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TOWNSHIP OF YORK FARMERS' CLUB.

The monthly meeting of this newly formed Club was held at Dawson's Inn, on Wednesday evening, the 12th ult., E. W. Thomson, Esq., President of the Club, occupied the chair. Among the members present were Messrs. J. Ross, J. Snider, B. Bull, J. Dunham, James Donnelly, P. Ross, G. Ward, James McIlveen, Chas. Clark, &c.

The following paper written by Mr. Hugh Ross, who was absent from indisposition, was read by Mr. McIlveen:—

THE BEST MODE OF FARMING.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—

In accordance with the arrangements made and agreed to at our last meeting, I will now for a short time crave your indulgence, while I read my essay, or I should rather say an attempt at one. I am sorry, sir, for your sake, as well as for that of the other gentlemen present, that the task of getting up the first essay, had not been assigned to a clearer head, and abler pen, than has been employed for this occasion, to one whose time as well as abilities would have enabled him to do justice to the subject; to interest and amuse, as well as instruct. The system adopted, and I believe generally carried out, at public meetings, anniversaries, &c., where a number of speakers address the audience during the evening, the inferior preceding the superior, I think is a good one, and always attended with good effect; and in this instance as far as my case is concerned, I am sure it will not be inverted. You will now have the worst first, and then will be able more fully to appreciate the good, better and best afterwards. Without further introduction, I will proceed at once to make a few remarks on my

“subject,” selected at our last meeting, namely:—“The best mode of farming.”—Farming, sir, it has been often said, and cannot be too often reiterated, is, or ought to be, a subject of all-absorbing interest: it is one of those pursuits in which a man may properly engage, and in which, while he preserves his conscience, and his manliness, he is at the same time rendering himself, by his business, a blessing to the world. Farming, or agriculture, if you like the term better, is always, in every country that bears the stamp of civilization, the chief, the principal occupation of man. We have been informed on a former occasion, that about nine-tenths of the population of Canada are engaged in that most noble and honourable avocation.

There is an opinion which has crept into the minds of many of our young men, and as a consequence of indulging it, they look upon farming with a good degree of aversion. I would just say a few words on this point—and in the first place I would express my unqualified disapprobation of the idea, as being both false and ridiculous; it is this:—they consider farming is less noble and honourable, as a vocation, than many other pursuits. Now, if to be the owner and lord of the soil we till, of the hills and lawns, the running brooks, the giant trees laden with fruit, and to be master of our own time and efforts, relying only on the immutable Providence of the Creator for the rain and sunshine, combined with our own efforts, to give us bread; be not a position of independence and honor, then I know of none that is. But perhaps our young men would wish to have eminent examples to induce them to look on farming with any degree of favour. Then I would point them to some of the most distinguished Americans who thought it not beneath their dignity to assume the title of farmers; Washington for instance had no other profession; Jefferson, Jackson, Clay, and Webster, though they were distinguished as lawyers and statesmen, yet were proud to call themselves, and be called farmers. Hundreds of city merchants too might be enumerated, who in youth left the farm in disgust, for that which they then regarded as