

terests of the country are agricultural, we contend that the farmers should take the management, as they ought to know what is best for their prosperity. We will cite an instance. Mr. Abdiel Deadman, a farmer who has done more to develop the fruit resources of this section of the country than any other person, exhibited a superior variety of fruit grown in the open air, and the judges had agreed to award the prize to him for the best collection. A citizen, a lawyer, a director, a non-subscriber to an agricultural paper, pokes his nose into it, kicks over the discussion of the judges, and awards the prize to an amateur citizen fruit raiser, who had raised some of his by artificial heat. What we as agriculturists should most encourage is such things as will be most profitable for the country.

One farmer exhibited a thorough-bred imported ram and one that had been fairly shorn and the real farmers of the country knew it to be the best, but to pander to city power, the prize was awarded to one far inferior. Another farmer exhibited the largest and best variety of wheat, but that was of no importance to them in comparison to hair work, or fancy wax work, and was not even countenanced. Farmers! all we ask for is fair play for you and justice to all as near as it can be attained; but when some of the parties in power, evince a total disregard to it, they should be replaced by others, on whom more dependance may be placed. We cannot expect to find anything faultless, but when there is a willful neglect of duty, or even worse, an attempt to trample on right, we must endeavor to remedy the evil. Remember we do not advocate those that are at a greater distance than fifteen or twenty miles to abolish their township exhibitions, and we think that you should receive just as much, or more of the public money, as the county exhibitions, as you have already borne your portion of the expense towards the railroads and all city buildings, and the prosperity of the Dominion depends on the quantity of well tilled land; and the better crops the back townships can raise, the better it will be for all.

FARMERS' CLUBS.

We have long advocated the establishment of "Farmers' Clubs," and we now again bring before our readers' minds, this subject, and are at a loss to account for the reason that our agricultural friends are so slow, in some parts, to establish them. They should be encouraged by every means, and it is of the utmost consequence, that farmers should know about the management and the way farming matters in the Dominion are conducted, and the parties who do so. Could you not, at these meetings, devise plans for improvement, not only locally but otherwise? We ask, are you willing to rest on your efforts and be contented, and congratulate yourselves that perfection is attained?

Would not permanently established fairs and markets, be found advantageous where they are not yet established? and should not free discussions take place, in regard to ploughing matches, the different modes of management of the land and stock? and is it not essential that you should know what kind of grain is grown elsewhere, than in your own immediate localities, and find out which sorts of seed are suitable to your various soils? what is the difference between Californian and Rio Grande wheat? which is the best peas to cultivate, the Prussian Blue or Crown? the Golden Vine Strawberry or the Marrow-fat. Discuss those and other questions. We confess that at times we write under a considerable cloud of darkness, on many subjects, and we ask are there not among you, those capable of instructing us? nearly every one of you can do so, on some point or other, and we have frequently invited you and again do so now, and by this, you will not only benefit yourselves but the country at large. Commence at once and form your clubs and lay down a code of questions for discussion during the long winter evenings. Struggle and make an attempt, and let us know the result in due time.

Be on the Alert.

The time is arriving when we as farmers shall have to elect officers for the management of the Agricultural affairs of this Dominion. Ontario is divided into 12 electoral divisions, and if we as farmers want to be represented, we ought to be united, and have the name of candidates for office, and not be caught napping by some city aspirant that knows but little about the real requirements of farmers, and cares less, as soon as they have used us voters as a means to step into office. There will be a Director of each electoral division to be elected, who will have the management of the Provincial Exhibition. Have we a more suitable farmer, a more candid and thorough going man than our present Warden. We have not spoken to him to know if he would act. If any one would suggest a more suitable person, we should be happy to give publicity to the name. For our part we will advocate no other person but a farmer,—no lawyer or agent will have our support, as we say we ought to have farmers among us with sufficient brains to manage our affairs, and it will only be a disgrace to us to elect others, and be acknowledging our inferiority. We say select the best, most honest, and most enterprising farmers, we mean those that really depend on farming for their support, not those that only farm for a hobby or an amusement, and worse still, those that do not farm at all.

We recommend those of our subscribers who have purchased Ball's Ohio Reaper and Mower, to sell them as soon as possible. Ball's Ohio is a good machine, but improve-

ments have been made. We have taken notice of the Reapers at all exhibitions, and at trials on the field, and Ball's Ohio is the hardest machine to rake from we know of. It is a regular man-killer, and tries horse-flesh also. It requires an additional hand to clear it in heavy mowing. Sell, sell at once, and we can give you information about three other machines that we believe will surpass it. If you lose 20 per cent on cost don't look at this. We wish to recommend the best article we know of, and wish our subscribers to have them. We shall speak about the right kind of machines in the proper season.

NOTICE OF SALES.

We much regret that the notice of sales from Messrs. Stone and Snell, arrived at our office too late for insertion in our October publication. It would have afforded us much pleasure to have published them, and show our readers who are the enterprising stock breeders, and what their stock consists of. We only hope the prices realized exceeded their expectations. Our paper, it must be borne in mind is published on or about the 25th of each month, so as to allow the Post Office officials time to sort and dispatch them, so that they may be in the hands of our patrons by the 1st of each month, and the importance of this must not be overlooked, when it is remembered the days and labor it takes to sort and dispatch them. On one occasion it took nearly a week.

Mr. W. S. Shipp of Dorchester had a fine sale on the 7th of last month. Some \$2,500 odd dollars worth of stock changed hands. Mr. W. Bawden of this city (late from England) was the Auctioneer, and he gave his patrons satisfaction. We heard one gentleman say that he had attended some hundreds of sales in his time, but never saw one where such prices were obtained as at this sale. Buyers and sellers give the Auctioneer a call, it will doubtlessly be advantageous to you.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Parties must send us their real name in addition to their initials. The former we must insist on having, not that it is necessary for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. They must remember that it is not the practice of any paper, with any pretensions to respectability, to insert any communication unless the writers full name and address accompanies it, and we must for the future decline any not in accordance with this rule.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. Alexander Buchanan, Wellsley—We know nothing about the variety of wheat of which you speak. If there is one kind better than another, we shall use our utmost endeavors to procure it.