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EDUCATION.

Farmers, the election is now approaching. Citizens are alert, and many are now seeking to fill seats in Parliament. We, as farmers, feel that our interests are not as closely looked after as they ought to be. In most Ridings the farmers are looking around them for the choice of a man they can depend on to protect and advance our interests.

A few farmers are spoken off as fit to represent us, and many are condemned because they are deficient in education and knowledge. Farmers, we have just as good heads as professional men and merchants. Our faculties are laying dormant, our brain becomes deadened for the lack of use. The more a farmer travels the more he comes in contact with active minds, so much more do his ideas, knowledge and abilities expand.

Just draw a comparison yourselves between two farmers of equal natural abilities, one attending meetings and traveling about, the other confining himself to his own house and lot. You will find the one that is always at home, and who never goes to a lecture or public meeting, is not to be compared with the one coming in contact with other minds. This is an education one receives and the other neglects.

Compare two boys at the age of twenty, each apparently the same regarding intellect, one sent to his own school, in his own section all his life, the other being allowed to go to a College for six months. The one sent to College, even for that short time, will have awakened in him new ideas. Being thrown in contact with different minds, his ideas become expanded to a far greater extent than the one remaining at the same school, however good that school may be. We don't preach without attempting to practice what we preach.

We have sons growing up, and so has nearly every farmer in Canada, and a great many may be said to be no more than vegetating. Their time and labor are employed as the hay that is grown on the farm, to increase and add to the farmers wealth.

The schools in the different sections may be pretty well attended during the winter months. In some sections, the niggardly, miserly, narrow, contracted spirits, have often hired poor inefficient teachers, many of whom have done a vast deal more harm to the rising generation than good. It is a poor policy to hire a teacher because he can be had at a low rate. A good animal of any class will command a good price. A good master will not work for nothing and should not be asked to.

Many farmers are adding farm to farm, others are loaning money, at the same time allowing their sons to remain in comparative mental darkness. It should be the duty of those that can afford it, to fit their sons for any sphere that a farmer might be called upon to fulfil. We as agriculturists should have men amongst us that are fitted to take their seats in Parliament. It is a disgrace to us to be under the necessity of applying to the cities at every election for profes-

sional men, merchants or jobbers, to rule, dictate, and make laws for us. As soon as we can get good, practical, clear headed, honest farmers to take their seats as members for each agricultural Riding, we may expect to have laws made clear and plain, so that a man with common intellect can understand them. We know that laws do now exist that no farmer or any other man can understand.

We are not as wealthy as many farmers we know, still we tried to spare money enough to send some of our sons from home to receive a little more education. We enquired of the expense of sending to various institutions in the Province, and looking at the cost and the advantages to be derived, we concluded to send one to Mr. Jones' Commercial College in this city. There the scholars are put through a rapid, practical, general business course. The charges are moderate, the teachers efficient. The Principal, Mr. Jones, is courteous, considerate and obliging, and we know of no better institution to send your sons to to give them a finish, unless you are intending to bring them up to a profession.

We say to you spend some of your hoarded money on your sons, and fit them to fill seats in Parliament.

OUR UNDERTAKING.

The Establishment of an Agricultural Emporium; the improvement of our Stock; the erection of Cheese Factories; the management of the Provincial Agricultural Association and other public Institutions; the establishment of another Agricultural Paper, &c., are admitted to be the largest, noblest and most beneficial plans for the advancement of the interests of Agriculturists, that has ever been brought before the public by any individual in Canada.

Our paper is increasing daily in circulation; our business is also gradually increasing; some fresh things are added to our stock each month; some sales are effected; commendatory remarks are continually being made, and it now remains only a matter of time for the Agricultural Emporium and the Farmers' Advocate to become known and to be two of the most beneficial institutions of the Province. We would now like to tender our thanks to those who have shown an interest in our undertaking, and have obtained subscribers for us, and otherwise assisted us. We wish to remind those who have been reading our paper and watching with interest our progress, that, as a body, the farmers are known to be the slowest class to take up any new plan, however beneficial it may be to their interests; they require to be talked to about it. Each of you have some influence, you might render us much assistance by placing this paper in the hands of some energetic person in your neighborhood that would obtain subscriptions for it. Those who have not already subscribed might head the list by their names. There are some who say we will

support the paper next year, we have so many papers now. Have you as useful a one as this? Remember, it is in its infancy, and at such a time it needs most support. We have expended large sums to get the establishment as far advanced as it now is, and every person in Canada must eventually be benefitted in a direct or indirect manner. For what we have already done some parties consider we have received Government support for lecturing and other purposes. We have not received one cent from party or individual for any public benefit that we have advanced, but we have incurred the whole expense from our own purse, and up to the present time the expenses of this paper for last year have not been paid by subscribers, but by ourselves.

Hoping that you may see the propriety of lending your assistance for a public good, we feel confident that those that came forward at first to support us will not be losers thereby. Let it be said in years to come that you were the first in your section, or Township, or County, to take up the Emporium project. A branch establishment may be required in your part of the country.

Some may think that we must have wealth to carry out such an undertaking. To those that do not know otherwise, we would inform you that the editor and projector of these plans is but a plain, backwoods farmer, who is endeavoring to put spirit and energy into the enterprise, believing that the public will appreciate his efforts. We hope that every intelligent person reading this will give us a helping hand.

Agreement of the Cheese Manufacturers

We copy the following form our Milton exchange as a guide to parties that are about entering into the cheese factory business. At a meeting of the cheese manufacturers held in Milton, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED: That the Patrons shall deliver the milk at the Factory twice a day, and will be expected to continue till the first of November; they to furnish one Rennet for each cow, whose milk is brought to the Factory. The Manufacturer shall find bandage, salt and Annatto, and charge 2 cts. per pound for cheese making. The disposition of the Whey shall be arranged by each Manufacturer with his Patrons. If taken by the Patrons they shall find boxes. In all cases the Whey to be skimmed before taken away. The Patrons shall pay all expenses of marketing and freight, and shall appoint a committee to act in concert with the Manufacturer in selling the cheese. The Patrons will in all cases, be settled with accord to the monthly average.

Gentlemen that paid for the paper any time during the last year are not expected to pay for this year.