightingale and Stanley Russell obtained enough marks on the total, but were below the minimum on certain subjects. Creighton's excursion to Brockville to-day was well attended.

THE PEACE RIVER MISSION—Prayers For Rain—A Decline of Religion.

Rev. Mr. Parker yesterday preached his last sermon in London before going to Brooklyn. One of the clergymen of the city, who had been praying for rain, received a copious answer to his prayers as he was proceeding to his summer camping ground. Rev. John Rollit, Montreal diocesan agent of the Sabrevois mission, received contributions here amounting to \$109 in aid of the French churches and schools. Rev. J. G. Brick, of Dunvegan, in the Peace River district, N.W.T., who spent a few days in Kingston last month, was aided by city churchmen with \$99.95. If he raises \$2,500 in Canada the government will give \$2,000 more. The acrimony and intolerance of the Toronto Dominion Churchman has become a reproach and a scandal to the Anglican church. It is time so much internal abuse and bitterness was removed by all right-thinking church people. No wonder the paper has ceased publication for a week. A rest from malignant warfare must be a decided relief. "A layman and churchwarden of the Diocese of Ontario," writes in the Churchman (Dominion) for a greater advance in the church, and believes laymen must act and take the lead alongside the clergy. He cites bad management, apathy and coldness of the rulers, and the unfitness of many incumbents, and hopes affairs will be well ventilated at the coming synod. There is an apparent decline of religion at the county gaol, but the moral signs are creditable to the community. Full Sunday afternoon services have been discontinued in the male wards owing to the scarcity of prisoners. There are only two men in gaol. As one of these is a lunatic, and a reasoning impossibility, it would be melancholy work to preach to one of a congregation. We advise, however, that the gaoler and turnkey be ordered in. It may not be too late to reform them yet.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. W. Somerville has left for Iroquois where he will spend his vacation. Mr. Rushford, of Carleton Place, is visiting Mr. McCormack, Gordon street. Mr. Duncan McIntyre has telegraphed his acceptance of the liberal nomination for South Renfrew. Prof. Goldwin Smith has withdrawn from the editorial position on the Week. He says he will devote himself to magazine work. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick viewed the naval review at Portsmouth, Eng., on Saturday from the Malabar, which followed the royal yacht throughout. Mr. L. W. Middleton, of New York, now visiting his parents, sang a solo in Chalmers' church last evening, and did it with splendid effect. The last issue of the Canada Gazette contains notice of the appointment of William Burrows, Kingston, collector of canal tolls, from June 29th, 1882. Prof. Clark, of Trinity college, Toronto, has been appointed by the Bishop of Michigan to deliver the Baldwin lectures this year at the University of Michigan. M. Spencer Crumley, of Rochester, Mr. Henry S. Crumley, of Jamestown, N.Y., and Mr. R. J. McKay, of Worcester, Mass., are in the city, spending their vacation among friends. Hugo Ross and Harry Millene, two canoeists, arrived from Ottawa on Saturday via Rideau Canal. They report having rough weather on the upward trip, which lasted almost a week. They enjoyed the trip and left on their return to-day. Archibald Smith and W. Austin left per str. Corinthian yesterday afternoon for the west. They will be absent two weeks and visit Toronto, Niagara Falls, and other places. Lady friends of the young men in large numbers escorted them to the steamer and bade them an affectionate adieu.

DISHONEST FARMER TRAPPED.

Charging Twice for the Same Goods—Willful to Refund the Money. On Thursday Dr. Hooper, superintendent of the general hospital, purchased for that institution from a farmer, whom he did not know, three bags of potatoes, at \$2 per bag. He paid for the potatoes, and the seller promised to deliver them. The farmer at the hospital met a man who works about the institution. He asked the farmer if he had been paid for his goods. He replied that he had not. The servant said that Dr. Hooper was not in, but was expected momentarily. The farmer said he had not time to wait, whereupon the servant, who had six dollars in his pocket, paid for the potatoes a second time. On Saturday the hospital servant and Detective Timmerman visited the market and identified the farmer who was W. Armville, of Storrington. On finding that his little game had been discovered he offered to refund the six dollars to the detective. Timmerman would not receive it and went to the police station to ascertain what he would do in the business. A policeman on hearing the detective's story, hurried to the market, collected the money from Armville, brought it to the station, and gave it to the sergeant in charge. He accepted it and the farmer was allowed to go unpunished. Is this not a compounding of crime? Armville will be summoned before the magistrate.

