

Upon Mr. Stewart's return to Glasgow he wrote me, on February 2nd, 1900, as follows :

" Since my return home I have, with my directors, very thoroughly considered whether we should pursue our scheme for the erection of a beet sugar factory in your locality. At a meeting held yesterday, we decided to do so, and I was instructed to write you that we are prepared to furnish 4 pounds of sugar beet seed to every farmer, up to the number of 100, (50 in each district) in Pelham and Aylmer, who are willing to sow the same on $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre of ground, and to cultivate according to directions. The same letter offers six prizes of \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, and \$5 to each of the above places. The prizes are given simply to induce the farmers to follow closely the directions of proper cultivation." In addition, \$240 were given to cover the expenses of inspecting every plot of beets, namely, at the times of seeding, thinning, and pulling, and once between the two latter.

The Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, prompted by the practical evidences of sincerity and determination on the part of the Glasgow syndicate, asked Parliament to vote a sum of money necessary for making a thorough experiment. The money was granted, and the direction of the experiment was placed with my department.

I called a meeting in Aylmer upon April 26th, for the purpose of distributing the beet seed among 50 farmers, who had expressed a desire to receive the same. Full particulars of sugar beet cultivation and the method to be followed in carrying out the experiment were explained, after which the 50 farms of those to whom seed had been given were inspected for the purpose of locating the plot upon the right soil. During the first 3 or 4 days of May all samples of seed distributed about Aylmer were planted.

Upon April the 28th a similar meeting to that of Aylmer was held in Welland, after which the seed was distributed and the farms inspected. During the first week of May practically all to whom seed was given finished planting.

During the early part of May several parties at Newmarket, becoming interested in the beet sugar industry, asked, through their member, the Hon. J. Davis, that a meeting be called in