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The Farmer and His Neighbor.

NO man liveth unto himself; not even the farmer, who is looked up to and undoubtedly is the most independent individual in the country. The value of his farm in dollars and cents will depend in no small degree upon the condition of his neighbors' farms. If he lives in a community where his neighbors are unthrifty and unsuccessful in the management of their farms the value of his own property will be lessened. If on the other hand, his neighbors are prosperous and are adopting the most up-to-date methods, the value of his own farm is increased. The farmer therefore, should take a personal interest in having his neighbors follow up-to-date and successful methods in conducting their farms. And nowhere can they get so much information that will aid them in this as from a weekly agricultural paper. The Farming World, containing as it does from week to week, the experience and thought of the most successful farmers of the day, is of special value in this regard, and a farmer could do no act that would lead his neighbors to better methods of farming and thereby benefit himself than by inducing them to subscribe for The Farming World, and while doing so, do not neglect to look up your address label, and if not paid send in your renewal for 1902. Sample copies will be gladly sent to any address on application.

The Industrial Fair By-Law.

Several weeks have elapsed since the closing of the Industrial Fair for 1901 and nothing has been heard of the question of new buildings for 1902. Early last spring at a most unreasonable time a by-law was submitted to the ratepayers of Toronto asking for a grant sufficient to erect new manufactures, dairv and arts buildings, only to meet defeat. The Industrial Exhibition should have received better treatment at the hands of the civic authorities, and it is to be hoped that the matter will be taken up at an early date in order that everything will be in readiness for submitting a by-law to property owners at the next municipal elections. There is no doubt that this is the proper time for submitting such a by-law. People are more in touch with municipal affairs and will turn out to vote

on such questions when they otherwise would not do so.

The Industrial Exposition is more than a mere local institution. It is Dominion wide in its character and exerts an influence abroad that makes it one of the finest assets either the city or the Province has. In spite of the attractive powers of the Pan-American last fall's show was one of the best ever held, and in live stock ahead of anything ever held on this continent, not excepting the live stock exhibits at Buffalo, which in several respects did not compare with what was to be seen at Toronto last September. It therefore should receive greater consideration at the hands of those who have to do with supplying buildings and equipment than it does.

So widespread is the influence and prestige of the Industrial that it is worth considering whether a higher power than the city should not assist in its maintenance. At the last Exhibition several prominent public men, and among them Sir Wilfrid Laurier, expressed a strong desire to see a fully equipped Dominion Exhibition established here. In view of this expressed desire it might be advisable in discussing the question of new buildings to take up the general rearrangement of the grounds and the grouping of the buildings more in keeping with a national exposition. But we will return to this in a later issue and in the meantime every effort should be made to provide the new buildings mentioned for next year's show.

That Dakota Ranch Affair.

Mr. F. W. Hodson's letter in our correspondence column this week, giving his views regarding the Hon. John Dryden's investment in Dakota should appeal to every fair minded and unprejudiced Canadian citizen. Looked at from the point of view which Mr. Hodson puts forward, that of developing a market for certain kinds of Ontario live stock, Mr. Dryden's investment is to be commended rather than condemned. An industry, whether established in this country or in any other country, that will take every year from Ontario farmers a couple of thousand stockers besides a few hundred Canadian bred bulls, is deserving of something else than abuse and adverse criticism. The live stock trade of this country is not in such a healthy and flourishing condition that we can afford to

hamper it by abuse of men who are instrumental in promoting industries of this kind.

It is now fully fifteen months since the announcement of the Canada and Dakota Land Co. first appeared, and why nearly a year should elapse before notice was taken of the minister's connection with the concern is somewhat strange. It looks very much as if there was a desire on the part of several of our contemporaries to make political capital out of the affair. In our opinion the honorable gentleman has done nothing inconsistent with his position as a minister of the Crown. He surely has the right to invest his own private capital where and when he pleases, and if he sees fit to become the president of a concern organized and capitalized in his own province, to engage in the export of Canadian live stock, his action is deserving of praise, not blame. Mr. Hodson, who has the very best interests of the live stock industry at heart, has taken a manly course in regard to this affair, and we believe his views will commend themselves to every fair minded citizen. It is only fair to Mr. Hodson to say, however, that we expected to have had his letter for publication a couple of months ago, but owing to stress of other work he has not been able to reply to our communication sooner.

Prof. Shuttleworth Resigns.

PROF. HARCOURT APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HIM.

Prof. A. E. Shuttleworth, Professor of Chemistry at the Ontario Agricultural College, has resigned to accept the position of Agricultural Superintendent and Chemist with the Ontario Sugar Co., recently organized in this city. His resignation takes place at once. Prof. Shuttleworth has given a good deal of attention to the subject of sugar beets during the past few years in connection with his work at the College and should be well fitted for the new line of work he is taking up.

Prof. Shuttleworth will be succeeded at the College by R. Harcourt, B. S. A., who has been assistant professor of chemistry at the College for several years back. Prof. Harcourt is a painstaking and accurate chemist, and we are assured that the important department over which he has been called to preside will receive every attention at his hands. Both as a teacher and an expert chemist he