PASSED TO HER REWARD.

Death of Catharine Lonergan—Her Worth and Her Nobility of Character. On Saturday night at 11 o'clock the spirit of Catharine Lonergan passed away after an illness of three weeks, and her body was yesterday afternoon taken to St. Mary's cathedral, and thence for interment carried to the R. C. cemetery. She had been a resident of Kingston for the past thirty-two years. When she came here she left her mother behind her in the "old green isle," and in a very few years was the means of bringing her to Canada. She then gave up a good domestic situation the better to be able to wait on her and make her home comfortable, which she continued to do until about thirteen years ago, when her mother was called to her home above. Since that time she has acted the part of a kind and loving sister to her brothers, William, who died a few years ago, and Thomas, who has charge of the cottages for convalescent patients at the Rockwood asylum. She moved in humble life, but her worthiness was always recognized by those who knew her because she did her duty.

Only Two Bottles.

Messrs. Johnston, Holloway & Co., wholesale druggists of Philadelphia, Pa., report that some time ago a gentleman handed them a dollar, with a request to send a good cathartic cure to two army officers in Arizona. Recently the same gentleman told them that both of the officers and the wife of a well-known U. S. A. general had been cured of catarrh by the two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm.

THE GAME PLEASSED THE PEOPLE AT THE CAPITAL—The Ottawas Put a Strong Team in the Field and Didn't Calculate Upon Being Defeated—Young Restrained in Pitching—Batting Heavy All Round.

