

to come in duty free, in order to enable farmers here to raise cattle, and, in that way, do a double good by providing manure for the land and raising cattle for sale. The great drawback in the past has been the selling of hay off the farm. People too often think that they are benefitting themselves when they sell such products off the farm. The contrary is, however, the case. The more important and more beneficial plan is to convert the hay into food for the raising of cattle, and in that way not alone dispose of the hay to the best advantage, but create a cattle-raising industry on the farm; and raise vegetables by means of the manure; in that way keeping the farm continually in good condition.

Pigs.

You will also want to make a complete enquiry as to the quantity of pork raised throughout the Colony; whether it pays the people to raise it; and find out whether, if it were encouraged, the people would go into pork-raising on a larger and more extensive scale; also, what that encouragement would mean; in other words, what form it should take. Find out the quantity and value of the pork imported yearly, and whether, with the high price of pork from year to year, pork could not be raised to advantage in this country. You might also enquire as to the best breeds of pigs most suited for this country, such as Berkshire, etc.

Land Bonus.

This is a matter you might enquire into also. Find out what its effect has been in the past, and what results have been accomplished by it. Ascertain the exact amount that has been expended in this direction in the past, and learn, through circulars, how much land, for which bonuses were paid, is now under cultivation. Also give careful study to, and find out by circulars or otherwise, the best manner in which the bonus money should be expended in the future. That is to say, supposing twenty dollars per acre will be al-

lowed,—should it be paid after the land has been cleared or should it be paid in instalments; in other words, half of the amount after the land has been cleared and the balance when the first crop has been taken off it. I have known of many cases where land was cleared merely for the present labour which it afforded. That, of course, is not the object of the bonus; it is given to stimulate agriculture by encouraging the clearing of the land with a view of its being permanently cultivated.

Vegetables.

You will notice by reference to the Governor's Address at the opening of the Agricultural Show in the British Hall last year, the very many valuable suggestions made by him therein; also his Address at the Anti-Tuberculosis meeting recently. You will notice that he recommends cauliflower, beet, carrots, etc., as vegetables that might be raised in addition to or instead of cabbage, because these are better than cabbage, being more nutritive and less indigestible. You could also make enquiries as to what vegetables it would be best to encourage amongst our people as food, and where they can be obtained; which ones gives the best results; the best methods of raising them; and the most suitable soil and manure. Circulars might be issued in relation to these matters also.

Sheep.

Special attention should be given to the question of sheep-raising. The Government propose taking up this whole matter on a large scale during the coming session. We propose to give a bonus for all wool grown in the country as well as for the imported article, with a view of stimulating and creating, if possible, a large sheep-raising industry and woollen manufactories. This, of course, will necessitate your going into the whole question of the extermination of the dogs. The dogs must be destroyed. The only way, it appears to me, that this can be done effectively is by the