

## ALVINSTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

### INCORPORATION.

Why does no one make a move to get Alvinston incorporated? We see "no just cause or impediment why it should not be lawfully joined together" in wholesome incorporation. Business men are afraid to deal extensively, for they have no guarantee that prosperity will continue. Still our citizens fail to see that in union is strength. People at a distance say that Alvinston cannot be much of a place or it would be incorporated; and thus our merchants are placed at a disadvantage when dealing with wholesale firms. We reap no advantage whatever from the township; our village, so far, has supported itself and also paid its share toward the township taxes. Now, in all conscience, where is the philosophy of this? Must we pay to belong to the township, whereas we might apply that money to our own special requirements? We fail to see the point. Here is a village beautifully situated, and having every advantage that nature could give; and yet, what is it? If it were incorporated, we would have the streets gravelled, we would have decent side walks, we would have a council of our own, and we would make the village a credit to Lambton County. But some will say—"Oh it will cost so much to do all this." Now, we positively say that it will cost very little more to make Alvinston a respectable village; would it not be better that the village should grow, and thus enhance the value of property, than that property should remain as it is, without any advantage otherwise to owner or purchaser? If our leading men will only take a decided stand, and urge their wants to the County Council, we have no fear in saying that that body will grant them incorporation; which will, in one year, do more for the general appearance and business of the place, than has been done in the past five years. We trust that the people will rouse up to see how they are standing in their own light; and when will they see their way clear, we are sure that, at least, self will lead them in the proper course to be pursued.

### Whither are we Drifting?

In political circles we have often heard it asked—"Whither are we drifting?" which leads us to ask the same question in a moral sense. Whither are we drifting morally? Is not this a question that demands our most serious attention when we compare the present generation with the past? There is something striking in the contrast,—something wrong in the organism of society. And if the present generation presents so much depravity and disrespect for all lawful authority, what are the prospects for the future? Children are growing up without respect for parents; men are mixing in society without any reverence for the ancient rights and privileges which we, as Britons, enjoy; and that pride of country, which inspired the Greeks at Salamis, the Romans at Corioli, and the English at Waterloo, is gradually dying out, although some tell us that it is not so. We have heard people, who are termed staunch loyalists, affirm that they cared not under what constitution they lived, whether British or American; that they would be loyal to the British Crown so long as it held sway over them, but if another power got the ascendancy, they would feel themselves justified in yielding up all allegiance due their Queen. Now, this is the loyalty which is paraded before us every day with such a display and ostentation; this is such loyalty as fosters communism and rebellion; this is such loyalty as brought Imperial Rome to the dust, and this is such loyalty as will yet shake the continental powers of Europe, and rob England of her glorious prestige.

Let us now pause and see what is the grand cause of all this disrespect for lawful authority; and if we look into the matter intelligently and with knowledge, we will perceive that the training which parents give their children is productive of a greater amount of evils than all other causes put together. Permit a child to grow up amid scenes of intemperance, without warning him of the dangers that surround him, and by a miracle only can he escape being a drunkard. Permit a child to grow up among revolutionary doctrines and practices, without teaching him loyalty, and you make him an out-law, or, if not an out-law, at least a dangerous citizen. Parents have a great responsibility resting upon them, and very indifferently do they discharge that responsibility. They consider if they give their children a good education, that they do all that duty requires; but little do they think of the prejudices and distorted views which they are allowed to take possession of the youthful minds, which the most profound education can never eradicate. We do not wish to be thought dogmatic in our beliefs and teachings; but simple reason and a general wish for good morals and true patriotism has led us to point out the wants and difficulties in the training of the youthful minds whose vigor is yet to wield the duties of our Dominion. Pope has truly said—"Tis education forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." But children are permitted to grow up as best they can, without the necessary instruction from parents, we cannot wonder if communism grow up in our midst to defy governments and rulers. Do you think that the Greeks of old "when Greece was free" were made loyal by merely sending out a recruiting sergeant to enlist soldiers to defend rights and privileges which were sacred to freedom? We answer, No. Duty was taught them from their infancy, and they were made to respect the laws of the realm. And when once a people begin to disrespect their rulers, and hold in contempt all ceremony due them that moment has retrogression begun, and anarchy and rebellion must be the inevitable result.

### THE FARM.

The necessity of good walks about the premises becomes painfully apparent this time of the year, and a few stimulating words from the house-wife may urge even the most sluggish man to an effort to supply them.

One of the things demanding attention is the making of new drains and the cleaning out of old ones, especially those about the farm yards, so as to give the surplus water an outlet. The health and comfort of the animals are thus secured.

Do not be in haste to turn stock up on the pastures, and be sure to keep them from the meadows. The best thing to do is to put a roller over the fields. Where either meadows or pastures are "sod-bound," a light harrowing does them great good.

A correspondent has tried soaking seed corn in a solution of chloride of lime and, and says of it: "By soaking seed corn for seven hours in a very strong decoction of chloride of lime, corn can be forced ahead to maturity two or three weeks sooner than it will mature otherwise; besides, he thinks it renders the seeds almost proof against the depredations of gophers. The lime warms up the germ of the seed, and sends it up quickly, giving it two or three weeks the start of corn planted in the ordinary way, thereby insuring against the frost at the close of the season."

Thoroughly examine the young fruit and other trees in the orchard to see if rabbits or mice have injured them. If only the outside bark is injured, throw the earth up in a mound around the trunk of the tree, and it will take care of itself. If, however, the inner bark is eaten through, the matter is more serious; cover the wound with grafting wax. If girdled completely the tree will be hard to save. A graft inserted above and below sometimes saves them. Remove dead and broken branches from fruit trees, and trim out all the small fruits. Do not remove the mulch from strawberry beds before hard freezing weather is over. Newly planted trees should be mulched. A great many things will answer for this purpose, such as straw, prairie hay, etc. Small fruits may be planted as soon as the frost is fairly out of the ground.

### Hints for the Poultry Yard.

This month and next are of great importance in the poultry yard. A great many hens will manifest a desire to set, and in cases where early chicks are desired, they will be allowed to follow out their inclinations. Before the busy season arrives, make up some good coops, so as to have them ready.

When a hen has commenced to set, other fowls should not be allowed to disturb her. In setting a hen at this season do not give more than seven or eight eggs at the outside. As the season advances fifteen may be given to one hen—but no more. As soon as the hen has been given her eggs let her entirely alone until all are hatched out. Fussing with chicks and carrying them into the house to hear them squawk does them no good, and the mother is made uneasy by taking the chicks away from her. If you think you must help in some way, remove the shells from which the chicks have emerged but leave the chicks with the hen until all are hatched. It is useless to leave the hen in the nest longer than twenty-four hours after the first chicks have hatched. Those that are delayed longer than that are worth but little in the event of their hatching, and are apt to die in a day or two. If it is thought desirable to hatch them put them under another setting hen and remove them as soon as hatched.

Feed plenty of lime food if you don't want soft-shelled eggs.

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