The Kingstons won in the base ball match at Ottawa on Saturday. Score 17 to 13. And they delighted their numerous friends by so doing. They didn't expect to have a picnic. They didn't make any boasting about what they could do or would do. They had to face a club which, on the 12th, defeated the Park Nine by 8 to 3, and in that memorable contest the former was with one exception composed of the men who got a drubbing in this city at the close of the last season. The Kingstons had to down the best of these, the pitcher of the Ogdensburg club, and the first base man and short stop of the Park Nine. It was about the strongest of the combinations that have wrestled with the Kingstons this year, and it fared as have most of the combinations. The Kingstons left the city on Friday by the K. & P. and Canada Pacific railway. A few minutes before they got away they were joined by Ambach, of Watertown, the best available substitute for Barnfather, who was called suddenly to Hamilton on account of the illness of his wife. Ambach is a capital man behind the bat, and played a fine game considering that Young has all the curves, pitches a swift and deceptive ball, and one most difficult to hold. The force with which the ball banged against the stop occasionally, or shot over the low fence and into the grand stand, creating a panic there, was evidence enough to the spectators that Young is a twirler, before whom every one cannot safely stand. The Ottawa people admired his performance and applauded him frequently. But they did not see him at his best. Without practice runs he was afraid to over-take Ambach. In the ninth innings he was advised, however, to let her go, and amid a profound silence he retired the three best batters on the Ottawa side, one after another, pitching rapidly and with a swiftness and steadiness that was most surprising. And Mrs. Young sat on the grand stand, and heard the compliments passed upon her husband, and felt prouder of him than ever. The attendance was considerably less than a thousand. It was a bad day for a crowd. In the first place a lot of people had gone out of the city, going to Montreal and Brockville to see the lacrosse matches, and upon the excursion of the Canada Pacific railway. In the second place base-ball has not taken hold on the people of the capital like lacrosse. But the game is becoming more popular all the while and by-and-by will get even commoners and senators excited. The diamond is on the grounds of the Ottawa college. The field is not level, and not well laid out. The sun shines in the face of the fielders and hence fly-balls invariably appear to have far upon them. The out-field of the Kingstons did not do as well as usual, and the field and the lay out had something to do with their work. But not all. Under precisely similar circumstances G. Robinson, formerly of Kingston, and of lacrosse fame, made a couple of brilliant catches and gave the ladies on the grand stand a smile which they wore for quite a time. It was 3:30 o'clock when play was called, the Ottawas sending the Kingstons to the bat, and installing Mr. McGillicuddy as umpire, as they had a right to do. Mr. McGillicuddy was not long in command of the game until he showed that he had forgotten a good deal of what he knew about base-ball. This lapse of memory was exceedingly unfortunate for the Kingstons, who were made to feel at various times during the contest that whatever chance they had of defeating the representatives of three clubs they had very little chance of defeating the tenth member in the person of Mr. McGillicuddy. He said he was desirous of acting fairly, but he found it more agreeable to act upon the judgment of those on the grand stand rather than upon his own, and his decisions, generally against the Kingstons, were exceedingly rank. He called strikes when they should have been balls, and balls when they should have been strikes, seemed to have no idea of what constituted a foul tip, had his doubts about dead balls and blocked balls, and on field work and base-running got repeatedly mixed up. An umpire requires to be a firm man, and a well-posted man, and when he is neither he has a hat full of trouble. The opening of the match was auspicious for the Ottawas. They got five runs in the first innings, and they felt very giddy in consequence. The Kingstons did not score. In the second innings the Kingstons made three, in the third innings they led, and from that to the end it was a tall game for the Ottawas. The batting on both sides was particularly good. The Ottawas made thirteen base-hits and the Kingstons twenty-seven. Eilbeck, Young and Ambach did some terrific slugging. They made music nearly every time they hit. Ambach smashed the stick of which Allen has taken such great care, usually allowing only Eilbeck and himself to use it. Allen suffered severely at the hands of the umpire in having strikes unfairly called on him, and letting fly on one occasion hit so hard that the ball left his bat as if propelled by dynamite and took Wells, the pitcher, in the side. It doubled him up as one would a jack-knife. He didn't recover in a moment. Some people thought he was killed. He wasn't wounded fatally, but he carried a mark he won't soon get rid of. Nor was Wells the only one who sought a hotter batted ball than he could hold. Codd reached for a liner and got it. But he didn't have it put in his hand, and he didn't send it first as he was expected to do. Codd is Ottawa's beau ideal of a ball player, and it is said to have him called from Canton, N.Y., to show what he could do in the match. He stood once on the diamond line and obstructed Eilbeck while he was running for second base, and was unceremoniously knocked "wrong side up with care." Of course he missed catching or holding the ball, but that didn't make any difference with the umpire, and he ruled Eilbeck out. It would probably have been as much as his life was worth to see Ottawa's favorite stood on his head and do nothing to mark his disapprobation. Eilbeck didn't collide with Codd again, and Codd didn't spread himself over the base line and tempt him or any one else to run over him again. Two balls were in use and there was some curious jockeying in regard to them. One of them had a very rough seam, which Young did not like, because it hurt his fingers in twirling it, and that was the ball that generally came into his hands. It was wonderful how the other got lost in the

grand stand, and how soon it could be found when the Ottawas went to the field. Twice it was thrown to the pitcher, while the other was in use, and allowed by the umpire, because he knew of no rule that prevented a change. It must be a long time since he played base ball or saw a base ball book. It was a great game indeed, characterized by grand batting, but loose fielding. There were errors on both sides, costly ones, but the score shows that the Kingstons were too many for their opponents, and it is safe to say that the Ottawas never put in the field a stronger team. The idea was to beat Kingston at any price, and the amount covered by the guarantee given to this club was not the only money the manager of the Ottawas had to pay out on Saturday night. No expense was spared to maintain the championship of Eastern Ontario at the capital, and after all it came to Kingston. And there is promise of the emblem remaining here under the protection of an umpire who must be of Kingston's choosing, and the defence of a club which was its weakest perhaps of the season at Ottawa.

The Official Score. Table with columns for KINGSTONS, OTTAWAS, A.B., R., IB., T.B., P.O., A., E. Rows include players like Pomfret, Eilbeck, Allen, Young, Ambach, Johnston, Trainer, Sloan, McMillan, Wells, Little, Robinson, English, Murphy, Sloan, Moran, Codd.

Notes and Comments.

