

contemplating taking this mode to repay him for his toil and time.

Would it not be of the greatest advantage to our farmers to allow them to know the mode of extermination at once? Would it not be a great saving to the farmers of the country to pay him a sum and let the whole of our farmers be benefitted by it? We have no doubt but that the mode of treatment will be patented and probably purchased by some shrewd American, and our farmers will have to pay a thousand times more for it. Hundreds of agents most probably would be employed, and the farmers would have to pay them all.

We often complain of these patent right humbugs; still, many of these patents are highly advantageous, and it is quite right that a person who, from large expenditures of time and money brings any new mode of operation that is beneficial, or any new improvement in machinery whereby the mechanism may out-vie manual labor, such a person should in some way be remunerated.

But the first thing to be done is to fully test or fully enquire into any plan, implement, or improvement, and ascertain if it is good, and of benefit; and we think these bodies of County Councilmen ought to know as well as any other body of men what would or would not be for the advantage of agriculturists.

Hints for the Month.

If you have not sown a piece of corn for fodder, do so the first week in June; it should have been done the last week in May, but better late than never. We believe one acre of corn, sown for fodder, will pay the farmers that have heeded our previous hints on it, better than five acres of wheat. There is profit in raising butter, cheese and meat, but there has been a great loss in trying to raise cereals for many years. It takes years of loss to teach many of our farmers. It has taken several years to teach your editor that your interests are not in the least regarded by the chief controllers of agricultural affairs.

Give cattle plenty of salt this month—in fact they should always have it at will, and take it when they chose. Do not starve them to it and then give them too much, or you may have a hide on the fence.

Do the same with sheep and horses.—Kill the ticks on the sheep and lambs at shearing time; it is easiest done then. Use a little tick destroyer, if you have not used sulphur.

You cannot give your cows too good feed, but take care not to turn them from a bare common, with an empty stomach, on to good clover feed, or some may be missing at milking. Do not hurry the cows to or from their pastures; let old crumpled horn take her time, she will go as fast as the rest ought to go. Boil some flax for the calves.

Prevent the Apple Borers from destroying your Orchard. See another part of this paper.

Look out for the Colorado potato bug: you will have a little too much of his company this year, and more next, as the Commissioner of Agriculture has not done anything to check the evil. Pick them off when they first appear. As soon as they become too thick for that, take Paris green

dust it through a tin box, having a cover with several fine holes in it. Attach this box to a handle, and dust lightly, but do not let the Paris green come in contact with your nose or your clothes, as it is a deadly poison, and will kill you or your animals if you are not careful with it.

Use buttermilk or hellebore for your currant or gooseberry bushes.

Land! Land! Land!

We have continued applications from persons moving or about to move, regarding land. By far the larger number are making enquiries about the lands in the States. North Carolina appears to be offering very great inducements. There are some who have called at our office who have been highly enchanted with Kansas; while others have condemned it. The Northern Pacific R. R. Co. are offering millions of acres in good localities. This will afford a great field for Canadian and British emigrants. But as for our rock-bound part, north of Kingston, we cannot advise our subscribers to send their sons there, as we have never yet seen one who was satisfied with it. Several have gone there from this vicinity, but they have returned; and some, again, have gone to the West. Our advice would be, "To the West, to the West," but to what particular point west we must leave you to decide. We should like to spend a few weeks or months in living in the west in order to give more correct information to applicants. We have previously directed the attention of our readers to our great West.

Mr. McKenzie's Present.

The present offered by Mr. John McKenzie, the Middlesex Potato King, of Lambeth, in our April number, consisting of one pound each of eight of the best varieties of potatoes, to be awarded to the person who would send us the largest list of subscribers to the Farmer's Advocate, at \$1 a-year, was gained by Mr. J. C. Kerr, of Beamsville, who sent \$16 for 16 subscribers. We supplement the present with an additional selection from our stock of seeds. Of course our hired agent have nothing to do with this prize. We have made presents to all that attempted to gain it and believe they will all be well satisfied for their exertions in our behalf. We hope Mr. Kerr will favor us with the results of his experience with them, and believe he has now the nucleus of becoming the leading potato man in his section. It is a laudable undertaking to attempt to excel in any good cause, whether it is in raising the best potatoes, the best spring wheat, the best fall wheat, the best oats, or any class of stock, fruit, flowers or vegetables. We wish every one of our subscribers to excel in some line of their calling. Let each one ask himself, "in what do I excel?" Do not be like the lazy ox, driven or lagged along by the others. Be a leader in some branch of farming, and give us a report of your operations. By giving information to your fellow farmers you do good to yourself, to them, and to your country. Have you sent any information to your paper that will do good? You can. If there is a will there is a way. Take your pen and write.

Though men boast of holding the reins, the women generally tell them which way they must drive.

THOMAS HIGGS drank three bottles of wine in Columbia, South Carolina, on a wager. They buried him.

The Queen's Birthday.

From our respect for British rule, we Canadians in this western section go in for enjoying ourselves—as best we can on that day. Horse racing in nine cases out of ten is the leading feature, and they are pretty generally conducted with a good sprinkling of swearing, a large flow of oaths, internally and externally, shortly after, and occasionally a free fight, with some claret drawn, and, like lawyers' battles, hot and heavy, but nobody killed or anybody hurt, but somebody pays.

We must be brief, as our paper is just ready for the press. We will quote a few lines of our Queen's Birthday trip, 1871.

