

dreds of varieties in his hot houses. We wish to supply none but what are really good.

Seed will be supplied to any person ordering, a few valuable and rare varieties will only be supplied to subscribers to the paper. We have expended very large sums of money for the advancement of the Emporium, and each subscriber to our paper is a supporter of it, and will be the first supplied with rare and valuable kinds of seed. We are in a position now to warrant nearly every kind sent out by us. Accounts of every kind we sent out last year were satisfactory, except of the Chilian, or Platt's Midge Proof Spring Wheat, which has not proved to resist the attacks of the midge as well as was represented to us, and we had not been negligent in making enquiries. In our next paper we shall publish prices of different kinds of field grain seed, and in small quantities, so that every farmer, in any part of the Dominion, may be supplied at his own Post Office, or we shall send by post prepaid. Larger orders may be sent by Express or per Rail. Our stock of seeds will be ready for shipment next month. Some of our own raising are now on hand. It takes time to get them from a distance.

We cannot particularly recommend any kind of spring wheat to supply in quantity. Our own spring wheat has not yielded as well as we anticipated, and we have yet to find a kind, if there is such, that will withstand the attacks of the midge. We have procured a small quantity from Mr. Jarvis, of what he termed the Michigan Midge Proof. It has yielded better with him than any other variety; he speaks highly of it. We are fully satisfied by the appearance of it, that the midge has attacked it. We will only supply it in small quantities for others to try in different parts of the Dominion. The Quebec wheat, as we call it, having procured it from that part of the country, and not knowing the proper name for it, appears to us as if it would be more suitable. The China Tea is also highly spoken of by some persons, others speak more highly of the Black Sea wheat. The Rio Grande answered as well with us.

In sending orders be sure and state your P. O. address, as well as your nearest station. Persons having any really good seed are requested to send samples, and state price and quantity.

THE OLD AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

It is now four years since we commenced the publication of this paper, and have constantly exposed the mismanagement of the Agricultural Board. By so doing we had brought on ourselves the full power and influence of the old Board and its supporters, and have still been forwarding our plans

despite the numerous plans that have been brought into operation by the managers of Agricultural Affairs. But patience and perseverance will conquer. At length one Member of parliament, Mr. Nathaniel Currie, of West Middlesex, brought the subject before the Legislature and caused the accounts to be investigated. Mr. Currie says that it was from the accounts he read in the "Farmers' Advocate" that induced him to bring the subject before the Legislature. The consequences has been such an exposure of affairs, that every political paper in Ontario has been supplied with food for many weeks past. Thus we need not report the full proceedings, suffice it to say that there appears a deficiency of \$8,000 the whole Board and country are attempting to place all the mismanagement on Mr. R. L. Denison and make him, as it were, the scape-goat. We do not pretend to justify Mr. Denison, but we are too well acquainted with many of the Old Board, and know something about the wire pulling and how the cat has jumped for years, and must say that there are others that have been supporters or supported by the Old Board, that are equally or more to be blamed.

We do not wish to probe this matter further unless we are compelled to do so, as we think it might perhaps tend to our public injury, and we believe the Government will smother the matter over as quietly as possible, and it may be the best. Still we may say, that unless we expose it, it will never be known. We do not consider the loss in cash bears any comparison to the loss the country has sustained, by checking or attempting to stamp out private enterprise, unless the parties should be reliable supporters of the Old Board. In fact the matter had appeared to us that the sum we have been taxed for to foster agriculture, had been used in far too many cases, as a direct check to it. We hope and believe we shall see a great change for the better under the New Board. It is our desire to make known to the public a few facts of importance that may not be known to them, and if possible to attend their first meeting.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

We thank you for the numerous valuable communications received, and respectfully invite you to write for our paper any useful hint, however simple, as long as it is of value to others and advantage to us. Never mind about its being written just as you would wish. We look all communications over, and when permission is given, alter them to suit the paper. We prefer giving writers' names, but they are suppressed when desired. Nearly every one of our readers know something that would be useful to others. This paper is for that purpose, and has always had its pages open for any useful subject pertaining to agriculture. Never has any useful contri-

bution been suppressed, therefore we hope to receive from you much more than we received last year. When you have read this take your pen and write an article for the next number. It will do you good and be of benefit to us and to our readers.

TOWNSHIP SOCIETIES.

From our exchanges we learn that general prosperity has attended the management of Agricultural Societies, during the past year. The majority have a respectable balance after meeting current expenses. Large amounts have been awarded as prizes, and the government grant has been liberally supplemented by individual effort. Our farmers have generously supported township and county societies, and it has proved beneficial to the interest of agriculture. A laudable ambition has been fostered, and farmers strive to excel. The office bearers of these societies have an arduous duty to perform, and it is a just cause for pride, that so many can be found to devote their time to the successful management of such societies, for no other reward, than the good opinion of their fellows. We fully believe these societies to be mighty engines for good, and our columns will not fail to present such facts, as will benefit them and their interests. In opposition to our immediate interest, we advocated the maintenance of these organizations, against the idea of merging them into large fairs. We consider them local institutions, and trust they will answer the purpose of developing the resources of their own neighborhoods. Will Secretaries and members, please forward us short accounts of their transactions during the year?

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

The conduct of the Honorable John Carling in demanding a return of the financial condition of the Agricultural Board, has elicited warm expressions of approval from many of the most influential of our Agricultural Societies. Had other ministers been as faithful in the performance of duty, the present deficit would have been avoided, and the benefit to the country would have been great. Mr. Carling has commenced the work of reform in a masterly manner, and we trust will not cease till other abuses are ventilated and corrected. The praise so freely given to Mr. Carling, should be sufficient to prove to him that he is sustained by a large proportion of his fellow citizens, and has it within his power to win a good name by rectifying the mistakes, and we might almost say, the criminal blunders of his predecessors.

NOTICE.

We have an application from a celebrated English Botanist, who wishes us to procure for him 2 or 3 heads of Canadian Chess with the stem attached, the same as cut from the ground. The season being late, we have none. Could any of our numerous readers oblige us with this? His comments and explanations on it will appear in our paper in due time.