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**Agricultural Clubs.**

As the season of our greatest toil is passed, and comparative leisure is now at hand, it would be well for farmers to turn their attention to farmers' clubs. We regret there are as yet very few existing; among the best we may rank the Markham Club. The system of this club is to get as many farmers as possible to join, each paying a membership fee of 50 cents annually, which is expended for requirements of the club. Monthly meetings are held, and the various topics of interest in agriculture are discussed. Subjects for discussion are appointed by the members of the club at each meeting, and the discussions take place at the following meeting.

The club assembles at the houses of the different members—sometimes one member will invite them to his place, sometimes another—changing the locality each month. The most energetic and enterprising farmers keep up the club in this way.

The meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month. They assemble at 2 o'clock, p. m.; sometimes they break up between 5 and 6 o'clock; at other times they adjourn for tea and reassemble, and remain until late in the evening.

The object of these meetings is to discuss all agricultural subjects and matters connected with agriculture. They gain information from one another.

We attended the last meeting held by this club. It took place at the house of Mr. Milligan, at Milligan's Corners, about a mile from the station of that name on the Toronto & Nipissing Railroad. We drove from Toronto to the farm. After leaving Toronto about six miles behind us we passed through one of the best farming sections to be found in Canada; the farmers in this vicinity pride themselves on having the best ploughed land in Canada. If a bad ploughman was to show himself along this road we believe the farmers would drum him out of the section.

The houses, barns and farms are in good taste and order. Considerable tile draining has been done here, and has been found to pay, but there was a marked difference to be observed in comparing the appearance of this fine part of the country with some others we have seen less favorably situated; scarcely a shade tree was to be found alongside the roadside.—We well know that this subject has been discussed by the club, and that trees will form a beautiful avenue in a few years along the roadside, affording shade for stock, protection from the drying wind and cold blasts, and tend to increase the value of the crops.

Perhaps we have digressed from our subject, but fuller particulars of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the paper, all our space being filled in this.

**Meanness of Official Bodies.**

Mr. H. Anderson, the present superintendent of the grounds of the Provincial Exhibition, who was formerly Secretary to the Western Fair or East Middlesex Agricultural Society, knowing the necessity of having the horse ring enclosed by a picket fence, proposed to the Provincial Exhibition directors to have the fence put up, if the Provincial Board would pay half and the Western Fair Association the other half. The fence would cost \$120, making but \$60 each. The Provincial Board at once consented, but the Western Fair Association refused.

Mr. Anderson has got the fence up, but will pull it down again and sell it after the Provincial Exhibition, unless the Western Fair Board comes to time.

This looks mean of the Western Fair Association, especially as they wished to have it done last year for their own convenience; they have funds and they need the fence.

The County Council of Middlesex would not give a cent towards the Provincial Exhibition this year. The city of London is acting in a more honorable manner this year; the mayor and corporation appear to be doing their duty, but the county and East Middlesex Association deserve the commendation we give them. It may tend to bring them to time in future.

**A Word with the Farmers.**

We issue this number rather earlier than usual. Our general mailing week is the last week in the month, as we endeavor to have the paper in the hands of subscribers by the end of the month, but to avoid interference with our attention to the Provincial Exhibition, we publish a week earlier than usual.

The fall seeding is now passed, crops are secured, and the business of the Exhibitions and ploughing matches will be over next month. Then will commence the plans for another season's labors. You will have time to organize agricultural clubs, agricultural meetings, and to hold discussions on different subjects in connection with your business.

Do not enwrap your whole attention in the two powers that are struggling for supremacy—the Conservatives and Reformers—but let your platform for political action be agricultural interests, farmers' rights and farmers' power. Do not allow Conservative or Reform notions to interfere with your agricultural affairs.

We have ever since the commencement

of this paper endeavored to advocate agricultural interests. Because we have spoken against persons or measures that we have deemed tending against the agricultural interest, Conservatives in some sections have condemned us as being on the Reform ticket, and therefore have endeavored to check the circulation of this paper and the advancement of the Agricultural Emporium; again, many other persons have condemned us, our paper and enterprise as being for the advancement of the Conservative party. They may have hastily judged from a single article or from a correspondent's letter; some are so prejudiced that they will not listen to two sides of a question.

Let these be the leading questions: Shall we as farmers have an agricultural paper free from politics and independent of politicians?

Shall we as farmers have a voice in Canadian agricultural affairs?

Shall we have a paper that advocates our interests?

Shall we unite and gain strength and power?

In some places the Agricultural Emporium question is being discussed, and we have been called on to address meetings, and shall as far as in our power attend at such gatherings when desired and suitable arrangements are made.

**Seed Wheat.**

In our last two numbers we called attention particularly to the Scott wheat.—We spoke strongly in its favor, and from the reports we have since heard of its hardiness and productiveness we feel convinced that those who have procured it will be satisfied with the result, if the season is at all to be compared with the two preceding ones.

We expected to have obtained a supply from parties whom we supplied with it last year, but instead of being able to supply us, we are asked by some of them what price we would give, as farmers in the different localities would take what they had to spare at the prices we would give, and at other places farmers sell it at the same prices we sell it at.

Some have raised over 40 bushels per acre of it, but such are rare exceptions, although it has in nearly every instance we have heard of yielded more than the Treadwell, Diehl or any other variety. We much regret that we were not able to supply all that applied to us. We sent out a great deal of wheat that will gain us credit, but to fill the unprecedented demands on our supply some orders were filled in our absence with wheat that was not quite as clean as it ought to be, although far cleaner than many lots we have received when we have imported it from

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