

the retarding of others. Right here you will ask, why has the farmer fallen behind in the race? To this I would answer that naturally in a new country like ours the farmer has been so busy reclaiming the land from the grasp of the wilderness, and thus laying the foundations of her material prosperity, that he has neglected his duties political, slighted his educational advantages, and allowed his social privileges to slip past unheeded. In fact, so far as these things were concerned he has slept while others have improved their opportunities, and stepped into the political vacancies. But the awakening has come to many of us, and what ought we to do about it? Rail at those who have pushed on while we slept? Certainly not. Thunder at the door of every sleeper.

"Awake! oh thou that sleepest, awake and bestir thyself!" Let us, through our granges, institutes and clubs, arouse every farmer and urge upon him:—1st. Mental activity and moral purpose. Let every farmer wake up and think on the questions of the day, reading as much as possible thereon, remembering that he is called upon to have an opinion of his own on each one. So likewise let him have a purpose in life and follow it; aim to be a good and noble character, and strive to attain it. 2nd. The laying hold upon every educational advantage and social privilege for himself and family, giving the young people the benefit of our excellent schools, not forgetting the Agricultural College at Guelph; supply the home with good books and the best periodicals of the time. Bright boys and girls become intelligent men and women if their Public school course is supplemented in this way. Go to good lectures, taking the family with you. They afford much information, and give inspiration and tone to home life. 3rd. The filling of political vacancies with farmers until we have the representation to which we are entitled by our numbers and wealth. Do not be persuaded that farmers are not able to fill the positions. If we select our best men they will compare favorably with any others, and will do honor to us and our country. Had we done this in the past our commercial and financial burdens would not have been what they are to-day, and this alone will remove the evils that are sapping the strength and marring the prosperity of our country. It is useless for us to cry out against rings and combines so long as our tariff invites them and encourages their continuance in our midst, and it is in vain that we complain that the tariff discriminates against us while we send men of other callings to Parliament to arrange it.

The past year has been a quiet one in Grange circles, though at the present time there seems to be a revival of interest and a

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