On Saturday afternoon the Kingstons play the Gordons, Montreal's professional team. The Ottawas may come here and play a return match. They partially promised to do so. Little did the best batting for the Ottawas. He made the longest hit of the day. Moran did not have his usual luck. The absence of Barnfather, and the loss he was to the team, was fully known to the Ottawas. They had no idea that in Ambach the club had such an able substitute. Little and Moran came home with the Kingstons, and Eilbeck and Little sat on the same seat, and chatted as cheerily as if they again belonged to the same club. Valois, the Ottawas' regular pitcher, was on the field but on the retired list. The reputation of the Kingstons as batters suggested the wisdom of giving him a rest. The trip to and from the capital was very much enjoyed. Ambach played delightfully upon the concertina, and McMillan and others sang and danced and made much merriment. Mr. and Mrs. Young were the guests of Mr. Spence, formerly of Kingston, and proprietor of one of the finest restaurants in the capital. Mr. Young, as a pitcher, wins general admiration. Mr. James Johnson, editor of the Citizen, and an old Kingstonian, called at the base-ball headquarters, the Cushing House, and, falling to meet the captain of the Kingstons left his card and compliments. Wells, of Ogdensburg, (pitching for the Ottawas) has been playing with the Malones, and says that they are expert ball-players and likely to put the Kingstons on their mettle if they come here. They have written for a date. On Wednesday the Kingstons play in Belleville, and it is hoped they will have the benefit of Barnfather's services by this time. He has been catching for Young for four years, and no one on short notice can be expected to handle Young's curves so well. An Ottawa man, who professed to be an old friend of Eilbeck's, was surprised to see him skipping about the field like a young colt. Said he to a Kingston merchant: "How old is Bob anyway?" "Oh," said the person addressed, "about fifty-four." "I thought so," went on the first speaker: "I saw him playing ball twenty-five years ago, and he was old looking then as now. He stands his age well." Perhaps Eilbeck didn't laugh when he heard the compliment.

Base-Ball Record To Date.

Table with columns for NATIONAL LEAGUE, INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, and Base-Ball Games Saturday. Rows include cities like Detroit, Chicago, Boston, New York, Newark, Buffalo, Hamilton, Toronto, Syracuse, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Louisville, At Buffalo-Buffalos, At Birmingham-Birmingham, At Wilkesbarre-Wilkesbarres, At Toronto-Torontos, At Rochester-Rochesters, At Detroit-Detroits, At Washington-Washingtons, At Pittsburgh-Pittsburgs, At Ridgewood Park-Brooklyn, St. Louis.

THE COERCION ACT.

