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To the Honorable Members of the Legislature of Ontario.

GENTLEMEN.—It is four years since we devised the plan of establishing an Agricultural Emporium for the introduction, testing and disseminating the most suitable kinds of Seeds and Implements. We have been at great expense to procure the most suitable for our requirements, and to give the farmers information about them. The advantages to this Dominion must be great from what has already been done. We have published some accounts, showing the wide extent over which we have circulated seeds and stock, such as would not have been in many sections of the country, were it not for our exertions.

These facts show that our enterprise is not of a local character, but for the benefit of the whole Province. We have saved the honor of our country by retaining in it the king of our Canadian stock, which otherwise would have been taken from us, and have by its management turned the attention of many to raise the most useful and valuable stock of horses. We have met with some losses by testing seeds, and have been at great expense to establish an agricultural paper the "Farmer's Advocate," which we found necessary for our Agricultural prosperity, and to bring forward our plans. The papers have been sent to the several members of Parliament, and to Secretaries of Agricultural Societies and others, and we feel highly gratified with the numerous responses of approval that are constantly coming to us. We have laid before you the resolutions passed by the county of Middlesex, and also another from the members of the County Agricultural Society of East Middlesex, asking for your favorable consideration of our undertaking.

We intend presenting a petition to you as the general act does not contain any clause that might be of immediate use to us, still we would rather you would make such addi-

tions to it as might meet our present requirements. Not being posted up in your general routine of business, we would prefer leaving the subject to be discussed by you. We have not ventured to ask a grant, but would be thankful for loan of same amount as is received for one year by a single Registrar of a County, or the same amount as will be expended in establishing a Museum or Veterinary School, or is received in a direct or indirect way by the proprietors of the other agricultural journal published in this Dominion.

We may have made remarks in our journal that have not pleased every one, still what we have said has been what we have considered for the good of our general prosperity. Some may have objected to the manner in which we have managed our stock, but that we are also satisfied is acting on the country beneficially. We believe, had our plans been properly assisted, when we first introduced them, we might have saved the country from a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars, caused by the ravages of the midge in our wheat crop alone, and much gain in many other ways.

Be sure you are right, then Go Ahead is one of our mottoes. The other is persevere and succeed. On the outset we perceived the requirements of our country, and have applied our energies to bring the right plans forward. Secondly, we have found prejudices to be overcome more difficult than we anticipated, and the community much slower to appreciate or assist a beneficial enterprise, yet we have persevered against the hardest of opposition, and that has been the tears of a dutiful wife, and the entreaties of a family to whom this enterprise has been as yet, a great and serious burden, causing children to be kept from such schools as we had wished to place them, neglecting their education to keep them at work, tending to stock, and employ-

ing their time in cultivating some kinds of seeds to test them, to ascertain which were most suitable. The money required to bring these plans before the public, and to establish the Emporium, even in its as yet inefficient manner has been raised first by the release of mortgages held by us, secondly the sale of two farms, thirdly the mortgaging of the homestead farm, and finally a chattel mortgage on some of our stock held. Still, if health is spared we feel confident of making our enterprise highly beneficial to our country, and remunerative to the family.

We feel confident that you will not allow such a beneficial enterprise to go unaided by your assistance. We would also remind you that we have been very heavy losers of land and timber, that we legally purchased, and heavy law expenses have been borne by us, caused by the law of limitation, and unavoidable on our part, for which no redress has been granted to us.

Your humble Servant,

WM. WELD.
Ed. Farmer's Advocate.

SEEDS.

Agricultural Emporium seeds now on hand for present delivery.

Chilian Wheat.....	\$3 00 per bushel.
Crown Peas.....	1 50 per bushel.
Black Oats.....	1 25 per bushel.
Bags at 27 cts. or 45 cts each.	

We have engaged all the Chilian Wheat and Crown Peas that have been offered to us, and require much more if we can find a supply. We also require more black Poland, or even the black Tartar oats if good and clean. We will purchase the best that is offered of any kind of good seed. If you know of any good seed of any kind, let us know of it. Send a few grains in a letter and state the price delivered on the cars. We charge nothing for shipping orders. Send in your orders at once if you wish to be supplied.