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### Editorial.

#### Hope.

We are pleased to state that Hon. Charles Drury, the recently appointed Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, and Professor Saunders, the gentlemen to whom the power of selecting and managing the Experimental Stations has been entrusted by the Dominion Government, have both asked for inspection, criticism and suggestions. The former in regard to the Model Farm at Guelph, and the latter regarding the Central Station. It is our opinion that both these gentlemen desire to do good through these institutions, and the only way we can hope that they may become the most beneficial and the least injurious is by complying with their requests. To convince the public that they are really in earnest, we would first suggest that they would give a pretty full account of past errors or mistakes that have been made previous to receiving their appointments, and even during their term of office.

Mistakes, no doubt, have and will occur in every business, the acknowledgment of which tends to honor and improvement, while the concealment tends to greater errors.

We have personally and through the ADVOCATE, furnished information, directly and by criticism, that has been acted on. A new feature has been developed at the Model Farm, which we think commendable, that is, a pleasure resort to which excursions are made by picnic parties and other farmers' gatherings. We would suggest that in selecting future sites for experimental purposes, after the soil and subsoil are found suitable, the second considera-

tion should be living water, for a stream of water, with a good pond here and there, when a lake or large river is not convenient, tends to make a location much more attractive; in fact, is almost indispensable for the best effects. It might even be taken into consideration, which would be more costly to construct, hydraulic works, or to procure locations that possess the best natural advantages. Both stock and vegetation thrive best where soil is good and water is procurable by them. These educational establishments should in time have their parks, with all the various botanical productions that are adapted to the district in which they are located. Buildings can be more easily erected, then crops, trees and living water secured in abundance in some localities. Often the first cost is the least.

Now, both political parties are pretty unanimous in granting money for agricultural expenditures, and both claim to be anxious to make these institutions beneficial. The popularity of public resorts are greatly enhanced by the verdure of the earth and the presence of water. Perhaps these remarks may tend to good, if not to the existing establishment, to the selections of future sites. Partisan feelings have been so extreme that any comment on these institutions, whether regarding their establishment, management, the diseases of live stock, or the instruction imparted, have been termed "Factional Opposition," and sometimes facts have been falsified or caused to be misleading, by those zealous to give unmerited good reports. Our aim has been and will be to cause Government agricultural expenditures to be of as much benefit to farmers as possible, and to have these institutions conducted, as far as practicable, by farmers and for farmers. The remarks lately made by the above gentlemen raises our hope.

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