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General Editorial.

Farmers' Advocate—1872.

This number commences the 7th volume of your paper—we say yours! We commenced for you farmers, and have honestly and truthfully done our duty to you to the best of our ability. In our last issue we reviewed some of our past acts, and any of you that have read this paper must be your own judges. We have made promises to you, and have kept them; we have maintained an agricultural course, free from political bias, and have fearlessly fought your battles, no matter what power has been in the ascendancy. A paper has now been established in which any one may insert a useful article, beneficial to the country. Our circulation and correspondence is increasing; the business of the Emporium is improving, and we hope the ADVOCATE may continue to improve. Remember it is your only paper; every other one is a party, political, or sectarian paper. Are you, as farmers, to have an independent paper? It is you alone that can keep it independent by increasing its circulation and increasing the business it is now doing.

Review of the Acts of the Board of Agriculture During the Past Two Years.

The principal business of the old Board has been to attend to the carrying out of the annual Provincial Exhibition. The existing Board has carried out that part of its duty quite as well as any previous Board. Their Exhibition, when in Toronto, was perhaps the best that ever has taken place in Canada, taking all things into consideration. The Exhibition at Kingston last year was a pecuniary loss to them, as it generally is when held there, but the necessity of holding it at that place was out of their control. The Exhibition itself was a good one, but the rival Exhibitions which were intended to annihilate it and overthrow the present Board, caused a diminution of the receipts at Kingston. But the object of this Board has not been to make money for itself, but to do good to the country; generally, in this they have far surpassed the labors of the old Board. They have had to contend against the bad name the old Board obtained, thus they went into office under most adverse circumstances; the whole country was raised against them on account of the defalcations of the former Treasurer. The present Board has taken good and ample security for the money due from Denison, and are now receiving it. This is highly satisfactory.

Extortionate charges were attempted to be gained from the present Board by Londoners, for the entertainment of the Prince, but the Board wisely rejected the unreasonable demands. An old disputed claim of many years standing for money expended for the entertainment of the guests from the Maritime provinces, has been honorably liquidated by this Board. During the past year the Board has given to the country an exhibition of the best trial of implements that has ever taken place in Canada. Without actual test by operation, it is impossible to arrive at a correct conclusion in regard to the merits of implements. This first attempt of the green hands that composed the Board was a grand success. Thousands of farmers attended it. The Board charged no fee for admitting visitors to the grounds, which they might have done and made money, if that had been their object, but they wished to give all manufacturers a fair opportunity of operating, and the inhabitants a fair chance of judging for themselves, and having opinions of the best judges the Board could select. This act shows that the Board is looking after the interests of the country better than their precursors in office did. The present Board detected a species of robbery that no doubt had been carried on for years in different forms; at considerable expense and trouble they brought the guilty parties to justice, and we think they will yet have an opportunity to bring some of the legal profession on their bended knees for their acts after the trial. They have procured about turn-stiles to check as much as possible any attempts at tampering with the tickets of admission. Their great and crowning act was their refusal to sell or rent the Agricultural Hall and move their office into the Parliament buildings. This was a suggestion from the Minister of Agriculture, but the Board had the audacity to reject his proposition. The Board considered it would tend to chain agriculture to politics, and that it would be rather against the farmers' interests to comply. We are well aware this act of non-compliance on the part of the Board gave great offence to the Minister of Agriculture, and the sudden dismemberment of the present Board has been for the purpose of attempting to get a Board elected that would act as he wished. The Western Fair has received his approval, and has been carried out for the express purpose of overthrowing the Provincial Board of Directors and elevating the managers of the Western Fair, one of which has been the political adviser of the Minister of Agriculture. There are heavy expenses entailed in carrying out any public or Government measure, and those expenses have, through the customs of former years, been necessarily heavy. We have heard some remarks from the Board that shows there is a desire to curtail unnecessary expenses

as much as possible; there is some room for improvement in this respect, as some of the payments for assistance during the Fair week are very high and may be reduced. Of course the recipients would then send up a howl and might try to damage the Association.

An Improved Culinary Implement.

We are pleased to call attention to any new invention that will add to the convenience and comfort of the household, as well as to introduce seeds and farm tools. As many persons live and cook in the same room, or even in adjoining rooms, anything that causes a stench or makes a steam in the dwelling is disagreeable. Who has not experienced the disagreeable scent of burning grease and the fume from the cook stove! Whatever is obnoxious to the senses is injurious to health and comfort. Mr. Israel Kinny, of this city, has invented an improvement in the construction of cooking utensils that bids fair to become in general repute among cleanly house-keepers. By his improved pots and pans the steam and noxious effluvia arising while cooking is instantly carried into the fire and up the chimney. It is done by having a small vacant space at the side of the pot or pan, like a tube; a lid is placed over the cooking utensil having a hole in it; the lid is placed on the pan or pot with the hole in the opposite side of the tube in the pot or pan; the draft from the room rushes to the hole, passes through the hole in the lid and carries all steam or scent down the hole in the side of the pot to the fire. Thus no scent is emitted, and no smoke or steam is to be found in the room. Cooking can thus be carried on in the room in which one is living without the usual inconvenience complained of. We have one of these frying pans in use in our house, and can commend it as being entirely effectual in carrying the scent away. No inconvenience arises from its use, as the tube is cast at the side of the utensils. Those living in or near the part of a house where cooking is carried on, will find this improvement a great addition to their comfort, health, and cleanliness. We have one in our ware-room, and will be pleased to show it to any person wishing to see a sample.

Kindness is the music of good will to men; and on this harp the smallest fingers may play heaven's sweetest tunes on earth.

Seven years of silent inquiry are needful for a man to learn the truth, but fourteen in order to learn how to make it known to his fellow-men.—[Plato.]

Old Scots in the Highlands still use the match-lock musket, and know nothing of the matchless arms of modern make.

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