Left London, May 23, at 11.45 a.m., en route for Ailsa Craig. Then went to Goderich. This town has stuck fast for many years. Houses have been going down instead of up. Lawyers appear to have thriven best there, and they have reaped many a farmer, and spend some of their surplus cash in supporting American institutions, to the injury and detriment of their own country.

I guess the folks up here would readily pitch in for annexation.

Salt is king here now, or at least it will be. 70 cents duty to send it to the States is a check, which is equal to the cost of production. Therefore, the salt is shut out of the States. The Goderich salt is considered much superior to the American salt. Canada could command all of the western trade in this article if reciprocity was established. The capacity of the salt production in this locality appears to be unlimited. It is all pumped in a liquid state from many hundreds of feet below the surface, then evaporated by heat. We saw one man having 12,000 cords of wood ready for use for this purpose. There are nearly twenty boiling houses in the vicinity. They boil in large open pans in buildings like very large barns. The salt settles in the bottom of the pans, and is continually scraped from the centre to the sides, and then shoveled out of the pans. They can make any quantity, and all that is wanted for Goderich to prosper is to give her a fair chance to send her salt into the States; then this dilapidated-looking town would soon raise its head.

But too much law is neither advantageous to farmers, citizens, or the country.

Goderich looks as if it has had a bad fit of fever and ague, and was pretty well shook. But it is not quite dead, and will recover. A few small vessels are built there. Fishing is a source of profit to some. One boat came in laden with about 500 lbs. salmon and whitefish. The fish are all sent to the States. They are purchased wholesale at 5 cents per pound, the outside being taken out; they are then packed in ice and sent daily to Buffalo. At one packing house where we saw a fishing boat coming in, they had fourteen more boats to come in that afternoon.

There are several packing houses, and all shipping the fish. They appear more difficult to procure by the inhabitants of Goderich than even in the inland town and cities. The samples of fish appear smaller to us than they were on our previous visit to Goderich about 26 years ago. We called on Mr. Gibbins, the member of Parliament, and Director of the Agriculture and Art Association, and conversed with him for a short time on agricultural affairs.

We aided the hoisting of the Union Jack at the Huron Hotel on the 24th, and took the train for Ailsa Craig via Stratford.

Having a short time to spare at Stratford, we walked out to the farm of Mr. Monteath, M.P. We always like to call on our agricultural members of Parliament. They know what the farmers want; but those lawyer members do not know much about our agricultural requirements,

and the fewer of that class we farmers send to Parliament the better.

We arrived at Ailsa Craig just in time to partake of the delicacies so nicely prepared by the ladies of North Middlesex, as the inhabitants of this vicinity had determined to have an agricultural picnic, and a very pleasant and useful time they passed, should we be allowed to judge. The girls with their swings, lalls, &c., the boys with their cricket bats, &c., the elder folks with addresses on agriculture and other subjects, &c. Mr. L. E. Shipley, the worthy President, occupied the Chair, and gave the opening address.

Prof. Buckland, of Toronto, gave a very nice conciliatory account of the public agricultural proceedings. Mr. Jas. Keefer gave an address on "Man," showing his enology from the most minute living substance until he takes his form or similitude in the tail-pole, next the frog, onward to the monkey, thence to man, as now assembled; and the crowning piece of God's workmanship is woman, in duty, icty and charity.

Mr. Welk differed materially from Buckland's account of affairs.

Mr. Scatcherd gave an interesting description of a tour through the western and Southern States, and compared the farmer's position in Canada, shewing it to be preferable to that of the farmers of the West and South.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Routledge, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Corbett addressed the meeting in short and appropriate speeches.

The ladies, if we should be allowed to judge, filled their position with ability, at least to our satisfaction. They sang several very amusing pieces at intervals between the speeches, and brought down the house several times in rapturous applause, such as the gentlemen failed to do, at least to the same extent.

They have an exhibition building and grounds that are a great credit to the directors of the Society.

The whole affair passed agreeably and pleasantly, and too great praise cannot be given to these ladies who took the labor upon themselves to aid in the management. This shows that there is a desire on the part of the President and Directors of the North Middlesex Agricultural Society to do all they can to advance the interest of agriculture.

We have no doubt but their picnics and gatherings will in future be well attended, and improvements will take place in the Society and in the County generally.

A CONTRAST.

The villages around Ailsa Craig got up horse-races. One terminated in a free fight. At another, one man ran a stallion which was in high condition. The horse dropped dead.

We would rather advise you all to be connected with the Agricultural Societies. There is always some useful information to be obtained at these gatherings. That "knowledge is power."

We took the train, returned to Stratford, met Mr. T. Ancock, who had just arrived from Manitoba on his way to Mitchell to sell his lands. This gentleman has been to Australia, Van Dieman's Land, through the States, left his home in Canada, but settled since within twenty miles of Manitoba, and is highly satisfied with the country, so much so that he now intends disposing of his homestead here. He gives most flattering accounts of the productiveness of the soil, and he will cause many to go there. In fact, emigration is now pouring in there rapidly.

We left the station at St. Marys and called on Mr. Mitchell, the bee man. We must defer a lengthened account of our visit till some future time. He claims to have the best hive, so do others. He says the Italian bees are 20 per cent. more profitable to keep than the common bees. We must await discussions on the subject. We do not pretend to be possessors of much knowledge about them.

Returning to the station, a torrent of rain fell, which had been threatening, and such a wind! When we got a thorough drenching and thought of Buckland and

his umbrellas, cars and writing spent out.

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