Counties and Cities That Have Been Proclaimed—Why Not all Ireland? DUBLIN, July 25.—A special issue of the Dublin Gazette announces that the following counties have been fully proclaimed: Kings, Leitrim, Longford, Sligo, Galway, Mayo, Limerick, Kilkenny, Queen's, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Donegal and Monaghan. The counties partially proclaimed are Armagh, Carlow, Down, Cavan, Dublin, Kildare, Fermanagh, Londonderry, South Meath, Tyrone, West Meath and Wicklow. The following towns have also been proclaimed: Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Londonderry, Kilkenny, Drogheda, Belfast, Carrick, Fergus and Galway. LONDON, July 25.—The Daily News says the Dublin proclamation surprised even those who believed least in the scrupulosity of the present Irish government. DUBLIN, July 25.—The county of Antrim has been proclaimed under the Crimes act.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes. Napanee's civic holiday is on Wednesday. A Salvation army barracks will be erected at Newburgh. Corporation labourers are improving Bagot street. The fire, water and gas, and finance committees met this afternoon. A farmer paid \$1.85 for driving on a foot-path in the city park last week. Bread is ten cents per loaf in Deseronto, eleven in Napanee, and twelve in Kingston. James Clancy and J. O'Grady, charged with drunkenness at the police court, were dismissed. A new Goldie & McCullough safe was placed in the K. & P.R. freight shed to-day. Breck & Booth's is the cheapest place for pine blocks, bunchwood, hard or soft wood, cut or un-cut. Pure healthy and reliable Labbatt's London ale and porter, Montreal ginger ale.—James Crawford. An excursion party from Renfrew will arrive on Saturday and go down the river on the steamer Maud. This morning 30,000 feet of lumber and 200,000 shingles arrived over the K. & P.R. from Folger's Station for McRossie. Remember that the S. O. E. excursion is the only one that leaves this point for Belleville and return. Secure your tickets early. The K. & P.R. and C.P.R. authorities have agreed to reduce the freight rates on certain articles coming from Montreal to Kingston. On Friday night Patrick Reagan, one of the crew of the schr. Manzanilla, fell into the hold of the vessel and dislocated his right shoulder. For the best quality of Scranton stove coal, also for English (Newcastle) blacksmith's coal at lowest rates, go to gas works coal yard. Try our dry edgings \$2.50 per cord; dry pine blocks \$3 per cord; dry oak cordwood, as good as ordinary hardwood \$3.50 per cord, delivered throughout the city. R. Crawford, foot of Queen street. Mr. Hawkins shipped to-day thirty-seven horses purchased in Frontenac, Lennox and Addington to Rome, N.Y. They will be put into service by the street railway company of that place. Last week Thomas Spencer, of Pittsburgh, sold to Mr. Denny, butcher, the heaviest spring lamb exhibited in this city this season. It was in fine condition and weighed seventy-seven lbs. Kum-min and coar roll bacon at 10c., and our pic-nic hams at 10c., and you will be surprised that we can sell such fine meat for the money.—James Crawford.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements. The schr. Philo Bennett arrived at Breck & Booth's dock to-day from Oswego. The schr. Jessie Breck is on Lake Erie. She is bound for this port with 23,000 bush. of wheat from Duluth. Freight, 7½c. The steamer Chieftain cleared from Portsmouth with three barges, coal laden, for Montreal. The tug McArthur left for Trenton yesterday, and will tow a raft from that place to Quebec. The steamer Norseman passed down to Alexandria Bay yesterday with a large number of passengers on board. The schr. Beals, 22,000 bush. wheat from Duluth, and schr. Dundee, 20,000 bush. wheat, Toronto, are discharging their cargoes at Portsmouth. In all probability Capt. Porte, master of the steamer Varuna, will build a steamer, in this city, to run on the Bay of Quinte next season. The new boat will travel 20 miles an hour. The asylum authorities have hired the steam-yacht, Julian from Capt. Davis, of Gananogue, for the summer for \$250. It is likely a steam-yacht will be built this winter by Mr. R. Davis, for the asylum people.

FIRE ON YORK STREET.

Three Houses Damaged by Fire—The Firemen Doing Their Duty Like Heroes. Yesterday afternoon the members of the fire brigade were called out to stop a fire which had broken out in a shed at the rear of a double tenement house on York street, occupied by the families of two Germans named Joseph Nachmeyer and W. Herman. When the firemen reached the scene of conflagration the flames had reached the main building and threatened to destroy the residence of J. O'Neil, the owner of property close by. The house occupied by the Germans was badly gutted, and part of the roof of O'Neil's residence was burned before the flames were subdued. The houses were frame, and had not the firemen worked like heroes all the buildings would have been consumed. They are insured in the Etina company for \$1,000. There was no stove in the shed in which the fire took place, and the origin of the blaze is, therefore, unknown. No furniture was destroyed. That belonging to one of the German families was guarded while the fire was in progress by a boy who carried a double-barrelled shotgun.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The Young Men's Christian Associations Active the Province Over. Substantial progress will mark the jubilee year in the Young Men's Christian association circles of this province, along the line of securing buildings adapted for the work in many of our larger cities. The association in Toronto recently sold its building, and, with the proceeds, erected one perfectly adapted for the work of benefiting the young men physically, socially, mentally, and spiritually. The St. Thomas association is now erecting a pretty structure, having been liberally aided by Cornelius Vandenberg, who is interested in the welfare of the many railroad men at that point. Hamilton and Owen Sound are raising money for buildings. Ottawa has manifested its interest in the Y.M.C.A. by subscribing money for a \$20,000 building, which is to be erected at once on a lot now owned by the association. The associations fortunate enough to secure buildings become at once permanent institutions in their respective cities, and show they have come to stay.

Weather Probabilities.

Light to moderate, variable winds, fine warm weather. Ed. Morris, the great left-handed pitcher, has been sold to the New York club. The Pittsburgh club received \$2,000.